



**"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 9791 4611**

**A Reflection Day for Women:**  
**Theme: Wonder and Amazement**  
 Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30-3.30pm Holy Cross Retreat Centre 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe  
**Welcome to this day when you can relax and enjoy the peaceful, natural surroundings of Holy Cross Retreat Centre. It will be a gentle day in which you are encouraged to recapture your sense of wonder and amazement in the presence of the whole community of life.**

**PRACTICALITIES** (see notice board for forms)  
 Gather at 9.30 am for a Cuppa! Bring a packed lunch; Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available. A donation of \$30-35.00 will be appreciated. It will be helpful for those preparing the day to know numbers so please ring Maree Butler on 98466014 to book your place by Tuesday November 11th

**Collections for last weekend...**  
 Presbytery: \$1,533.00  
 Thanksgiving \$1,487.00  
 Direct Debit weekly TBA  
**Total T/G Rec'd: TBA**  
**Pledged weekly \$2,797.80**  
**THANK YOU**



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

Take pity on a parishioner of mine from my time working in Ireland—he had two daughters married within six months. Imagine the financial burden as well as the emotional pressures to please everyone. Happily, this husband and wife held up well. I think of him as I read today's Gospel and the parable of a wedding where the host father doesn't fare as well. His guests refuse to come, and then kill the servants who bring the invitations. At the feast itself, a guest without a wedding garment gets thrown out bodily—after all that the host had endured, who can blame him?

In borrowing this parable from his sources, Matthew adds the violent details for both guests and host. Matthew's community, composed of both Jewish and Gentile converts, had to endure hostility from the Jewish synagogue and perhaps the Romans as well. Scripture scholars suggest Matthew wants his community to take God's invitation to the Kingdom seriously. Those who refuse to come—some of God's Chosen People—receive a harsh judgment, as do Christians who take the invitation for granted—like the improperly dressed guest. As with all parables, we can't be too literal: The king in the story isn't doubling for God in all aspects. We know from the rest of Matthew's Gospel that Jesus taught us how God gives sinners another chance. But there's a definite warning here for Christians of any age. We must take the Kingdom, and our participation in it, very seriously.



There is to be **NO PARKING** outside designated parking bays. Please allow yourself plenty of time to use street parking. There must be access **AT ALL TIMES** to emergency services...Ambulance, Police or Fire Brigade.  
**THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Artes Christi presents  
**THE JEWELER'S SHOP:**  
*The first Feast day of Saint John Paul II is October 22<sup>nd</sup> and to celebrate, don't miss **The Jeweller's Shop**, a profoundly beautiful play on human love and marriage written by Saint John Paul II before he was elected Pope.*

Melbourne one show only on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at the Kaleide Theatre (360 Swanston Street- R.M.I.T University), tickets from \$20, and booking is essential. Phone 1300790250 or [www.theword.org.au](http://www.theword.org.au)

**A few changes .....Important Information:**  
**Saturday Morning Mass will be replaced with Word and Communion Service .**  
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation Rite (Confession) will from that date be celebrated from 6pm to 6.45pm Saturday evening or by appointment with Fr Declan.**



**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

On behalf of the **Priests Retirement Fund** and the Catholic Care Appeals **Thank you for your generosity.**



**Next Weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic World Mission Appeal.**

This year we are invited to reach out and support the crucial work of the Jamaican Catholic Church in helping people turn away from violence and crime to seek out a new future through the power of education and the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Please come prepared and give generously. Freecall 1800 257296 [Catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica](http://Catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica)  
*" Together we can help the youth of Jamaica to grow up to be fully alive, and achieve their dreams of a positive and hope filled future."*

**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)



*If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Maria at the Parish office 9791 4611 to make a booking with either Father Declan or Deacon George.*

**ST. PAUL APOSTLE PARISH JUSTICE PEACE AND INTEGRITY GROUP** are hosting a Forum "INSPIRING CHANGE IN GENDER EQUALITY".

We hope open the conversation to a wider audience and cordially invite you to join us with us to explore ways to address the Gender challenges in our time and in our place. The event is open to men and women of every age.

**All are welcome.** Donation Gold coin; Light Refreshments provided.

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014

**Time:** 17.15 pm for 7.30 start

**Place:** St. Paul Apostle parish Annex

**RSVP:** to Parish office 9700 3781 or

[office@stpaulapostle.com.au](mailto:office@stpaulapostle.com.au)

(Please see Flyer and Poster on the notice board)



**Trish's Table**

Join this fun cooking workshop to learn a new recipe or two to share with your family and friends and enjoy the spoils afterwards within a small, friendly group.

**When:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm

**Where:** The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

**Suggested Donation: \$10**

No skills required, BYO Appetite!

Booking essential as places are limited: 9791 8664

**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**
- ♦ **Reflection Day for Women**
- ♦ **Ancient Cultures, New Features:** A photographic exhibition for Sri Lankan reconciliation
- ♦ **Common People, Common Dreams:** Walk Together
- ♦ **Lourdes Day Mass**

**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:** Alva McEvoy,  
**Anniversaries:** Lawrence Tauro, Angela Marcuccio, Antonio Cimino, Luigino Stranges  
**Sick:** Shelley Campbell, Fr. Brian Gleeson, Chris Mathius Nkondogoro, Ryan Robinson, Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, Michael Kelly, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva , Margaret Deegan, Bernadette Janssen, Max Lennox

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