



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 justice.*

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



RECONCILIATION

After the 9.30 am mass
Saturday Mornings ,
5pm to 5.45pm Saturday
(before 6pm Mass) or
upon request.



2015 YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

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 wel-
come. You don't have to be Catholic. Meetings are on the
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at St Paul Apostle Parish En-
deavour Hills Parish Centre. For more information call 97003781 during
office hours.

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased : Garry Van Hostauyen

Anniversaries: Herald Alvares, Sonny Gomez

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Chris Grubb, Jeff Fisher, Shelley Campbell,
Ryan Robinson, Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, David Morrison,
Tyrone De Silva , Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia,
Michael Kelly, Kim, Faye Waring, Daren Vukmirovic, Desmond
Hopper, Eva Macasinag, Josephine Thomas

*The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an
authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.*

Collections for last weekend...

Presbytery: \$1079
Thanksgiving: \$1620

*If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please
contact Franca or Maree at the Parish office on 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.**

PARISH PRIEST:
Fr. Declan O'Brien
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:

**Note over January we may revert to Word &
Communion services.**

Monday: 9.15am - St Mary's 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 meet-
ing room)

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After the 9.30am Mass Saturday morning, before
6pm Mass or upon request..

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Centre on
9791 4611

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 Fr Declan

Firstly, I wish to thank you all for your Gifts and cards given to me and for your con-
tributions to the Christmas dues collections and to our "rebuilding Fund".

Families are amazing! At times families go through tough times, much like Mary,
Joseph and Jesus. With their flight into Egypt and exile. I'm sure it could have been
very tempting for Joseph to just walk away. Maybe a bit like us and our parish
Family... We don't have a church building and some have walked away, feeling that
because we don't have a church building proper, and that our seating isn't comfort-
able, and that "Father" doesn't seem to be doing anything about getting our "Church"
open again, well we'll just go somewhere else.

We are still a family and it's when times are tough, our identity as family is stronger,
through the grace of God.

Thanks and Good Wishes

Thank you to the Parishioners for making my three years here at St. Mary's a real
pleasure and privilege. I have witnessed tremendous generosity among the commu-
nity and have loved being part of the Parish team. Although we have not had a
Church building since Easter we have shown the Church is where the People of God
gather in humility, worship and service, regardless of an ornate building .

My prayers for a flourishing Parish life and I know your new Pastoral Associate
Kathy will bring with her many skills, warmth and enthusiasm.

Cate Kavanagh

NEW ROSTERS

**Until new rosters are completed, would you please sign up at mass you are
attending if you are able to assist as either reader or Eucharistic minister.**

Thank you

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*During Dec/Jan holidays, the Parish Office will be open 9am-12noon only from
Tues 29th Dec to Fri 22nd Jan.*

*If you urgently need a priest, please leave a message on 9791 4611 and Father
will call you back.*

DON BOSCO ANNUAL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

SAFETY BEACH

Junior Camp 1: 4 to 7 January

Senior Camp: 11 to 15 January

Junior Camp 2: 18 to 21 January

Don Bosco Camps are running their annual Summer Holiday Camp for young
people, 9 to 13 year olds (Junior) and 13 to 16 year olds (Senior), in the upcom-
ing January school holidays. The Don Bosco camp is a Catholic holiday program
for disadvantaged young people, run completely by volunteer youth leaders.
We would like to invite all young people aged 9 to 16 in the Melbourne Arch-
diocese to come along. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial
circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment.

Details: www.donboscocamp.org.au or 5987 2692

CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

The winner of the Chocolate Raffle, kindly made and donated by
Bernard Tobin, is Henry Dodd.

Funds raised from this raffle were \$505 to go towards the Church
Rebuilding Fund.

*Keith Donovan would like to thank parishioners for their prayers during
his recent illness.*

MASS TIMETABLE 2015

Saturday 26th December (Feast of St Stephen) Mass 10.00am (Parish Centre)
Vigil Mass 6.00pm (School Auditorium)

Sunday 27th December (Feast of Holy Family) Mass 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Thursday 31st December (New Year's Eve) Word & Communion Service 9.30am
(Parish Centre)

Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Parish Centre)

Friday 1st January 2016 (Feast of Mary Mother of God)

Mass 11.00am (Parish Centre)

Mass during the Christmas & January Holidays

Mass times are as usual however Word and Communion Service may replace weekday Masses
occasionally