



**"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

Shortly after Easter one year, a person in our parish who had been received into the Church at the Easter Vigil told me how welcomed they felt in the Catholic family. The sense of openness and tolerance they experienced was especially important to them.

It's a characteristic of Catholicism to see God's goodness in all of creation, in various human endeavours and in the cultures and histories of human beings wherever the Gospel is preached. While we haven't always lived up to that ideal, I was happy that our new parishioner experienced something of that spirit.

That universal dimension is also one of the themes of Pentecost. The dramatic story of the descent of the Holy Spirit tells us how the Holy Spirit can break down walls we may put up between people, races, and cultures. What we see as obstacles, the Spirit can use to create a new unity, a reversal of the Babel story in Genesis, when people let human arrogance lead to disunity, as one human language fractured into many different tongues.

Today, across our world, a myriad of voices, different languages, and many cultural expressions will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let's join our voices with that Pentecost chorus.

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

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**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.**



**2016 Prep Enrolments St Mary's Primary School**

Enrolments for the Prep 2016 school year have now opened. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by 30th April, 2016, they are eligible to enrol their child at St Mary's Primary School. Please collect an enrolment form from the School Office by 19th June 2015

**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

Details and Tickets at:

[www.onespiritaustralia.org](http://www.onespiritaustralia.org)



**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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

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](mailto:dandenong@cam.org.au) or in writing to Father Declan by 31st May 2015.

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



**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.



**Liturgy for the Young**

Liturgy for the Young will take place this Sunday during the 10.30 am Eucharist. All primary children from Prep to Grade 6 will be invited to the Music portable building, right next to the Auditorium, at the beginning of the Eucharist. The children will return at approximately 11 am. Our thanks to the Catechists who give generously to run this programme. Should you be interested in joining the team, speak to Cate one Sunday or ring the Parish on 9791 4611

**This weekend we pray for**

**Recently Deceased:** Rachela Cardamone , John Lefsrud

**Anniversaries:** Jacqueline Netto, Rudy Balzan, Princy Paiva, Malik Mendis

**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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