



"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.



**Congratulations
and God's Blessings to
Heather Evans &
Luaipou Taulia
and their families on
becoming full members of our
community at our
Easter Vigil and for
the children and babies baptised at 10.30
Mass
Please keep them in
your prayers.**



From the desk of the Parish Priest

Archbishop Denis Hart - Easter Message 2014

The English medieval mystic Dame Julian of Norwich once exclaimed: The worst has already happened and been repaired! This Easter we remind ourselves again of this wonderfully consoling and challenging Good news of our faith.

The Resurrection of Jesus has happened already. Our vocation, as Catholics, is to be signs of, and witnesses to, this glorious fact. Indeed, each of us rose from the dead on the day of our baptism and every year of our lives is an attempt to realise this fact more fully. Every Sunday since Christ rose from the dead is in fact an Easter Sunday and an invitation to us also to rise one more time towards our final destination of heaven because we are an Easter people.

This means we, as people of faith, are above all people of joy. If we are without this joy, we can be prone to conflict. Others can perceive a hostile streak in us. We can lack patience.

When we are joyless we find it nearly impossible to bestow kind words on others. We lack human warmth and seem to be angry at ourselves and the world.

By contrast, the joy of our Easter faith is buoyant and warm, light-hearted, gracious and life-giving. With the joy of this faith we see life differently! Our 'eyes' are opened and we begin to perceive other people not as 'problems' or 'enemies'. Rather, with the eyes of faith, we can begin to reach out to them in compassion as our sisters and brothers.

Think of two great contemporary witnesses who actively reach out in compassion with the joy of Jesus in their hearts. Pope Francis recently wrote in *The Joy Of The Gospel*, "True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness. "Pope Francis and Jean Vanier, by their infectious joy and reaching out to people with compassion, are models of the joyful person of faith. To be in their presence is to see the risen Jesus at work.

Or remember two great and joyful recent Popes—John XXIII and John Paul II—who the Church will soon canonise as saints and who lived the joy of Easter faith so beautifully.

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." This Easter 2014, may we live the joy of Easter in our lives and in our prayer to the Risen One who is always with us.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Joy filled Easter

Father D.

A note of thanks.... We wish to thank all who contributed through their time, talents and hard work, to the beauty and celebration of the Easter ceremonies.

A special thanks to *Our Parish Choirs *Flower Arrangers and Buyers *Altar Servers *Sound System Operators *Projectionists *Church Cleaners *RCIA team *Our Parish Secretary* Special Ministers *Parish Pastoral Team



May the Lord reward your kindness

**Wishing all Parishioners every blessing and joy in the Risen Lord
Father Declan, Father Brian, Deacon George and Cate**



Reflecting on Luke's Gospel. This workshop is based on understanding how the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel relate to everyday life. No previous skill is necessary; it's mostly listening and sharing insights in a spirit of companionship and joy. When: **Fourth Monday of each Month (28th April) 4.30-5.30pm** Where: **The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong** Ph: Trish or Jo 9791 8664
A gold coin donation



**Voices that echo the Glory of God through Prayer & Service
Social Justice, our Response to Vatican II**

When: Tues 22nd April

**Where: Resurrection Parish 402 Corrigan Road
Keysborough Time: 7.30 pm**

Presenter: Denis Fitzgerald from Catholic Social Services

**Cost: Gold coin donation, light supper provided.
Bookings Paddy 0422 296 961**

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

A Thank you, on behalf of our sisters in the Solomons, I would like to thank the donor of a case of stamps; and also, those who continue to save stamps as well as 5 cent coins. The money raised goes to assist children, whose family cannot afford school fees, especially for secondary school. Your continuing support amazes and delights me.
God's blessings on you all.

Sr Margaret Fields

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
- St John Vianney's 50th Anniversary 2nd May 2014
- Open Door Timetable
- Wellsprings Timetable
- Dandenong Deanery Forum
- Youth Group Dates

The Regulars:

Daily

Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)

Mondays

*Open Door classes
Tai Chi 2pm

Tuesdays

Meditation 2.30—3.30
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
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 Open Door is part of the Saint John of God Ministries, 110 Ann Street Dandenong 9791 8664

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:

Anniversaries: Laurie Modica, Sophie Jekot, Lawrence Peters, Terrence Dubier,

Sick: Ryan Robinson, Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, Alistaire D'Rosario, John Hall

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