



# 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.

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*This weekend we pray for*

## Recently Deceased :

**Anniversaries:** Lucinio Monteiro

**Sick:** Veronica Gislingham, Sharon Rozario, Chris Grubb, Jeff  
Fisher, Marlene Frawley, Shelley Campbell, Ryan Robinson,  
Anthony Tan, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva ,  
Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Kim,  
Faye Waring, Gary Van Hostauyen, Daren Vukmirovic, Keith  
Donovan, Beryl O'Neill, Desmond Hopper, Josephine Thomas,  
Eva Macasinag

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

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## Collections for last weekend...

Presbytery: \$1274  
Thanksgiving: \$1501

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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.



## 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

**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:** Enrolments take place most Sundays after  
8.30 am 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 ..... Fr Declan

On behalf of our parish, we congratulate Deacon George who received an  
award on Thursday, 3rd December. The award is 2015 Victoria's Multicul-  
tural Meritorious of the Year for his excellent service and ministry to the  
South Sudanese community throughout Victoria. His work includes pasto-  
ral care in the Archdiocese and building a bridge between his community  
as a peace advocate on behalf of Christ.

In our Gospel this week John the Baptist preaches about preparing the  
way for the coming of the Lord. As Christians we are called to fulfill this  
message by preaching reconciliation, forgiveness , peace and love around  
the world.

May this Advent season be a time of real preparation for the coming of  
Christ and like Deacon George may we try to be agents of Peace and  
Mercy.

## VINNIES POP UP PIETY STALL

For the next 2 weekends at all masses a table will be set up selling  
Christmas cards, small gifts and Columban Calendars. There will be  
limited stock, if you miss out this week, no worries there will be 1  
more! Items for sale before and after masses.

## Rosters for Weekend 5th-6th December 2015

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Jeanette Colvin Martin Martens	Patricia Oliver Rutherford Elizabeth Luamanu	Rogan Kelly Clara Marasignan	Hanee Selvarajoo Michelle Tordillo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Russell D'Costa Valerie D'Costa Janet Murray	Fay Gubbels Gerry Netto Ulalia Niupuluso	Thorwald Philipp Edith Philipp Geraldine Koskoszka Colin Maslen	Marilyn Meyer Neville Thomas Remy Palat

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

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Pat Leane Liz Gilligan	Hannie Talora Casimiar Niupuluso Leo	Thorwald Philipp Michele Lobo	Peter Hartin Edna Lee
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Florence Holligan Pam Hickman Margaret Simmons	Ramona Dias Roseline Alain Ann Dalton	Robert Coomaraswamy Orito Awo Samaria Nepa Ofelia Alvarado	Marie Michel Graham Newberry

## Cuppas Roster for Sunday 6th Dec 2015

8.30am	10.30am
Maria De Petra Alice & Joe Van Es Janina Gorski	Michael Kokoszka Elizabeth Lam Sam Margaret McLaren Edna Lee

## 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.

## Coming up in December, more details to follow:

**Friday 11th-11.00am at the Marian Room**

Anointing Mass and light luncheon for the Sick & Senior Members  
of our Parish.

**Sunday 20th after 10.30 mass**

Thankyou BBQ for all Parish volunteers

**Sunday 20th -7.30pm Parish Christmas Carol Evening**

Sausage Sizzle after 5.30 mass (Gold Coin Donation—all proceeds  
will go towards our Church Refurbishment)

## CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2015

**Private Confession:** Tuesday 22nd December 6.30-8.00pm (Parish Centre)  
Wednesday 23rd December 6.30-8.00 pm (Parish Centre)

**Christmas Carols:** Sunday 20th December after the 5.30 pm mass

**Christmas Eve:** Thursday 24th December Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
Vigil Mass 10.30pm  
(Community Centre)

**Christmas Day:** Friday 25th December Mass 8.30am ,10.30am  
(Community Centre)

## NO EVENING MASS

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**Saturday 26th December (Feast of St Stephen)** Mass 10.00am  
(Parish Centre)

**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

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