



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.*

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Declan O'Brien
DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottlieb
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker
FINANCE OFFICER: Ms Josie Ferarro
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren
CENTRE MANAGER: Ms Sue Findlay
CATECHETICS CO-ORDINATOR: Ms Marilyn Cuddihy

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.

WEEKEND MASS TIME

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

WEEK DAY MASS TIME

Monday: 9.15am -
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.00am
Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)
Friday: 11.00am

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.

RECONCILIATION

At 5pm to 5.45pm Saturday (before 6pm Mass) or upon request

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.
Acting Principal: Brendan Watson
St. Mary's Community Centre 9792 4884
New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from
www.stmarysdandenong.org



Archbishop's Christmas Message 2016

Dear Friends,

We live in exciting yet challenging times. The joy of Pope Francis and his Gospel outreach is touching many hearts. We praise God for the goodness of people as they respond to our Holy Father's inspiring leadership.

We also recognise that grief is part of faith. Part of us can wonder why 'bad things happen to good people'. We sometimes cry out 'Why?' to our God.

As a church we are all tested especially when we see innocent people suffer. During these days of the Royal Commission we pray especially for the innocent victims of sexual abuse in the Church and acknowledge the courage of those victims who have come forward to speak of their abuse.

We must continue to reach out. Whether they be victims of the tragic hurricane in the Philippines or closer to home with all victims of violence our response must always be action, solidarity and constant prayer.

For we are a people of hope. And the Good News is precisely that we are not just left alone with our questions and our responsibilities.

God replies! At Christmas our God comes to us as a vulnerable lowly pilgrim in search of hospitality. By reaching out with compassion and loving care we can give Him hospitality as he comes to us disguised in the hungry, the homeless, the women and children who are victims of domestic violence, the mentally ill, the imprisoned, the stranger and the refugee.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis never tires of reminding us that Jesus came to reveal the tenderness of our God.

It is our mission as Catholics to continue to be the merciful and tender face of Christ in Melbourne today.

This Christmas may we communicate the joy of God's love to all.

Archbishop Denis J. Hart DD

Archbishop of Melbourne



Christmas Dues Envelopes are available for the support of the Priest of the Parish, The Archbishop and retired Priests

Parish Calender 2017

7th February 2017	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
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A big thankyou to all who have contributed so much to our Advent/Christmas liturgies.

- Our Readers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Sacristans
- Counters
- Those who helped set up our Church
- Collectors
- Alter Servers
- Our Choir members

Wishing you every blessing for a peaceful and joyous Christmas

From: Father Declan, Deacon George, Kathy, Franca, Maree, Maria, Kevin and Josie



MASS TIMETABLE 2016/2017

Monday 26th December (Feast of St Stephen) Mass 10.00am

Friday 30th December (Feast of Holy Family) Mass 10.00am

Saturday 31st December (New Year's Eve) Word & Communion Service 9.30am

Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Sunday 1st January 2017 (Feast of Mary Mother of God)

Mass 9.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

Mass during the Christmas & January Holidays

Mass times are as usual however Word and Communion Service may replace week-

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

During Dec/Jan holidays, the Parish Office will be open 9am-12noon only from Wednesday 28th Dec to Fri 20th Jan. If you urgently need a priest, please leave a message on 9791 4611 and Father will call you back.

DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMPS 2017

3-6 January, 9-12 January and 16-19 January 2017

56-62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach

Don Bosco Camps annual summer holiday camps for disadvantaged young people will be held in January. This summer there will be two camps for juniors aged 9-13 and another camp for seniors aged 13-16. Run completely by volunteer youth leaders, the camps offer a fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment.

Bookings: www.donboscocamp.org.au

Details: 03 5987 2692 or dbc@donboscocamp.org.au

Please take home your new Thanksgiving Envelopes this weekend (some of you have been allocated new numbers). Help us save on postage, thank you. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Franca or Maree (Parish Office)



NEW ROSTERS

Until new rosters are completed, would you please sign up at mass you are attending if you are able to assist as either reader or Eucharistic minister.

Thank you

The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)

Tuesdays: Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

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

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased :

Anniversaries: Douglas Thompson, Amelia & Andrea Lago, Harold Alvares, Dorrie Caron, Helena & Robert Carson

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Eva Macasinag, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Dawn Fredricks, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Roberts, Angie Calabarkis

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...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1,428.60

Presbytery: \$ 332.60

Loose money: \$ 1,377.25

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.



Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

