



**"Though many we are one."**  
**One in faith**  
**and one in the Gospel values**  
**of**  
**hospitality and welcome, compassion and**  
**justice.**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Declan O'Brien  
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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

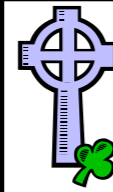
**Marriage:** please book the Church at the same time as you book your venue.

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**



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

During the last week or so I spent an morning working with Vinnies in the distribution of essentials among the poor of our Parish. I confess to being a bit overwhelmed by the unsolvable problem of poverty. How do you tackle poverty? Unemployment, drugs and crime? How do you get practical help to the people who need it? How to bring together those with resources and those with needs?

When I was a seminarian ,a Priest who was teaching me had a helpful strategy for dealing with pastoral situations like ours in St Mary's. He said there are two ways to do ministry. One is a way that stresses people's needs. This "needs approach", can often lead to frustration as we face those with overwhelming problems. A second way is the "asset approach" . Everyone has a gift. Every person has a unique dignity given by God. Everyone is an "asset" to the community. The poorest person may have a gift or talent that is not immediately apparent. In this approach, we're all in relationship, and in that relationship, love and service can flow two ways. Perhaps that's what the Lord is attempting to teach us this Sunday.

**Becoming Catholic- RCIA Programme 2014/15** If you are interested in joining a small group to begin inquiries into the Catholic faith, please let Cate know after the Sunday morning Masses or call the Parish Office on 9791 4611



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!**

*Please take home your Thanksgiving Envelopes this weekend.*

**Polish Mass**

Please note there will be no Polish Mass on Sunday 23rd November 2014



**The November Memorial Mass**

This coming Wednesday  
 19th November 2014 at 7.00pm

**All are welcome**

Envelopes for the November Masses are available in the church



**Deanery Musical Afternoon**

The eleven Parish of the local area that form the Dandenong Deanery will be holding a Musical afternoon at St. Anthony's Church, Noble Park on Sunday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.  
 More information to follow in the coming weeks.



**St John's Regional College**  
**St John's Regional College Open Evening**  
**Tuesday 18 November**

**Tours every 15 minutes from 6pm**  
**followed by an Information Session and Supper**  
**Book online at [www.sjcdandenong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjcdandenong.catholic.edu.au) or by calling 9791 3366**

**We wish all of the year 12 students well as continue their exams.**

*"By the labour of your hands you shall eat, you shall be happy and prosper"*

*Psalm 127*

**Collections for last weekend...**

Presbytery: \$1,235.00  
 Thanksgiving: \$1,528.00  
 Direct Debit weekly TBA  
**Total T/G Rec'd: TBA**  
**Pledged weekly \$2,797.80**  
**THANK YOU**

*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.*



**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...**

- ◆ **Reflection Day for Women enq: 98466014**
- ◆ **Open Door Sing along**
- ◆ **Open Door Talks with Anne Boyd– Earthsong**
- ◆ **Iraq Lecture**
- ◆ **Youth Group activities**
- ◆ **Prevention of Violence against women**
- ◆ **Lourdes Day Mass**
- ◆ **Interfaith Evening**
- ◆ **Christ the King 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:** Professor Nicholas Tonti Filip-pini , Rita Jayasuriya

**Anniversaries:** Sergio Bratti, Stephan Sebastian , Francis Xavier Paiva and those whose names are on the Memorial Altar Cloth

**Sick:** Marie Cotter, Shelley Campbell, Chris Mathius Nkondogoro, Ryan Robinson, Bob Allen, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva , Margaret Deegan, Bernadette Janssen, Max Lennox, Gordon Fonceca, Robert Walls

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