



**“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 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

It begins with a doctrine, but ends with intimacy.

Most Catholics can recite the doctrine of the Trinity: three distinct and equal divine persons, yet one God. That statement hints at the mystery contained in the truth. Trying to explain or even understand it fully is impossible. However, today’s Scriptures place us squarely in the midst of the mystery. If we listen with our hearts we end up with a very personal portrait of God.

In our first reading, from the experience of the Exodus, we hear Moses recalling—with a note of pride—some of the great things God did for the people. Proudly Moses asks: Did anything like this happen before? Has any other nation had such an experience of divine power?

A personal God, who intervenes on behalf of the people with deeds of power. That relationship becomes intimate as St. Paul tells us in the second reading: We’ve been “adopted” by God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We share the suffering and the glory of Jesus Christ. The Good News of today’s gospel is that Jesus is Emmanuel—“God with us”—and that intimacy continues “until the end of the ages.”

Invited into the intimacy hidden in the mystery of the Trinity, we can only respond with a heartfelt “Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

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 will be held in the Parish meeting room on Foster Street side

Mass
Tuesday—9.30 am
Wednesday—9.30am
Thursday—9.30am

Word and Communion Service
Friday – 9.30am

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.



St John’s Regional College 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.

Work Wanted

We are currently seeking work opportunities - casual, part time or full time - for skilled refugees with work visas in

- construction and building industry
- para-legal or administration
- labouring

Should you have any contacts please let me know.

Brigid Arthur
Coordinator
Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project



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

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**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEK-END

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



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.



Parish Sacramental Programme for First Eucharist and Reconciliation

We will hold preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation during term 3 and 4 for Parish young people who attend Government and Independent Schools. Please see Cate after the Sunday morning Eucharists or call the Parish on 9791 4611 from Tuesday to Friday for information about the enrolment.

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: George Philip,

Anniversaries: Maddalena and Baldassare Caron, Giovanni Donazzan, Luke Simonetti, Priscilla Perera

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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