



"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 9.15am
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

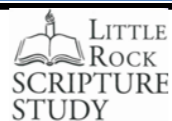
Baptism: Come to the 10.30am Mass on the second or fourth Sunday of the month and meet with Cate, to begin the reception process

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.



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



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!

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

One of the most dramatic scenes of the Easter Vigil Mass is when adults are baptised. They come up out of the water, dripping wet, and after leaving to change, re-enter the church in their white baptismal robes.

Now in Saint Mary's, the baptismal moment at the Easter Vigil is a lot less dramatic, but I always like to look at the faces of the newly-baptised. There's always a special glow seemingly inside as well as out, as these new Christians experience the transformation that comes to them.

Only later, I suspect, do they begin to realize all the implications of that change. Perhaps that's why our liturgy gives us today's first reading, the story of the call of Abraham, to leave his homeland and his family, and set out for the Promised Land. Abraham's response transformed his whole life. He began a long journey perhaps leading him at times to wonder if he was on the right path.

In Baptism we, too, say yes to God, a choice that transforms our lives, setting us on a journey of faith that continues to this day. As we "journey" through this Lent, let's recall our baptismal commitment and let it reflect in our words and deeds and even in our faces at times.

Father D.



There will be Mass at 9.am on Monday to celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick.

Sisters from The Convent of Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr in Belarus will be visiting our parish next Friday March 21st at 11 am.

They will inform us of their work with those suffering from substance abuse. The sisters will be selling religious items to support their work, *please support them.*

Calling all Readers of the Word and Special Ministers of the Eucharist

All ministers of the Word and Eucharist are asked to attend a gathering to assist you in this important role in proclaiming the Word during our Parish Liturgies.

The Archdiocese of the Melbourne has provided us with new resources we would to share, as well as gather to address any issues or questions. It will also be a great opportunity to meet with others for the different Sunday masses and pray together in this Lenten season.

Meeting for the Readers is on Wednesday evening March 26th at 7pm **OR** on Thursday evening March 27th at 7pm in the Church. If you are new to this ministry we would also appreciate your attendance.

Meeting for the Ministers of the Eucharist is on Saturday March 22 after the 7pm Eucharist **OR** on Sunday March 23 after the 8.30 am Eucharist. If you are new to these ministries we would also appreciate your attendance.

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.

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



All Altar Servers or those wanted to be trained (Grade 4 and over)
We will be holding a training and refresher session for Altar Servers- new to the ministry and those already serving on Wednesday April 2 at 7pm in the Church with Deacon George.

Today the Rite of Election will be held for RCIA Candidates at St Patricks Cathedral Melbourne. Heather Evans and Luaipai Taulia will be presented to Archbishop Denis Hart and he will inscribe their names into the Book of the Elect. Please pray for Heather & Luaipai and their families as they continue their RCIA journey being full members of our community at our Easter Vigil.

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

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

Fourth Sunday

Youth Group after 5.30 Mass
Baptism

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: Rebecca Paul.

Anniversaries: Eustace Bocks, Olga Drozd, Rita Lawlor, Cath Cunningham, Plantilio Lim Pereira, Jovito & Miguela Villarente

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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