

“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



Enrolment day for children of our Parish attending Government schools
Sunday November 30, at 11.30 am in the Church foyer.
First Eucharist –Grade 3 or over **First Reconciliation-** Grade 5 or over **Confirmation-** Grade 6 or over.
 A fee of \$30 per child or \$50 per family covers workbooks, photo, stoles, photocopies materials. Payment is due when classes start in 2015.
 Please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism is required and well as a small passport sized photo.
If your child attended last year, you only need to bring the photo, not the Baptism certificate.

Coming up in December, more details to follow:
Friday 5th 11.00am at the Marian Room Anointing Mass and light luncheon for the Sick & Senior members of our Parish
Sunday 7th Thank you BBQ for all Parish volunteers
Thursday 11th Reconciliation
Monday 15th St Mary's Primary School Carols concert 6.30 in the Auditorium
Wednesday 17th St Mary's Primary School breaks up
Sunday 21st Parish Christmas Carol Evening 7.30pm at St Mary's Church gold coin donation in aid of St Vincent De Paul Society



To all St John's students who have graduated this year, Congratulations, well done! May your hard work be rewarded and your future truly Blessed.

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 Parish Priest.....Father D
 Among fairy tales some of my favourite stories are about kings who disguise themselves and go among their people to learn of their true needs. In those stories, the wise king knows his people and is able to care for them because he's shared their struggles. What a far cry from so many of the secular rulers—kings, Prime ministers--throughout human history.
 Today's liturgy highlights the kingship of Christ with two readings which use images of sheep and shepherding. Ezekiel has God taking on the role of shepherd--caring, rescuing, healing--and judging us, who are God's flock. The image shifts a bit in the Gospel, where Jesus is still our shepherd, but the role of judge gets more of the emphasis. There--like the understanding king in some of those fairy tales--Christ our King has identified completely with those who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, without clothing, in need of healing, or imprisoned. This familiar scene of the last judgment sets the criteria for entrance into the kingdom of Christ: How have we recognized our King in those who come to us in need?
 We may have little control over the conduct of secular heads of government. But our relationship with our heavenly King is clear: We are to embrace him in our loving service to one another.

Father Declan & Deacon George will be away on retreat this week, they will be here on Friday



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!

Friday Evenings of Advent
Walking the Rosary
 7pm St Mary's Church beginning
 Friday 28th November
All welcome



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2014

Reconciliation: Thursday 11th December 7.00pm
Private Confession: Saturday 13th & 20th 6-6.45pm
 Tuesday 23rd 7-8.30pm Wednesday 24th 10-11.30am

Christmas Carols Sunday 21st December 6.30 pm

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th Vigil Mass 6.30pm and 10.30pm
Christmas Day Thursday 25th Mass 8.30am, 10.30am
 Polish Mass 12.30pm

NO EVENING MASS

Friday 26th December	Feast of St. Stephen	Mass 11.00am
Saturday 27th December	St. John the Evangelist	Mass 9.00am
	Mass at Cardinal Knox	Mass 11.00am
Sunday 28th December	Feast of the Holy Family	
(Saturday vigil) 7.00pm, 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm, 12.30pm		Polish Mass
Wednesday 31st December	New Year's Eve	
	Word & Communion Service	9.00am
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Thursday 1st January 2015	Feast of Mary Mother of God	
New Year's Day	Mass	11.00am

Mass during the Christmas & January Holidays:
 Mass times are as usual however *Word and Communion Service* may replace *weekday Masses* occasionally.

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...

- ◆ **St Mary's Carols evening.**
- ◆ **Christmas Timetable**
- ◆ **Deanery Musical Afternoon (today)**
- ◆ **Youth Group activities**
- ◆ **Lourdes Day Mass**
- ◆ **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: Francisca Vrijken, Robert Walls, Mr Joseph Nguyễn Văn Quang, John Brennan,
Anniversaries: Katie Holohan, Jack Greene, Alessandro Vecchio, Mary Canning, Francis Xavier Paiva, Stepan Sebastian, Arthur Geoffrey Jones, Sergio Bratti, 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, Max Lennox, Gordon Fonceca, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia

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