



# 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.*

## RECONCILIATION

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

## Important Notice

Monday 28th March and 4th April 2016

Word and Communion Service 9.30 am Parish Centre

(No Mass in School Auditorium)



# 2016

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

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



**PARISH PRIEST:**  
Fr. Declan O'Brien  
**DEACON:**  
Rev. George Piech Meat  
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
Kathy Gottliebssen  
**PARISH SECRETARIES:**  
Franca Van Boxtel  
Maree Walker  
**FINANCE OFFICER:**  
Mr. Geoff Harkin  
**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.  
**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)

**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



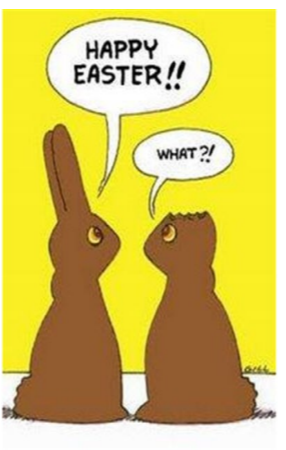
## From the desk of the Parish Priest ..... Fr Declan

This year 2016 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Irish uprising which began with the reading of the Irish Proclamation of independence on the steps of the General Post Office in Dublin on Easter Monday in 1916. The reading of this Proclamation was but the beginning of Ireland's War of independence from Great Britain. Old hostilities thankfully have now been put to rest and the two countries are now friends.  
The Easter Gospel is our Proclamation of independence! that the forces of death cannot and will not overcome us. Yes we acknowledge that such forces exist in our human condition in sickness, in despair, in our fragmented society, but through the resurrection of the Lord ; the great Paschal mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus, that such forces do not have the final word: Jesus does! Pope Francis has said that the celebration of Easter is God's mercy come to life in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We are the living message of God's mercy as the Body of Christ resurrected from the dead!.. Let us all Proclaim with everything that we are. "Christ is risen from the dead and he is risen indeed, Alleluia!"  
On behalf of the Parish Team: Deacon George, Kathy, Marilyn, Father Brian, Father Alwin, Franca, Maree and myself may Easter 2016 be a time of many and numerous blessings in your lives. Your support and Christ like love and is a blessing to us all in our ministry of service!  
Your Easter offerings are now welcome. These offerings go towards the support of your local parish clergy and also help support the clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, whose parishes struggle to support their own assigned clergy. Again thank you for your support financial and otherwise of the Priests and Bishops of our local Church.

### Good Friday Collection 2016

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education , employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shires associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.



### Rosters for Weekend 2nd-3rd April 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Dalrene Corera Jeanette Colvin	Hannie Talora Casimiar Niupuluso Leo	Thorwald Philipp Michele Lobo	Michelle Tordillo Hanee Selvarajoo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Elizabeth Fernandes Theresa Fernandes Bibiana Fernandes	Ann Dalton Maria De Petra Joanna Van Der Ven	Rita Sly Stefania Vecchio Sala Perez Ofelia Alvarado	Ria Greene Marilyn Meyer Siliva Mastrogiovanni

# CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

### Volunteers for Breakfast Club

St Mary's Primary School are looking for volunteers to help supervise a breakfast club that we hope to start up in the near future. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who is interested please contact Stephanie Meade or Greg White on 9791 7650.



### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those involved in organising the Sausage Sizzles last weekend. We raised \$1168.00 which will go towards the Church Refurbishment. A fantastic effort!

### 2016 Prep Enrolments - St Mary's Primary School

Enrolments for the Prep 2016 school year have now opened. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by 30th April, 2016, they are eligible to enrol their child at St Mary's Primary School. Please collect an enrolment form from the School Office by 19th

### Caritas Australia— Easter Sunday

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia  
Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2016 Lenten Appeal.  
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### 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 :** Martin Lowe

**Anniversaries:** Carmelita Lim Peloy

**Sick:** Fr. Tony Guelen, Sharon Rozario, 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, Eva Macasinag, David Pilapil-Nuñez II, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1,450.55  
Presbytery: \$ 467.35  
Loose money: \$ 1,380.40

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.

