



**"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

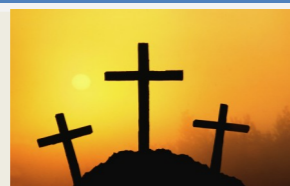
**Saturday:** Mass 9.00am  
**Reconciliation:** 9.30am Saturday or upon request

**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.**



**LENTEN PRAYER**

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

**All welcome!**



**From the desk of the Parish Priest**

**Something to ponder as we continue our Lenten journey.....**

*There are many people who serve this Parish well in many many ways. Today I would like to thank the following who have given generous service to Saint Mary's Parish Community over many years.*

**Mrs Dot Simpson :** for more than 20 years Dot has assisted our Baptism programme, through cards, prayers and communications with our newly Baptised and their families.

**Pamela Hickman:** An enthusiastic catechist of Children's Liturgy for 14 Years helping families in the faith education of their children. Our thanks for her commitment and enthusiasm.

**Michelle Lobo:** Michelle has been the coordinator of our Passionist family groups for many years and our thanks to her for her care and commitment to our families and couples over recent years.

**Suzi Fernandez:** Suzi has faithfully served the Parish through her Communion Ministry to a number of Aged Care homes in Dandenong with warmth and generosity.

*Our thanks , best wished and God's blessing to these ladies as they retire from these important ministries.*

*Please take a while to ponder on service to others...*

**" I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35**

**Father D.**

I will be away from Tuesday to Thursday so Word and Communion will take the place of Mass on these days.

**Holy Week Timetable 2014**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April** after 9.00am Mass  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confession)

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm**  
Parish Penitential Service  
(Rite II: Word of God & Individual Confessions)

**Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April ~ No morning Mass**  
**7.30pm** Mass of the Last Supper followed by Watch before Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm.  
**10.30pm** Night Prayer of the Church.

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**11.00am** Stations of the Cross in Dandenong Park, Pultney St, Dandenong  
**3.00pm** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death  
*Special Collection for the Holy Places will be taken up.*

**Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9.30 – 11.00am** Private Reconciliation  
**1.00 pm** Blessing of Food (Polish)  
**8.00 pm** Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
8.30am, 10.30am 12.30pm (Polish) Mass  
**NO 5.30pm Mass**

**Stay for a cuppa today after 8.30 and 10.30am Masses!!**



**Meeting for the Ministers of the Eucharist** is today April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8.30 am Eucharist. If you are new to these ministries we would also appreciate your attendance.



*Please pray for Heather Evans & Luipai Taulia & their families as they continue their RCIA journey being full members of our community at our Easter Vigil.*

*If you attended last week, please write your name on the clip board in the foyer so that you can receive your certificate at our Commissioning Mass.*

As we celebrate the core of our Faith - that is the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us not forget that even our smallest actions have the capacity to impact on the lives of others.

The Slavery-free chocolate campaign is designed to free those children, predominantly in West Africa, who are trafficked into picking cocoa to make the chocolate that we, in the developed world enjoy. This campaign has already had great success, with chocolate manufacturers pledging to source an increasing amount of their chocolate from ethical sources.

The time to keep going is now. Let's ensure that all are chocolate is sourced from workers who received descent and fair wages and conditions and that children receive the necessary education that will assist them to elevate themselves out of poverty. When you purchase chocolate this Easter will you make sure that it is slavery-free??? If your store doesn't sell Fair Trade Chocolate will you ask the owner or manager - WHY NOT???

*See our notice board for further information.*

*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
- St John Vianney's 50th Anniversary 2nd May 2014
- Open Door Timetable
- Wellsprings Timetable
- Palm Sunday Mass & March
- Sacred Heart Lenten Retreat
- Dandenong Deanery Forum
- Youth Group Dates

**The Regulars:**

**Daily**

**Rosary** after morning Mass (except Sunday)

**Mondays**

**Open Door classes .....**

**Tai Chi** 2pm

**Meditation** 2.30—3.30

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

**Tuesdays**

**First Friday**

**Exposition** of the Blessed Eucharist 11.30—3.00pm

**Third Wednesday**

**Friendship Club** lunch at Dandenong RSL  
11.00am Anointing Mass

**Fourth Friday**

**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](http://www.facingthetruth.org.au)

**This weekend we pray for**

**Recently Deceased:** Clarice Jayasinghe,

**Anniversaries:** Josephine Cooper, Olga Drozd, Giuseppe Impala, Florrie Laurens,

**Sick:** Ryan Robinson, Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, Alistaire D'Rosario, Geraldine Kokoszka

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**Pope Francis:** Save the Date: Wednesday 11th June Details to follow!

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