



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

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 meet-
ing room)

RECONCILIATION:

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



From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Declan

Someone once wrote that there's no record of anyone inviting a prophet home for dinner more than once. This quip was probably the author's way to define the role a Prophet from the Bible. I think it's fair to say that the majority of these prophets were controversial figures.

Today we hear that God chose Jeremiah for this role. God warns the Prophet (Jeremiah), that his message to the kings and Priests of Judah will be so challenging that he'll meet with opposition. Prophets in the Bible didn't set out to make enemies on purpose, but felt impelled to speak the truth - God's Truth - with love. It just so happened that their message was often "tough love".

Jesus from Nazareth is viewed as a Prophet visiting his hometown. He anticipated resistance, stating clearly that no prophet is ever accepted in his native place. His words prove to be true as his own people want to throw Him down a cliff.

Few of us are called to be prophets, but I think we can identify people who live and have lived during our lives who fit the role. For example, Archbishop Oscar Romero and even Pope Francis himself.

How do we accept the prophetic message we hear proclaimed every Sunday? And would we invite the bearer of that message to our family dinner table?

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 IS IN THE FOYER**



The Open Door

*Our workshops have re-commenced and 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.
110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175

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**No Mass next Monday 1st February. Word and
Communion Service will be held at 9.30 in Parish
Meeting Room.**

MASS DURING THE JANUARY HOLIDAYS:
Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Monday:	Word and Communion Service	9.30am
Tuesday:	Mass	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

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 wel-
come. You don't have to be Catholic. Meetings are on the
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at St Paul Apostle Parish En-
deavour Hills Parish Centre. For more information call 97003781 during
office hours.

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased : Nancy Sciacca

Anniversaries: Josephine Andrade, Beryl Jayasinghe,
Bob Allen, Doreen McCabe, Joe Guelen, Honorata Tangpos,
Sergio Tangpos

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: \$1135

Thanksgiving: \$1459

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*

