



**"Though many we are one."  
One in faith and one in the Gospel values  
of hospitality and welcome, compassion and justice.**

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday: 9.15 to 12 noon  
Tue. Wed. Thurs. 9.15 to 4.15pm  
Friday: 9.15 to 3.00pm

**If you urgently need a priest please call 9791 4611, if Father does not answer, please leave a message and he will call you back. The church will be closed on Mondays after the word and communion service and rosary.**

**Sunday Mass Times**

**Saturday Evening:** 7.00pm  
**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm  
English, 12.30pm Polish 7pm Malayalam

**Weekday Mass Times**

**Monday:** Word and Communion Service 9.00am

**Tuesday,** Mass 9.15 am

**Wednesday, Thursday:** Mass 9.00am

**Thursday:** Mass at Cardinal Knox 11.00am

**Friday:** Word and Communion Service 8.00am Mass at 11.00am

**Saturday:** Word and Communion Service 9.00 am 10th Jan onwards Mass in Malayalam  
**Reconciliation:** 6 to 6.45pm Saturday or up-on request .

**Baptism:** Come to the 10.30am Mass on the second or fourth Sunday of the month and meet with Cate, to begin the reception process

**Marriage: please book the Church at the same time as you book your venue.**

As marriage preparation is an essential condition of marriage, you must book your **preparation course** at least **4 months** prior to the wedding. Further details can be obtained from Fr. O'Brien

**St. Mary's Primary School** Phone: 9791 7650  
New St, Dandenong: **Principal:** Mr. Greg White  
**St. John's Regional College** Phone 9791 3366  
Caroline St, Dandenong:  
**Principal:** Mr. Andrew Walsh  
**St. Mary's Community Centre 9792 4884**  
New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from www.stmarysdandenong.org

If you are going to Hospital and would like to be anointed please call Fr Declan 9791 4611



There is to be **NO PARKING** outside designated parking bays. Please allow yourself plenty of time to use street parking. There must be access **AT ALL TIMES** to emergency services. Ambulance, Police or Fire Brigade. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Break Open**

**The Word Resources**

A number of Readers have asked if they can purchase the 2015 **Break Open the Word** book. If you wish to buy one, please let Cate know at a Sunday Mass or ring 9791 4611

**Collections for last weekend...**

Presbytery: TBA  
Thanksgiving: TBA  
Direct Debit weekly TBA  
**Total T/G Rec'd: TBA**  
**Pledged weekly \$2,797.80**  
**THANK YOU**

**From the desk of the Parish Priest..... Father D**



When disasters—personal or communal—occur in our world, it's likely that religious people will be asked: What does God have to do with this?

The few minutes it takes to read this piece won't answer the question for you, but perhaps today's Sunday readings can help. In the first reading, we hear from that Biblical expert on suffering—Job. It's a short description of Job's—and humankind's—miserable condition. If we read more of the *Book of Job*, we discover that it doesn't try to resolve the question of human suffering either. Rather it ends by bringing us face-to-face with the very mystery of God. With Job, we're invited to turn ourselves over to God and to trust in God's infinite wisdom and care for us.

The Gospel personalizes that invitation. Mark depicts Jesus embarked on a journey that again and again brings him face-to-face with evil: manifested in the sin and suffering, sickness and death Jesus encounters in the world. Each time, he proves himself master over evil, the one who brings God's forgiveness, the healer of human suffering. Eventually, he conquers death itself on the cross.

What does God have to do with human suffering? The best answer I know is God's answer--Jesus himself—the only answer we need.

\*\*\*\*\* **Important Information for all Parishioners** \*\*\*\*\*

- *Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday week 18th of February*
- *As Saturday 21st February after consultation with those who attend the Saturday Vigil Mass the Mass time will change from 7 pm to 6pm*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** A very Happy Birthday and God's blessings to Father Abraham !!

**Time and Talent...1 week to sign up!! This year we are introducing a new sign up system.**

**It will no longer be assumed that your name is on the list from last year.**

- ♦ You are asked to **re—commit** if you would like to continue serving our parish one of the following ministries: Altar Society, Flowers, Cuppas, Audio Visual, Eucharistic Ministry or Reading.
- ♦ If you would like to join one of the ministries please fill out your details and you will be contacted and instruction given if necessary.

**We are short on** Altar Society, Audio Visual 5.30pm, Cuppas, **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers all masses**  
**Please choose only ONE Mass time.**

**These ministries are an important part of our Parish life. Your commitment is important to continuing to build our Parish Community. Thank you Father**

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** As there are no rosters during January & February would you please volunteer at the Mass you attend. Please write your name on the volunteer list. Thank you

*If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Maria at the Parish office 9791 4611 to make a booking with either Father Declan or Deacon George.*



**The St Vincent de Paul Society in Dandenong** continues to assist over 450 families and individuals each

year through personal support and visitations.  
**Come and See** how you can help us to help others at an information session on Monday 23rd February 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Meeting Room.



**The Open Door Exploring Spirituality Today**  
Call either Trish or Jo on 9791 8664 for more information.  
110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175

- Meditations: Awareness/Centering Prayer/Guided Imagery
- Sewing Circle
- Art of Soul
- Tai Chi
- Book club
- Creative Writing
- Luke's Gospel
- Plus many more



**From the Desk of the Pastoral Associate...**

Please have a browse on our notice board, here are a few items that may be of interest to you...

- ♦ **St John's Uniform shop hours**
- ♦ **The Open Door Thank you letter to all Parishioners for the generous donation at Christmas.**
- ♦ **Social Services Sunday**
- ♦ **Passionist Come Away Retreat Days**

**The Regulars:**

**Daily Rosary** after morning Mass (except Sunday)  
**Mondays:**

**Tuesdays:**

**1st Friday:** Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist 11.30—3.00pm  
**2nd Wednesday: Cancare** at Endeavour Hills\*\*  
**3rd Wednesday Friendship Club** lunch at Dandenong RSL  
**4th Friday:** 11.00am Anointing Mass  
**First Sunday Hospitality** Sunday ~Cuppa's

**Third Sunday Presentation of Baptism** candidates at 10.30am Mass followed by Baptism preparation  
**Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass  
**Fourth Sunday Baptism at 10.30 Mass**

\*The Open Door is part of the St John of God Ministries, 110 Ann Street Dandenong 9791 8664

\*\* CanCare sponsored by St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills it is led by cancer survivors, and its members are all people who have been touched by cancer. All who have been touched by cancer are welcome. You don't have to be Catholic. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills Parish Centre. For more information call 97003781 during office hours.

**This weekend we pray for**

**Recently Deceased:** Bob Allen, Linda Davis,

**Anniversaries:** Teresa Cerminara, Francesco Cimino, Nella Stavris, Betty Cummins

**Sick:** Jim Lynch, Marie Cotter, Shelley Campbell, Ryan Robinson, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Frank Pigott, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Max Lennox, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly

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