



"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

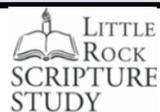
Baptism: Come to the 10.30am Mass on the second or fourth Sunday of the month and meet with Cate, to begin the reception process

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 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

The town in Ireland where I spent the majority of my teenage years lies on the edge of Cork Harbour. This Harbour is allegedly the second largest natural harbour in the world, next to Sydney. For centuries its has been the gateway of trade and commerce into the city of Cork.

Water is a powerful sign; that's why it's used in Baptism, symbolizing our entry into the life and death of Jesus.

Our Lenten readings today relate to Baptism. We hear a story from *Exodus*, where the people complain because they've run out of water. God, through Moses, responds with a life-giving stream of water. From John's Gospel we have the drama of Jesus and the woman at the well. The early Church used this story in its Lenten liturgy.

The woman at the well represents a believer who reluctantly comes to faith. She needs Jesus, his insights into her life, and his promise of "living water," to slowly win her over.

But isn't that the way it is for most of us? We need time to be convinced; we face contradictions and faulty choices in our lives. Nevertheless we thirst for what God offers us. And, in the end, when we've tasted new life in Christ, we just have to tell others about it. Believers become apostles.

Our Lenten journey may find us thirsty for living water. Let's listen closely to the Lord's invitation.

Father D.

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.



Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

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.



All Altar Servers or those wanting 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. *Parents welcome to stay.*



Please pray for Heather Evans and Luaipai Taulia and their families as they continue their RCIA journey being full members of our commu-

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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
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: Jane Mizzi

Anniversaries:

Ernest Ambrose, Mercy & Francis Moses, Paul Baranowski, Joseph Lam, Mary Pham

Sick: Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Daniel Duchenne, Col Cormick, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, Alistaire D'Rosario,

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