




“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 .

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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!**

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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

A common experience of human illness – no matter how serious - is isolation. A simple cold or the flu can cut us off from other people. A common experience of healing comes when the human touch of another shatters our isolation: the touch of professional healers or the embrace of friends.

Mark’s Gospel knows this human experience. In today’s story, Mark shows Jesus reaching across a huge cultural barrier to touch and heal a leper, for Mark, this story is one of many that identify the mission of Jesus as a struggle against evil, manifested partly in human sickness and suffering. Sickness doesn’t mean the sick person has necessarily sinned; rather illness is part of the evil that Jesus is battling.

The story of healing of the leper is full of emotion. We sense God’s power at work. The man is invited to re-connect with the community, signalling the end of his isolation through a ritual visit to the priests. The power at work in Jesus cannot be kept secret. Word spreads far and wide.

How have you or I become isolated from the community of believers? How is Jesus calling us to reconnect? At Sunday Eucharist we are invited to lay aside our isolation and to witness to one another what Christ has done for us.

We are blessed in this Parish to have a group of people, men and women who help people deal with the isolation and society’s disease, that is poverty. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul; “Vinnies” over the last few months has been busy. On your behalf I would like to say a thank you to all in “Vinnies” for their sterling work. At all Masses this weekend we shall hear from our local conference’s President Veronica Gislingham about the work of Vinnies in our Community.

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

- Ash Wednesday this year is next Wednesday 18th of February Mass times are 9.15 am and 7.00pm.**
- As of next Saturday 21st February after consultation with those who attend the Saturday Vigil Mass the Mass time will change from 7pm to 6pm**

Parish Lenten Prayer-Stations of the Cross Starting on Friday Feb. 27th at 7pm Please see to Cate if you would like participate in the readings for the first session on February 27th.

Time and Talent...Last chance 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


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.

CONFIRMATION 2015 FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS
 Reminder to all students from Government and Independent schools who have requested Confirmation this year. Classes resume on WEDNESDAY FEB. 25TH at 4 pm till 4.50 pm, in the Parish Centre. Please speak to Cate for more information.


The Open Door Exploring Spirituality Today
Bookings essential: Trish or Jo 9791 8664 110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175
“The Earth Has Music for Those Who Listen” William Shakespeare
 Join us as we listen deeply to music and allow our souls to be nourished. This gentle process uses classical music, relaxation, an expression of our experience through drawing or writing and some small group sharing.
Some people prefer to lie on the floor for the music experience – please bring a rug and a cushion if you would like to do this
Details: March: 3, 17 & 24 1.30-3pm.
Suggested Donation: \$5
Led By Sr Florence Holligan SSJG



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, Moa Afoa Ueli

Anniversaries: Antonio Sangaletti, Pedro Calda, Rita Jayasuriya

Sick: Aileen Leahy, 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, Aileen Leahy

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