



**“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 3.15pm
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.

Sunday Mass held in the St Mary’s school Auditorium McCrae street until further notice.

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 9.30am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Mass 9.30am in the Parish office meeting room
Thursday: Mass at Cardinal Knox 11.00am
Friday: Word and Communion Service 8.00am
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



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

When new employees join a company, it’s common to have an orientation to bring new people “on board.” A new employee needs to understand both the past and the future history of the company. How can they connect with what’s gone before? How can they be part of the company’s mission for the future?

In today’s Gospel, Jesus conducts a kind of “Christian orientation” for his startled and frightened disciples—most of whom are encountering him for the first time as the risen Lord. He first reassures them that he—Jesus—is the one they knew before the crucifixion. But there have been a few changes! He’s not a ghost, he is truly alive. And he shares a meal with his friends to prove it.

But they have their doubts anyway—perhaps some of the same doubts shared by Luke’s communities years later: How could Jesus be the promised Messiah, and have suffered the terrible death by crucifixion?

And so Jesus patiently interprets the Hebrew Scriptures to explain his mission as God’s “Suffering Servant.”

But the past is only preparation for the future! The message of Good News must be preached to the ends of the earth. The disciples are now his witnesses, commissioned to carry his message to the world. And so are we who gather at our Easter Eucharist with the Risen Lord today!



Morning Mass and Word and Communion Service

Morning Mass and Word and Communion Service will be held in the Parish meeting room on Foster Street side starting at 9.30am

- Monday : Word and Communion Service
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Mass

There will be no Friday Mass until further notice.

Weekend Masses will be held in the school auditorium enter form McCrae street at the usual times.

Please as a courtesy leave the front area for disabled parking



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.



Saturday April 25th

Anzac Day Mass will be celebrated here in the Parish Centre at 9.30 AM
Lest we forget

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

Fire Update: the church has been completely emptied of everything. Most items including the Altar, pews, sacred vessels, Crosses, linens, vestments and organ have been saved and are being repaired and restored. The next step is to assess the damage to the building and costings for repair. At present there is no indication of when the works will be completed. Hopefully we will celebrate Christmas in our newly refurbished church.

Thankyou for your prayers and patience..... Father Declan



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.



The Regulars:

Daily Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)
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:

Sick: Tina Mastroianni, 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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