



**"Though many we are one."  
One in faith and one in the  
Gospel values  
of hospitality and welcome,  
compassion and justice.**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Declan O'Brien  
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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:** Mass at the school auditorium 9.15am  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** Mass 9.30am in the Parish office meeting room  
**Thursday:** Mass at Cardinal Knox 11.00am  
**Friday:** Word and Communion Service 9.30am in the Parish office meeting room  
**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

Imagine yourself in the early Jerusalem Christian community, gathered for Sunday Eucharist—and in walks Saul, well-known for his persecution of the Church. What would your reaction be?

Saul's friends must have had a time convincing the community that Saul was on their side. Barnabas was his "guardian angel," nicknamed the "son of encouragement," according to an earlier story in Acts. Not a bad friend to have if you're Saul and badly in need of credibility.

Barnabas must have been convincing, since the story says Saul was soon "moving freely" about Jerusalem and preaching boldly. In fact, enemies of the Christian community were soon plotting to kill Saul. His zeal made him controversial, no matter whose side he was on!

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the comparison of vine and branches to describe our unity with him. In a community, the unity we share with Christ must also mean we are united with each other. The story about Saul and the Jerusalem community reminds us how important it is to affirm one another within our contemporary parish settings. We must welcome and integrate those who are new to the community. We may need to support our more zealous and outspoken members when they witness boldly. In all things, we strive to keep Jesus' command: to love one another, as he has loved us.

**Polish Mass will now be held at The Divine Mercy Shrine, 337-343 Greens Road, Keysborough. 9701 6071**



### Morning Mass and Word and Communion Service

**Monday:** Mass at the school Auditorium 9.15 start

**The following be held in the Parish meeting room on Foster Street side starting at 9.30am**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** Mass  
**Friday:** Word and Communion Service

**Weekend Masses will be held in the school auditorium at the usual times.**

**Please enter from McCrae street. 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.**



**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.

### menALIVE Weekend for Men.

What are you doing on the 16-17 May 2015? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia.

Now, for the 4<sup>th</sup> time this year in Victoria, a menALIVE weekend is being organised in Resurrection Parish, Keysborough.

This weekend is open to men of any parish and is conducted by experienced leaders from the national menALIVE team. To register, pick up a registration forms from the church foyer, or phone Glen D'Cunha (97986627) or Tuan Thai (97131177).

Rosters and next week's readings are on the notice board at the back of the auditorium.



### A celebration with the African Communities of Melbourne

Join us for an afternoon gathering to celebrate the various African groups in

Melbourne. Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM (Archbishop of Durban, South Africa) will celebrate Mass, and offer a special blessing to South Sudanese catechists. Includes music by the South Sudanese Choir and some light refreshments afterwards.

All are welcome!  
**Sunday 17 May, 2.30pm**  
**St Anthony's Church**  
**90 Buckley St, Noble Park**



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE



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

Two 'Talks on Spirituality' presenter Jan Coleman R.N. MSc (Clinical Transactional Analyst). Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 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. **See notice for more dates !!!!**

### 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



**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:** Gerald Callaghan,

Giustina Mastroianni, Norman Clarke,

**Anniversaries:** Maria Giuseppa Cardamone, Mary,

Frederick & Steven Walles, Mel Meyer

**Sick:** Roel Roelleman, Sharon Rozario, 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, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael

Kelly,

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