



## 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.



# 2016

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

DEC 8, 2015—NOV 20, 2016

### 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

### 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 meet-  
ing room)

### RECONCILIATION:

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.

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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

As you are aware from last week's bulletin I will be travelling to Ireland on Tues-  
day next, to ; with the help of God, assist with the care of both my Parents . It is  
timely before I leave the parish for a few weeks, to let you know what is happening  
with our church building. The question that is on most parishioner's mind's, "  
when it will it be ready?".

I am very aware of the saying that, "Rome was not built in a day!", and in the light  
of our current situation, we are not building a city but trying to get an already ex-  
isting building up and running again. I empathise fully with the feelings of impa-  
tience and frustration with the length of time this reconstruction seems to be tak-  
ing. I feel this sense of frustration and impatience too. I again want to thank the  
Saint Mary's Primary School community for their assistance in using the Father  
Guelen Auditorium as our Church building. Just because we are not "at home"  
right now makes is no less a Parish faith filled community; mindful of the words of  
Jesus Christ, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be among  
them" (Matthew 18:20).

To date the tendering process to procure a building firm is taking place under the  
watchful eye of Gerard Smith; our appointed Architect and Chris Young from the  
Building Services Department of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Thank-  
fully as we are not adjusting the exterior of the Church building we do not require  
a Building Permit from the local council authority. However, we do require a  
permit to ensure any works done in the church meet and satisfy current building  
code regulations. This permit has been applied for from the Council of the City of  
Great Dandenong.

All things considered, I am informed that reconstruction is due to begin in April  
and with the help of God and His Blessed Mother we might, be back "at home" by  
October/ November 2016.

### Rosters for Weekend 20th-21st February 2016

|                                  | 6pm                                   | 8.30am                                                | 10.30am                         | 5.30pm                                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Readers</b>                   | Florence Holligan<br>Margaret Simmons | Belen Satuito<br>Ramona Dias                          | Michele Lobo<br>Ofelia Alvarado | Michelle Alvares<br>Peter Hartin          |
| <b>Eucharistic<br/>Ministers</b> | Martin Martens<br>Dalrene Corera      | Carmel Simmonda<br>Russell D'Costa<br>Valerie D'Costa | Anna Minenna<br>Tania Holland   | Marilyn Meyer<br>Ria Greene<br>Remy Palat |

### Rosters for Weekend 28th-29th February 2016

|                                  | 6pm                                                           | 8.30am                                             | 10.30am                                                   | 5.30pm                                                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Readers</b>                   | Cheryl Thomas<br>Meryl Thomas                                 | Teresa De Feo<br>Janina Gorski                     | Elizabeth Lam Sam<br>Pamela Spink                         | Michelle Tordillo<br>Rodney Gonsalves                   |
| <b>Eucharistic<br/>Ministers</b> | Elizabeth Fernandez<br>Theresa Fernandez<br>Bibiana Fernandez | Ann Dalton<br>Maria De Petra<br>Joanna Van Der Ven | Rita Sly<br>Stefania Vecchio<br>Sala Perez<br>Rose Impala | Neville Thomas<br>Marie Michel<br>Silvia Mastrogiovanni |

Please take home your new Thanksgiving Envelopes this  
weekend. Help us save on postage, thank you. If you  
have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Franca  
or Maree (Parish Office)



## Music Meeting Tuesday 23rd February 7.00 pm – Parish Meeting Room

This is an important meeting for all choir  
leaders and anyone interested in leading singing at our  
weekend masses. We would also like to invite anyone  
who plays guitar or keyboard.

**Kathy Gottliebssen (Pastoral Associate)**

## DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL

### DINNER PROGRAM FOR 2016

**“Listening To: The Voices That Echo the Glory of God through Prayer and  
Mercy”**

**DATE:** Thursday 10 March 2016

**VENUE:** Graduate's Restaurant , St John's Regional

College, Caroline Street, Dandenong

**START:** 6.30pm for 6.45pm start

**COST** \$35.00 (single) or \$65.00 (double).

3 course meal wine & Beer.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** MARIA JONES (Grief Support)

**RSVP:** By Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Phone Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Sr. Michele fcs is leading a Prayer Day at Family Care Sisters, 69 Alto Ave., Croydon.

Time: 10am-3.30pm. Cost: \$10. BYO lunch. Tea/Coffee & M/Tea provided.

Bookings: please ring Sr Michele 9723 4377 or email [familycaresrs@bigpond.com](mailto:familycaresrs@bigpond.com)

## Caritas Australia—Second Sunday of Lent

In Laos Duangmala's son, Hum Noy, has the chance to learn and  
thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported  
by Caritas Australia.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and  
help people in remote areas of Malawi harness  
their strengths.**



## 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:** David Pilapil-Nuñez II,

**Sick:** 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, Desmond Hopper, 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: \$1188.00

Thanksgiving: \$1169.00

Loose money: \$392.00

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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.*

