



"Though many we are one."

**One in faith
and
one in the Gospel values
of**

hospitality and welcome, compassion and justice.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9.15 to 12 noon
Tue. Wed. Thurs. 9.15 to 4.15pm
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. The church will be closed on Mondays after the word and communion service and rosary.

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Evening: 7.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm
English, 12.30pm Polish

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: Word and Communion Service 9.00am
Tuesday, Mass 9.15 am
Wednesday, Thursday: Mass 9.00am
Thursday: Mass at Cardinal Knox 11.00am
Friday: Word and Communion Service 8.00am
Mass at 11.00am
Saturday: Mass 9.00am
Reconciliation: 9.30am Saturday or upon request

Baptism: Come to the 10.30am Mass on the second or fourth 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.



Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised, please come to the 10.30am Mass on the **Second or Fourth Sunday** of the month and meet Cate, to begin the reception process.



Little Rock Scripture Study will be meeting on **12th, 19th and 26th**
March to discuss the 1st 2nd and 3rd Letters of Saint John. Enquiries to Geraldine 9713 3671

Awareness Meditation

Meditation brings stillness, harmonises body and soul and connects to meaning. We invite you to join us each Monday between 2.30-3.30pm followed by a cuppa.(3.30-4.30pm)
Where: The Open Door 110 Ann St, Dandenong
A gold coin is welcome.
Ph: 9791 8664

From the desk of the Parish Priest

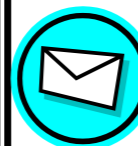


At the start of his public life, Jesus went into the desert and took time to reflect. He was tempted to take self-serving, comfortable options. He chose not to abandon his vision for justice and life for all. He chose to be faithful to his call to lead all people to a fullness of life, to know God and to love another. Lent is a time of spiritual reflection. We open our eyes to a wider horizon. Am I open to being transformed by God's love? Am I reflecting God's love to others? Especially to those in need?

Confronted by the extent of poverty in the world, we may be tempted to think that we are powerless. But we are far from powerless when we are part of the Catholic Church's world wide response to poverty, led principally by Caritas. Our contributions to Project Compassion fan out around the world to give people access to hope, to "have life and have it to the full!" . *Father D.*

Father Declan will be away this week, he will be at the St. John's Year 12 retreat. Mass on Wed & Thurs will be replaced with Word and Communion services, a visiting priest will celebrate Friday's Mass at 11.00am

Please pick up your Rosters this weekend...thank you!



Please take your envelopes this week, they carry through until the 26th October and are in the foyer and set out in alphabetical order. If you don't already contribute to Thanksgiving and would like to, please fill out the blue form and put it in the collection plate. Please discard any unused envelopes.

Confirmation Religious Instruction classes for children of our Parish who attend government schools.

Starts Wednesday 12th from 4.00pm – 4.50pm
A \$30 fee per child or \$50 per family is required by the end of the first term. For further information and enrolment, please see Cate or call the Parish of office 9791 4611
First Communion classes start in Term 3 Reconciliation classes to be advised.



St Mary's Tennis Club: wanted... an interested lady to play Competition tennis on Tuesdays. Please call Ann 9791 1417

Reminder: Notices for the Bulletin need to be sent to the office by Wednesday, or else they will be held over to the following week. Please note The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.



Next Sunday 16th March the Rite of Election will be held for RCIA Candidates at St Patricks Cathedral Melbourne.

During this rite the people seeking to become full members of our Catholic community will be presented to Archbishop Denis Hart and he will inscribe their names into the Book of the Elect.

Please pray for Heather Evans and Luaipai Taulia and their families as they continue their RCIA journey and look forward to being full members of our community at our Easter Vigil.



LENTEN PRAYER

Come and join us on the Fridays of Lent at 7pm to pray the **Way of the Cross** in the Church.

Please let Cate know or call the Parish on 9791 4611 should you like to read part of the service on one of the Fridays of Lent.

All welcome!

Please take home a Project Compassion Box or set of envelopes.

From the Desk of the

Pastoral Associate...



Please have a browse on our notice board, here are a few items that may be of interest to you...

- **Truth Justice Healing statements**
- **Fair Trade Easter Eggs**
- **Open Door Timetable**
- **Wellsprings Timetable**
- **Heart of Life**

The Regulars:

Daily

Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)

Mondays

Open Door classes

Tai Chi 2pm

Meditation 2.30—3.30

Tuesdays

Centering Prayer 7-8pm (at The Open Door)

First Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist 11.30—3.00pm

Third Wednesday

Friendship Club lunch at Dandenong RSL

Fourth Friday

11.00am Anointing Mass

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
Baptism

Fourth Sunday

The Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations: For recent updates, or to sign up for email alerts, visit the Church's website www.facingthetruth.org.au

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: John Francis

Anniversaries: Robyn Shanahan, Maurice Allen, Stella Collins, Maria Luciana Octacilia Fernandes, Madelina Oliveira Periera, Norman Freeman. Dennis Callahan

Sick: Bob Allen, Austin Gonsalvez, Anthony Tan, Daniel Duchenne, Col Cormick, Lynette Tyack, Frank Servello, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, Alistaire D'Rosario, Pedro Cabrera, Bernadette Fernandez, Marie Michel, Michelangelo Cerminara, Marie Louis Walsh, Daniel O'Neill, George Philip, David Major Nuñez II, Shelley Campbell

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