



# St Mary's Parish

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

**PARISH PRIEST:**  
Fr. Declan O'Brien  
**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:**  
Fr. Abraham Kunnatholy  
**DEACON:**  
Rev. George Piech Meat  
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
Mrs. Cate Kavanagh  
**PARISH SECRETARIES:**  
Franca Van Boxtel  
Maree Walker  
**FINANCE OFFICER:**  
Mr. Geoff Harkin  
**GARDENER/CARETAKER:**  
Mr. Kevin McLaren  
**CENTRE MANAGER:**  
Ms Sue Findlay

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday to Friday : 9.00am-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.

Sunday Mass held in the St Mary's school Auditorium McCrae street until further notice.

**WEEKEND MASS TIME:**

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

**WEEK DAY MASS TIME**

Monday: 9.15am (School auditorium)  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.30am (Parish office meeting room)  
Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)  
Friday: 9.30 am (Word and Communion Service in the Parish office meeting room)  
Saturday morning: 9.30am (Parish office meeting room)

**RECONCILIATION:**  
5 to 5.45pm Saturday or upon request .

**BAPTISM:** Enrolments take place after 8.30 am Sunday Eucharist with Cate Kavanagh

**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



## From the desk of the Parish Priest.....Father Declan

As a Parish Pastoral Council we are currently reading a book entitled "Partnership in Parish (A Vision for parish life, mission and ministry)" by Irish theologian, Father Enda Lyons. So far we have read the first two chapters. So why are the Pastoral Council doing this? and what do we hope to achieve by our reading and reflection? As a Council we are reading this book in an effort to form ourselves and come to some understanding of what the Church is and what a parish is? In coming to such an understanding we will be and should be in a better and more enlightened position to name and claim what is Saint Mary's and what is our vision for the future. The one thing I have re-learned and a point that Lyons is keen to stress is that the Church, the parish, any parish; not just Saint Mary's is all about people! The Church, The Parish gather as a group of people because we seek each other out as a people who have a common interest; Our common interest is of course the Good News of Jesus Christ which is essentially God's all consuming- unconditional love for all of us. All the other "Church structures" we have only exist to serve our common interest. One of those "Structures", is of course the church building! This weekend our rebuilding plans are on view here in the Parish and two members of our Parish Finance group, Jim Houlahan and Paul Gubbels, will talk to us about these and what our path forward is. As a parish, as the local church of Saint Mary's we go forward, mindful of our past, alive to the Holy Spirit in the present, and journey on to a hope-filled future.

### Rosters for Weekend of 12th-13th Sept 2015

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Jeanette Colvin Martin Martens	Patricia Oliver Rutherford Elizabeth Luamanu	Rogan Kelly Clara Marasignan	Ria Greene Michelle Tordillo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Florence Holligan Pam Hickman Margaret Simmons	Belen Satuito Carmel Simmonds Fay Gubbels	Martin Martens Anna Minenna Kerrie McEvoy	Marie Michel Graham Newberry Remy Palat

### Rosters for Weekend of 19th-20th Sept 2015

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Pat Leane Liz Gilligan	Hannie Talora Casimiar Niupulusu Leo	Thorwald Philipp Michele Lobo	Hanee Selvarajoo Michelle Alvares
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Brian Tobin Ruth Kirpilani	Ann Dalton Maria De Petra Joanna Van Der Ven	Rita Sly Stefania Vecchio Sala Perez Rose Impala	Ria Greene Marilyn Meyer

If you are going to Hospital and would like to be anointed please call Fr Declan 9791 4611



St Mary's Tennis Club Ladies are you interested in playing competition tennis on a Tuesday as a regular team member or emergency? Please contact Ann on 9791 1417.



**Morning Mass and Word and Communion Service**  
Monday: 9.15 am at St Mary's School Auditorium.

The following will be held in the Parish meeting room on Foster Street side:

**Mass**  
Tuesday—9.30 am, Wednesday—9.30am,  
Thursday—9.30am  
Saturday—9.30 am

**Word and Communion Service**  
Friday – 9.30am

Weekend Masses will be held in the school auditorium at the usual times. Please enter from McCrae street. Please as a courtesy leave the front area for disabled parking.

### Sewing Circle:

An invitation to all who enjoy sewing, to join a small, informal, friendly group and participate in a sewing project, or work on your own creative ideas in a pleasant and stress free environment. No experience necessary.

Where: The Open Door Dandenong, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong  
When: Each Tuesday between 10am – 12pm (except school holidays)  
Suggested donation: \$4  
Details: Trish or Jo 9791 8666  
The Open Door  
110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175  
Ph: 03 9791 8664 Fax: 03 9793 0150



Sausage Sizzle after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses this weekend to raise funds towards Church building. Tea/Coffee also available.

### CD OPERATOR NEEDED

Do you value and welcome Sacred Music during our Parish Eucharist? If so, you may like to assist our Parish community by operating the CD Player when we do not have Choir Ministry that evening or morning. One short and easy instruction lesson is all you need. Please speak to Father Declan, Deacon George, Cate or one of the Parish Pastoral Council members if you would like to give your time to this valuable ministry.

### Knights of the Southern Cross Information Evening

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be holding an Information Evening for any practising male Catholic who is interested in finding out what the Knights are about, or would be interested in joining. For anyone who is interested in attending the Information Evening, to be held on Monday October 12, please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 9795 7851, or e-mail at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, for further information.

**Dandenong Festival of Lights**  
Location: Greaves Reserve, Dandenong Showgrounds, Dandenong  
Opens every evening from 6 pm  
Dates: 11th Sept-18th October  
Ticket prices and more information visit [www.lightfestival.com.au](http://www.lightfestival.com.au)



### The Regulars

**Daily Rosary:** After morning Mass (except Sunday)  
**Tuesdays:** Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm  
**2nd Wednesday:** CanCare at Endeavour Hills\*\*  
**3rd Wednesday:** Friendship Club lunch at Dandenong RSL  
**1st Sunday:** Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's  
**3rd Sunday:** Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass followed by Baptism preparation  
**Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass  
**4th Sunday:** Baptism at 10.30 Mass

\*The Open Door is part of the St John of God Ministries, 110 Ann Street Dandenong 9791 8664

\*\* CanCare sponsored by St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills it is led by cancer survivors, and its members are all people who have been touched by cancer. All who have been touched by cancer are welcome. You don't have to be Catholic. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills Parish Centre. For more information call 97003781 during office hours.

### This weekend we pray for

**Recently Deceased:** Rev. Fr Frank Martin, Willa Mae Vicks, Maria Cassan, Robert Gislingham, Anna Dalla Zana

**Anniversaries:** Julio Jesus Pereira, Lyka Balenbin Rivera

**Sick:** Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Marlene Frawley, Aileen Leahy, Shelley Campbell, Ryan Robinson, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, Frank Pigott, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Kim, Faye Waring, Gary Van Hostauyen, Angela Sumyla, Daren Vukmirovic, Keith Donovan, Beryl O'Neill, Desmond Hopper, Mark Hyzy, Josephine Thomas, Shirley Wilkens

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**St Mary's Youth Group**  
will meet Sunday, 20th September, 6.30pm-8.30pm  
in Parish Meeting Room  
16 to 25 years all welcome

**Collections for last weekend...**  
Presbytery: \$1603.00  
Thanksgiving: \$3101.00

THANK YOU

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



Next Week's readings are on the notice board at the back of the auditorium