



"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: Word and Communion Service 9.00 am
Reconciliation: 6 to 6.45pm 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




Collections for last weekend...
Presbytery: \$1,558.00
Thanksgiving \$1,556.00
Direct Debit weekly \$ 247
Total T/G Rec'd: \$1803
Pledged weekly \$2,797.80
THANK YOU

Census If you or a family member haven't filled out a blue census card over the last few weekends please do so today.
Thank you to all who have responded so far!



Deacon George has left some small postcards in the foyer promoting **Australian Catholic University** degrees in the faculty of **Law & Business**. Have a look and take one if this field is of interest to you.

From the desk of the Parish Priest.....Father D
 In 1995, former American Secretary of Defence Robert S. McNamara re-ignited debates over the Vietnam War with his book, *In Retrospect*. In the book, McNamara revisited his role in the American involvement in Vietnam, and concluded that he and other leaders failed to come to grips with the reality of the situation, both at home and in Vietnam. Whether one agrees with McNamara or not, his book is a fascinating study of political leadership.
 Today's Gospel deals with leadership in the Church. Jesus calls Peter "the rock," on which Christ will build his Church, and he promises Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven."
 This Sunday, I suspect many Catholics will think of the papal transition which took place after the death of John Paul II. That event focused the world's attention on the papacy, and connects directly with this Gospel story.
 Matthew's account reminds us that the Church, while established in the here-and-now, points to a further reality. Our faith is incarnational--it is rooted in both the human and the divine. Unfortunately, we often concentrate on the human aspects: The temporal business of the Church sometimes preoccupies all of us, including our leaders. The challenge of God's word today is to keep a "heavenly" perspective in our understanding of leadership and service—for all who have that role in the Church.
Please take time to read a copy of the Pastoral Reflection from His Grace Archbishop Hart and a letter from the Vicar General Monsignor Greg Bennet regarding the Royal Commission Updates. They are posted around the foyer.
 Please take home a copy of the "Australian Catholics" and the Dandenong Deanery newsletter....please note: the Conference with Fr Anthony Gittens has been cancelled.




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➔ **Series of Talks.....**
"The Joy of the Gospel - a call to be compassionate, welcoming and a Missionary Church"
 by Pope Francis
 Guest Speaker: Fr Elio Capra
 Wed 3rd September 5.30 to 6.30 pm (come earlier for a cuppa) Book early, \$5 donation

➔ **Walk the Land**
 Bring your walking shoes, as we take an easy stroll around the lakes and wetlands at Tirhatuan Park. We will come together at the end of our walk to share our lunches and reflections.
 Thursday 4 September (Meet at The Open Door at 10am)

➔ **Book Club**
When: Third Monday of the month.7-8pm.
 Suggested donation: gold coin




Mrs Maureen Kelly and family thank all parishioners for their prayers, kind messages and support shown in many ways during the recent passing of Dave Kelly.
 Thank you all.



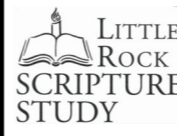
RCIA We have had several enquiries regarding the Catholic Faith in recent months. Our new group will meet at the start of the 8.30 am Sunday Mass, in early October. We hope to gather a team of Parishioners to share attendance at these sessions. Please speak to Father Declan, Deacon George or Cate for more details or call Parish Office on 9791 4611

The Passionist Family Group are always looking for new members. Come along to their luncheon here in the Parish Centre today after 10.30 am Mass.




Help needed..... We need someone to buy flowers for the Church on **Friday 26th Sept and Friday 3rd Oct** and deliver them to the Church by 9.15 am on the same day .
 Please see Cate if you are able to assist.

TRAINING FOR PROJECTOR MINISTRY We are offering training sessions for parishioners to join this important team. Training will take place at 5pm on August 24, Sept 7, 14 and 24, before 5.30pm Mass. Please speak to Cate or Chris Walston-Leo for more details.



Little Rock Scripture Study
 continues from 7 to 9pm.
The study is "The Book of Revelation"
 Enquiries Geraldine 9713 3671

If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Maria at the Parish office to arrange an appointment with either Fr Declan or Deacon George!



Important information for people wishing to marry overseas:
 Father Declan needs **at least 4 months** notice to ensure that the appropriate paperwork is forwarded to the Vicar General's Office 3 months prior to the Marriage taking place.

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

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...

- ♦ **Archbishop Hart's Letter**
- ♦ **Vicar General's Letter**
- ♦ **Truth Justice Healing statements**
- ♦ **Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**
- ♦ **Dandenong Council letter re future use of old council offices**
- ♦ **Vinnies Op shop needs bric a brac & Clothing**

The Regulars:
Daily Rosary after morning Mass (except Sunday)
Mondays: **Tai Chi** 2pm
Meditation 2.30—3.30 (at The Open Door*)
Tuesdays: **Centering Prayer** 7-8pm (at The Open Door*)
1st Friday: **Exposition** of the Blessed Eucharist 11.30—3.00pm
3rd Wednesday **Friendship Club** lunch at Dandenong RSL
4th 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
Fourth Sunday Baptism at 10.30 Mass
 *The Open Door is part of the Saint John of God Ministries, 110 Ann Street Dandenong 9791 8664

This weekend we pray for
Recently Deceased: Paulette Fanchin, Gerard Simonet
Anniversaries: Aurelio Paglia, Leon and Edna Fachin, Jean Paul Quessy, Stanley Jayasinghe, Leeroy Rozario, Don Wilkins, Eric Singleton
Sick: Shelley Campbell, Baby Hannah Findlay, Fr. Brian Gleeson, Chris Mathius Nkondogoro, Ryan Robinson, Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, John Hall, Michael Kelly, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva , Eileen Wilkin, Margaret Deegan, Bernadette Janssen, Max Lennox
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