



**"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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Deacon: Rev. George Piech Meat
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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 8.30am Mass on the first and third 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

The Ascension of the Lord marks the fortieth day of the Easter season. For forty days, the resurrected Jesus continued his earthly journey, appearing to his disciples and helping to chart their course for the future. With Christ's Ascension, however, they must live in him without his bodily presence; they are to experience future glory as they live as Christ's earthly body. This feast ought to make us question the condition of the Body of Christ here on earth. Is it a reflection of the exalted Lord, ascended into heaven, or is it instead a sign of sin and division, jealousy and anger? Let us work to make the Church a sacrament of life in Christ at the right hand of the father.

I have recently formed a Church Renewal Committee to assist in the reinstatement and refurbishment of our Church. The Committee comprises of myself, Cate Kavanagh (Pastoral Associate), Marilyn Meyer, Frank Holohan, Jim Houlahan, John Kelly Parishioners and Kevin McLaren (Parish Gardener/Caretaker) . To assist in the development of a master plan for the Church . The Committee is interested in your vision for the Church with the existing building structure. As Parishioners of St Mary's Church your ideas, wants and needs for the building are invited preferably by Email:- dandenong@cam.org.au or in writing to Father Declan by 31st May 2015.

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.

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

This weekend is **Chaplaincy Sunday** in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Melbourne Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

You are invited and encouraged to place any donations into the Chaplaincy envelopes or take them home and return them next week.

Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- Men and women in Prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers
- People living with HIV/AIDS

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**



**The Open Door
Reflections—An Autumn Retreat**

The changing of seasons can be a time for reflections on one's life and the dragonfly is generally associated with the symbolic meaning of transformation.

Join us for a day of meditation, music, poetry, writings and a creative space. We will also spend time in connection over lunch.

When: **Sunday, 31st May 9.30am-2.30pm**

Where: **110 Ann Street, Dandenong**

Suggested Donation: \$10 includes a light lunch

Led by Ellie Chatto

Book now-spaces are limited **9791 8664**



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.

**SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB
Over 28's Party Night for Single Catholics
in 28 to 60 age group**

Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 8.00pm

Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish

301 Warrigal Road, Burwood

Cost \$13.00

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167

ONE Pentecost 2015

Gathering Catholics from all over Melbourne for an unforgettable Pentecost celebration

Sunday 24th May 2015 at Collingwood Town Hall

Mass—3pm, BBQ—4.30pm, Rally 5.30pm

Special Guests Fr Rob Galea, Fr Dan Strickland MGL,

Bishop Mark Edwards and the One Worship Team

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: Kevin McCabe

Anniversaries: Maria Gorski, Corrie Van Bortel, Elena Percic

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, **The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.**