



“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 Mass in Malayalam
Reconciliation: 5 to 5.45pm Saturday or upon 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!**

Thanks to all who signed up for ministries this year. All rosters are available in the foyer.



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.



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



John 12:20-30 Grain must die

Most of us like to be ‘in control’ of what happens in our lives. But Jesus says ‘the grain must die!’ We must step down to ensure that God is at the centre of our universe. Only then can we become effective human beings who ‘bear much fruit’.

When we follow Jesus, the desire to shine is replaced by the desire to serve. Aware of the falsity of wealth, the Christian opts for a life of simplicity. The compulsion to follow the latest trends is replaced by the freedom that comes from the truth shown to us by Jesus.

‘Come to me all you who are heavily burdened.’ – it is the role of Jesus, and of us his followers, to lessen human burdens. Did you know that through Caritas Australia we have been lessening burdens in a remote mountain village in Peru?

Farmers there have traditionally relied on intermittent rainfall to water their crops, unable to sow high-value crops that require consistent watering.

In an effort to modernise their farming practices, Cristian, a 33 year-old farmer, and 14 other young farmers in his community participated in the **Rural Development Program** run by Caritas Australia’s local partner, Caritas Huacho.

The program helped the 15 young men secure an unused plot of land in their village. Then with seedlings and agricultural training, the farmers learnt to grow and harvest sustainable, high-value orchard crops including peaches, custard apples and avocados. They were also supported with materials and training to build an irrigation system to water their fields.

A reliable source of food has created a new life for Cristian, along with the rewarding experience of working closely with his neighbours, ‘giving each other a helping hand’.

Holy Week Timetable 2015

Thursday 26th March 7.00pm

Parish Penitential Service
 (Rite II: Word of God & Individual Confessions)

Tuesday 31st & Wednesday 1st April 7.00 to 8.00pm Individual Confession

Holy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by Watch before Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm night Prayers

Good Friday, 3rd April

11.00am Stations of the Cross in Dandenong Park Pultney St, Dandenong
3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death
Special Collection for the Holy Places

Holy Saturday, 4th April

9.30 – 11.00am Private Reconciliation
1.00 pm Blessing of Food (Polish)
8.00 pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 5th April

8.30am, 10.30am 12.30pm (Polish) Mass

NO 5.30pm Mass

Altar Server training for Easter celebrations

will be held on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 6.pm in the Church.

All Altar Servers, NEW and OLD are welcome to attend, along with their parents.

See you there

...Deacon George.



Please take home your new Thank-giving Envelopes this weekend, Missing envelopes have been found or new ones issued. Help us save on postage, thank you.



Please pray for **Everiste, John and Kisa** as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4th at 8pm.



Parish Lenten

Prayer-Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7.00pm. Please see to Cate if you would like participate in the readings.



The Open Door

110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175
REMEMBERING THE TRUE SELF
 In this one-day session **Gerry O’Neill, formation manager for SSJG Ministries**, will explore the genesis of the false self, its allure and resistance to change and strategies for weakening its grip so that our essence may shine forth into the world in a way that announces the good news of who we truly are.
 When: TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015
 Time: 1.30 - 4pm (come early for a cuppa)
Bookings essential: Trish or Jo 9791 8664
Suggested Donation: \$5

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...

- ◆ **Yoga retreat** Janssen Spiritual Centre 18th April
- ◆ **ANZAC Day Mass** St Patrick’s Cathedral
- ◆ **Passionist Come Away Retreat Days**
- ◆ **Men’s Shed**
- ◆ **God Rich in Mercy Prayer** (at Fitzroy)
- ◆ **Cultural Diversity Week in Dandenong**
- ◆ **The Open Door events calendar**
- ◆ **Wellsprings for Women Term 1 Programme**

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:

Anniversaries: George Edward, Joseph Clarence & Anthony Pieris

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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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.