



"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: \$1,367.00
Thanksgiving \$1,843.00
Direct Debit weekly \$ 247
Total T/G Rec'd: \$2090
Pledged weekly \$2,797.80

THANK YOU



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



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Series of Talks.....

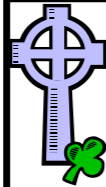
"The Joy of the Gospel - a call to be compassionate, welcoming and a Missionary Church" by Pope Francis

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 Third Monday of the month. 7-8pm. donation: gold coin



From the desk of the Parish Priest.....Father D

Today is Migrant Sunday, let us pray together...

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World

Heavenly Father,

We recall that your son, Jesus was a refugee in his infancy. We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee into Egypt.

Loving Father, you understand the pain and anguish of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reason.

Help us, O Lord, to understand this experience more fully and to respond with gospel fervour to this enormous social issue of our times.

Grant us wisdom, prudence, and a real sense of loving kindness to understand the heartaches of those who find themselves as asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in our wonderful land of Australia.

Mary, Mother of all migrants and refugees, lead us to your Son Jesus, from whom all blessings flow.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!



Priests Retirement Foundation collection will be held on Fathers Day...next weekend, please be generous.

Stay back after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses next weekend and have a catch up and a cuppa to welcome the spring.



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 plus the latest updates They are posted around the foyer.

Please take home a copy of the "Australian Catholics" and the Dandenong Deanery newsletter.

On Sunday 7th September Deacon George and his wife Tabisa will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary with Mass at 2.30pm here at St Mary's the main celebrant will be Fr Tony Feeney with Father Declan O'Brien concelebrating You are welcome to join in this great celebration.



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

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: Halina Rogowski, William Galea

Anniversaries: Remy Thomas, Maria Tomaino, Angela Rosa Niro, Philippe Gillet, Marie Ahang
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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