



"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: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm
 English, 12.30pm Polish

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: 5 to 5.45pm 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!**



For those who look to us, we pray.

That we might seek more ways together to share what we have with the poor and disadvantaged.

We pray to the Lord



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

John 2:13-25 Cleansing the Temple

The Jews revered the Temple in Jerusalem as the place where God was present in a special way. One day Jesus came to the Temple and found a lively trade going on in animals and birds for sacrifice, and money changing. Taking a small whip Jesus drove the traders out of the Temple and overturned the tables of the money changers with the words: 'Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!'

The vigorous reaction of Jesus was due not only to the desecration of the Temple but also to the fact that these traders were part of a system which used the Temple to exploit the poor.

That same concern for the disadvantaged drives Caritas Australia to support programs such as the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes *Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program*, which aims to break the cycle of poverty and malnutrition for First Australians in remote NSW.

While there is abundant food in Australian cities, the story is starkly different for First Australians living in rural communities, where low incomes and limited access to nutritious, affordable food reduces the health and well-being of families.

Karen a sole mother-of-six living in remote Central NSW had few places to buy food and prices were high due to freighting costs, and lack of local competition. Karen had neither the skills nor the money to provide a nutritious diet for her family – until two years ago when she enrolled in the Centacare program.

Through a series of budgeting and nutrition workshops and monthly budget planning sessions and cooking activities, Karen has gained the tools she needed to take control of her money, and provide regular, healthy meals for her family, 'food for life'.



Parish Lenten Prayer-Stations of the Cross
 Fridays at 7pm.

Please see to Cate if you would like participate in the readings .

Would you please check your envelopes , we are looking for envelope numbers 375 and 265 that may have been picked up by mistake.

Please call Maria 9791 4611 at the office or drop them back if you have them and you will be issued with the correct ones, thank you.

Please take home your new Thanksgiving Envelopes this weekend, help us save on postage, thank you.

St Mary's Youth Group

16 to 25 years Welcome
 6:30pm to 8:30pm

15th March at Parish Meeting Room
 Food & Drinks provided



Thanks to all who signed up for ministries this year. All rosters will be available by the end of next week.

Kairos available this week from the Piety Stall



Year 7 2016 Late Enrolments

St John's Regional College is accepting late enrolments for Year 7, 2016. Be sure to submit your application as soon as possible while there are still places available. All potential students **MUST** submit an enrolment application even if there are already siblings attending the College.

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.



Confirmation 2015 for Children attending Government Schools

Reminder to all students from Government and Independent schools who have requested Confirmation this year. Classes continues on Wednesdays 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: 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...

- ◆ **The Open Door Retreat Day 15th March**
- ◆ **The Open Door Walking the Land 12th March**
- ◆ **Passionist Come Away Retreat Days**
- ◆ **Men's Shed**

The Regulars:

Daily Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)

Mondays:

Tuesdays: Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

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: Fr Joe Briffa

Anniversaries: Stella Collins,

Sick: Jeff Fisher, Marlene Frawley, 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,

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