



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 justice.*

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



RECONCILIATION

After the 9.30 am mass
Saturday Mornings,
5pm to 5.45pm Saturday
(before 6pm Mass) or
upon request.



2016

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

DEC 8, 2015—NOV 20, 2016



From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Declan

Each Sunday at Mass in our parish, we honor the Gospel book by holding it high before the assembly and carrying it slowly to the ambo, the place where we proclaim the Word of God.

In our first reading today, we witness a similar scene. Ezra the priest opens the scroll of God's law and holds it high for all to see. The people acclaim God present in the Word of God, as they bow low to the ground.

The presence of God in the word is one of three ways God is present at each Eucharist. We are most familiar with the divine presence in the consecrated bread and wine. God is also present in the gathered assembly. There we're transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, described by Paul in today's second reading.

But back to the first reading: Do we pay attention to God's presence in the word? Would it be easier if we were in that scene in today's Gospel, to hear Jesus himself read the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue at Nazareth? Perhaps it's tougher to accept God's presence when it's Jim or Mary or Father D or Deacon George doing the reading! But our respect for the Gospel book, our attentive listening, our openness to the Spirit, are all crucial to full participation in the Eucharist. Let's allow this Sunday's readings to call us to a renewed response.

LENTEN PROGRAM—2016

Deacon George will be running this years Lenten Program commencing Ash Wednesday 10th February the program will run for 6 weeks.

Date: Wednesday 10th February (6 weeks)

Time: 7.30 pm

Where: Parish Centre, (back meeting room)

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FOYER**

PARISH PRIEST:
Fr. Declan O'Brien
DEACON:
Rev. George Piech Meat
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
TBA
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

Note over January we may revert to Word & Communion services.

Monday: 9.15am - St Mary's School Auditorium during school terms.
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)

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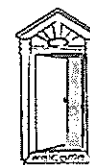
After the 9.30am Mass Saturday morning, before 6pm Mass or upon request.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

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



The Open Door

Our workshops re-commence on Wednesday 27th January 2016. We invite you to join us for some time for yourself to enjoy:

- Meditations: Awareness/Centering Prayer/Guided Imagery
- Sewing Circle
- Art of Soul
- Tai Chi
- Book Club
- Writing for Fun
- Luke's Gospel
- Creative Cooking
- 'Talks on' Spirituality
- Plus many more

Call either Trish or Jo on 9791 8664 for more information.
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MASS DURING THE JANUARY HOLIDAYS:

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Monday:	Word and Communion Service	9.30am
Tuesday:	Word and Communion Service	9.30am
Wednesday, Thursday:	Mass	9.30am
Thursday:	Mass at Cardinal Knox Centre	11.00am
Friday:	Word and Communion Service	9.30am
Saturday:	Mass	9.30am

Tuesday 26th January Mass — Parish Centre 9.30am
Australia Day

Word and Communion Service may replace weekday Masses occasionally.

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 : Iren Gislingham, Decima de Krester

Anniversaries: Josephine Andrade, Beryl Jayasinghe

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Shelley Campbell, Ryan Robinson, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Kim, Faye Waring, Daren Vukmirovic, Desmond Hopper, Eva Macasinag, Josephine Thomas

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

Collections for last weekend...

Presbytery: \$1079
Thanksgiving: \$1620
Loose money: \$328

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

