



St Mary's Parish

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

PARISH PRIEST:
Fr. Declan O'Brien
PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:
Fr. Abraham Kunnatholy
DEACON:
Rev. George Piech Meat
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Mrs. Cate Kavanagh
PARISH SECRETARIES:
Franca Van Boxtel
Maree Walker
FINANCE OFFICER:
Mr. Geoff Harkin
GARDENER/CARETAKER:
Mr. Kevin McLaren
CENTRE MANAGER:
Ms Sue Findlay

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday : 9.00am-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.

WEEKEND MASS TIME:

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

WEEK DAY MASS TIME

Monday: 9.15am (School auditorium)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.30am (Parish office meeting room)
Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)
Friday: 9.30 am (Word and Communion Service in the Parish office meeting room)
Saturday morning: 9.30am (Parish office meeting room)

RECONCILIATION:
5 to 5.45pm Saturday or upon request .

BAPTISM: Enrolments take place after 8.30 am Sunday Eucharist with Cate Kavanagh

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



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

Very few times in life do we get to make a *definitive choice* for our faith. At a celebration of Confirmation I once heard a bishop ask those being confirmed to answer a definite "Easter yes" to the renewal of their Baptismal vows. The loud, rousing response shook the church and vibrated those who heard it! A definite moment of public choice.

Today we conclude our five-week look at the sixth chapter of John, where Jesus is portrayed as the "Bread of Life." In today's liturgy Jesus' followers are offered a choice to accept or reject that definition.

Our first reading is also a scene of choice. Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel at the shrine of Shechem. He asks the people: Whom will they serve? Remembering all that God has done for them, the people choose to serve the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus confronts his disciples with a choice. Some cannot accept him as "the living bread, come down from heaven." Peter responds for the Twelve: Jesus has "the words of eternal life" for them. They have come to believe he is "the Holy One of God."

How about us? Can we make a public choice for Jesus as we approach to receive the Body and Blood of Christ? Our firm, faith-filled "Amen" is a response to the Lord who is present in this great sign of our salvation.

Rosters for weekend of 22nd-23rd Aug 2015

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
Readers	Cheryl Thomas Meryl Thomas	Teresa De Feo Janina Gorski	Elizabeth Lam Sam Pamela Spink	Edna Lee Rodney Gonsalves
Eucharistic Ministers	Martin Martens Dalrene Corera Janet Murray	Ann Dalton Maria De Petra Joanna Van Der Ven	Rita Sly Stafania Vecchio Sala Perez Rose Impala	Neville Thomas Marie Michel Remy Palat

Rosters for Weekend of 29th-30th Aug 2015

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
Readers	Maria Walles Diane Rivera	Tim Evans Subha Perera	Veronica Gislingham	Neville Thomas Susan Rodrigues
Eucharistic Ministers	Elizabeth Fernandes Theresa Fernandes Bibiana Fernandes	Fay Gubbels Gerry Netto Ulalia Niupuluso	Thorwald Philipp Edith Philipp Geraldine Koskoszka Colin Maslen	Graham Newberry Ria Greene Remy Palat

"Help one another this is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do and I do it with all my heart." - POPE FRANCIS

Next Week's reading are on the notice board at the back of the auditorium

If you are going to Hospital and would like to be anointed please call Fr Declan 9791 4611



St Mary's Tennis Club
Ladies are you interested in playing competition tennis on a Tuesday as a regular team member or emergency? Please contact Ann on 9791 1417.



Morning Mass and Word and Communion Service
Monday:
Please note, for this week only
Word and Communion Service will be at 9.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room.

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, Saturday—9.30 am

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

COFFEE CONNEXIONS (HEARTS IN ACTION)

A gathering for women and men in their 20's, 30's and 40's for spirituality enrichment, friendship, motivation and social opportunities.

Friday, 4th September – 7.45 PM
Topic: "Nepal – the Devastation of the 2015 Earthquake". Speakers: Steve & Ann Gaunt
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish – Exodus Hall
9 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham

Next Sunday , 30th August is **101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees** , and Michael Cashman and Michael Jada will be sharing their experience of visiting our sister Parish St Mary's of Terkaka at all Masses.



Welcome **Fletcher Charles Ellingworth** who is being baptised this Saturday. Please pray for him and his family.



Join us at **The Open Door** for a fun sing-a-long, learn a new song or join in with some favourite oldies. No experience necessary, just a willingness to enjoy this time for you and to make new friends. We welcome all skill levels and none.

When: Friday 28 August
Time: 1.30pm-2.30pm (followed by a cuppa)
Where: 110 Ann St, Dandenong
Suggested Donation: Gold coin

The Catholic Dandenong Deanery

Presents a Conference "What On Earth is Discipleship" facilitated by Fr Anthony Gittens, renowned theologian and author.

Sat 12 Sept 9.30 registration; 10am till 4pm
Sun 13 Sept 1pm, concluding with 5.30pm Mass

At Killester College (Sat sessions); St Anthony's Hall (Sun session only)
Book by 14 Aug—Phone Paddy 0422 296 961
or dandenongdeanery@live.com.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
1st Sunday: Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's
3rd Sunday: Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass followed by Baptism preparation
Youth Group after 5.30 Mass
4th 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: Susan Whiting
Anniversaries: Giovanni & Giuseppe Cimino , Stanley Jaysinghe, Jovotio Villarente Sr & Miguela Villarente, Maree Lyver, Maria Tomaino, Rosa Nero

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Marlene Frawley, Aileen Leahy, Shelley Campbell, Ryan Robinson, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Frank Pigott, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva , Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Gary Van Hostauyen, Angela Sumyla, Kim, Faye Waring, Daren Vukmirovic, Keith Donovan, Beryl O'Neill, Desmond Hopper, Mark Hyzy

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Collections for last weekend...

Presbytery: \$1,286.80
Thanksgiving: \$1,745.00

THANK YOU

If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Franca or Maree at the Parish office 9791 4611 to make a booking with either Father Declan or Deacon George.

