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.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Declan O'Brien
DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottliebsen
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel and Maree Walker
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren
CENTRE MANAGER: Ms Sue Findlay
CATECHETICS CO-ORDINATOR: Ms Marilyn Cuddihy

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 during school terms. During school holidays, 9.00am in Parish office meeting room.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.00am (Parish office meeting room)
Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)
Friday: 11.00 am (Parish office meeting room)
Saturday morning:

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.

RECONCILIATION

At 5pm to 5.45pm Saturday (before 6pm Mass) or upon request.

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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

.There are many ways to appreciate today's Gospel story of the Prodigal Son. May I suggest one way to appreciate it:

Remember how the story ends? The forgiving father pleads with his older son to come in and celebrate his younger brother's reconciliation. When the older son protests that he's always obeyed the father—in contrast to his younger brother's betrayal—the father reassures his older son of his love. But the father tells him they *must* celebrate. Why? His brother who was lost has been found; given up for dead, he's come back to life.

I'm intrigued by Scripture commentaries which suggest that Saint Luke aimed this ending at those in his own communities who wished to exclude some people from their Eucharist. Perhaps there were Christians who'd been disloyal in times of persecution, or sinned in other ways. Like the older brother, some in Luke's faithful community may have resented the reconciliation of these wayward members.

This slant on the story challenges me. I often make judgments about others and miss my own need to celebrate God's unlimited mercy and forgiveness. When I behave that way, I become the older brother in the story, who absents himself from the celebration. Today, let's hear the voice of the Father calling us to come in to the party! Fr. D

** Please note there will be no Mass celebrated in the Parish on Monday, September 12th. This is to facilitate those who wish to attend the Requiem Mass for Mahn Nguyen which takes place on Monday, September 12th at 10.30 am in the Vietnamese Catholic Church, 225 Hutton Road, Keyborough.

Rosters for Weekend 10th-11th September 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
Readers	Florence Holligan Pam Hickman	Casimiar Niupuluso Frank Hempel	Elizabeth Lam Sam Pamela Spink	Michelle Alvares Hannee Selvarajoo
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Tobin Ruth Kirpalani Pam Hickman	Ramona Dias Rosaline Alain Belen Satuito	Rita Sly Stefania Vecchio Sala Perez Rose Impala	Marilyn Meyer Marie Michel Neville Thomas

Rosters for Weekend 17th-18th September 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
Readers	Cheryl Thomas Meryl Thomas	Belen Satuito Ramona Dias	Dawn Heldt Bernard Barr	Peter Hartin Edna Lee
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Colvin Dalrene Corera	Carmel Simmonds Russell D'Costa Valerie D'Costa	Thorwald Philipp Edith Philipp Geraldine Koskoszka Colin Maslen	Remy Palat Graham Newberry

Prayer for the Refurbishment of St Mary's Parish Dandenong

Heavenly Father, as we commence the refurbishment of our Church. We give thanks to those who have worked so hard to bring us to this commencement.

Let us pray that FIMMA Constructions, Gerard Smith (Architect), Anthony Russo (the Artist) and all those who through their skills and giftedness will bring this project to fruition.

St Joseph the Worker Pray for us
St Vincent Ferrer Patron of Builders Pray for us
St Mary of Dandenong Pray for us

Youth Retreat
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September 10am-6pm
Salesian College, Bosco Street, Chadstone
Divine Australia is a charismatic Catholic ministry based in Melbourne. Divine Australia Youth Ministry presents this two-day, power-packed, youth-only retreat. Join us for two days of praise, worship, music and inspiring talks and messages from gifted messengers of God.
Cost: Free
Details: Nicola on 0410 423 350 or Andrew 0405 346 207

WALKING WITH GOD IN NATURE: SEPTEMBER PRAYER DAY
Saturday 17 September, Bass Coast
This event, facilitated by the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Kew, offers participants a rare opportunity to spend quality reflective time walking in silience with a group in nature. The walk is from San Remo to Kilcunda and returne, via the George Bass Coastal Walk. Total distance: 14 kilometres.
Cost: Suggested donation $25. BYO lunch
Details: Campion Centre on 9854 8110 or secretary@campion.asn.au

Parish Dinner Dance

Tickets are now available for the Parish Ball. Please collect the amount you want after any Mass or at the parish office. They are $30.00 per head for a buffet meal and music. This is a big chance for St Mary's community to get together socially and also to raise money for the refurbishment of our church. (***All money must be in by Monday the 3rd October***)

St Mary's Youth Group is celebrating the school holidays in style this month with an exciting session of laser tag! 'Tag' along and meet other youth 13 and up for a fun day out! For more information, contact Justin on 0413 961 816

Card Making Workshop

Join us at The Open Door for a day long ***card making*** workshop. Jan is a talented artist and card maker and has offered to share her expertise with us by running a day long intensive workshop. This fun day of creativity will finish with a shared lunch.
When: Wednesday 21 September 10-2pm
Where: 110 Ann Street, Dandenong
Suggested Donation: $5 (and a plate to share for lunch) Please let either Trish or Jo know on 9791 8664 as places are limited

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Parish Calender 2016

5th October	*Parish Council Meeting*
29th October	*Archbishop Hart Visit*
31st October	*Cup Eve Ball*
6th November	*Stewardship Program*
19-20 November	*First Communion*
23rd November	*Parish Pastoral Council*
9th December	*Seniors Christmas Luncheon*
20th December	*Reconciliation Service 7.00pm*
24th December	*Christmas Eve - Family Mass 7.00pm and Midnight*
25th December	*Christmas Day - 8.30am and 10.30am*

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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
DEC 8, 2015—NOV 20, 2016

**********Important Notices**********

Readings for 2nd to 23rd October will on the back wall of the Auditorium

The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)

Tuesdays: Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

1st Sunday: Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's (Not until further notice)

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

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This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased : Barbara Wilson, Ignatius Paive, Manh Joseph Nguyen

Anniversaries: Frank Ambrus, Julio Jesus Pereira, Sengan & Thevani Periyan, Xavier & Princy Paiva

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva , Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Kim, Faye Waring, Daren Vukmirovic, Eva Macasinag, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Ian Newberry, Eileen Winfield, Hayley Pearson

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…
Thanksgiving: $ 1433.50
Presbytery: $ 422.20
Loose money: $ 1196.00

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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.

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Information on the Sick
Please inform the Parish Office if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing
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