



**"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
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



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. There will be no Polish Masses here from today.

Please as a courtesy leave the front area for disabled parking

Garage Sale and Sausage sizzle at Wellsprings 79 Langhorne St Dandenong
Saturday May 2nd 8.30am to 1pm



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.



Year 7 2016 Late Enrolments. 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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) 97330997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au**



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

I kind of react when I hear the story of the Good Shepherd. Sheep are generally not the most intelligent of animals and they can kind of smell too. Yet Pope Francis reminds all involved in ministry that we should be immersed in the smell of our sheep- Be out there among the people.

I have always lived in towns or suburbs whether that be here in Australia or Ireland, so my own experience of sheep is rather limited. But I do know that shepherding was an important part of life in Biblical times. It's the relationship between shepherd and sheep that make Jesus' comparison work.

The shepherd of Jesus time herded their flock s through wilderness, ready to defend them from the attacks of wild animals. In a crowded sheepfold at night, shepherds of several flocks herded together could identify their own sheep – and vice versa! Jesus' listeners would have understood the economic interdependence of shepherd and sheep- a truly good shepherd would value each and every individual in his flock.

The relationship Jesus offers us is characterized by the dignity and worth he see in each of us. He knows each of us by name, with an intimacy he shares with us from the Father, whom Jesus knows with the intimacy of a Divine Son. And the bottom line? Jesus gives his life for us, his flock

The Society of Christ Polish Priests together with myself have decided not to hold Mass here from now on.



Congratulations and God's blessings to Sister Josephine on the 60th Anniversary of her Religious profession. Please remember Sister Josephine and all religious in this year of Consecrated life.

ANZAC DAY

Saturday April 25th

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

Lest we forget

**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."**

The Ode used is the fourth stanza of the poem *For the Fallen* by Laurence Binyon

Dandenong Deanery Forum: Voices That Echo the Glory of God Through Prayer, Peace & Harmony -What Our Christian churches Hold In Common. Resurrection Parish 402 Corrigan Road Keysborough 30 April 2015 **7.30 pm** Facilitator: Fr. Denis Stanley. Light supper provided: To book, for catering purposes only, email dandenongdeanery@live.com.au
Tel: 9701 5899 Mobile: Paddy 042 229 6961

A gathering for women and men in their 30's and 40's Friday, 1st May – 7.45 PM
Speaker: Scott Walker from the SES Our Lady of the Assumption Parish – (Coffee Afterwards) 9 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham Enquiries: Cathy – 0408 013 397 or Sr Sue – 9512 0730

The Open Door: 110 Ann St. Trish or Jo 9791 8664

Two 'Talks on Spirituality' presenter Jan Coleman R.N. MSc (Clinical Transactional Analyst). Wed 6th May 5.50-6.30pm, (gold coin suggested donation) using the Transactional Analyses model, we will explore some rules of communication and ways of communicating that lead to effective relating. Thurs 9.30-2.30pm (suggested donation \$10 - light lunch included) we will spend time identifying negative patterns we keep repeating in our lives and discover how we can change them.



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**

The Regulars:

Daily Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)

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

2nd Wednesday: CanCare at Endeavour Hills**

3rd Wednesday: Friendship Club

lunch at Dandenong RSL

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:

Bol, Madit and Hanger Manyang

Anniversaries: Paul Baronowski, Lorenzo Modica

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Tina Mastroianni, Jeff Fisher, Marlene Frawley, Aileen Leahy, 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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