



# St Mary's Parish

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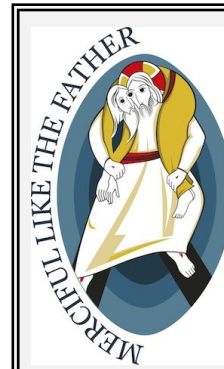
*"Though many we are one."  
One in faith and one in the  
Gospel values  
of hospitality and welcome,  
compassion and justice.*

*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 Gottliebsen  
**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.

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

Did you know God has a "dream for the world"?

From the dawn of creation, described in the *Book of Genesis*, the story of the Bible relates how God created the world to be a place of harmony. The Garden of Eden is a beautiful symbol of this harmonious world. The Promised Land, as it's depicted in our first reading this Sunday, also shows us a vision of what God has in store for the human family. There, Joshua leads God's people into the "land of milk and honey."

Jesus captures God's dream for the world in the Gospel story today. It's the familiar story of the Prodigal Son, better titled "The Father Who Couldn't Forget." There, our God is portrayed as the parent who waited day after day for his errant child to return. What a beautiful picture of God!

Throughout history, though human beings have strayed constantly, following their own ideas for happiness, God has held fast to a dream of harmony, and made it come true with forgiveness. Jesus, and Christians who seek to follow him, embody that dream in our world today.

(Courtesy of Fr. Greg Friedman, Franciscan Media)

### Cuppas Roster for Sunday 6th March 2016

	8.30am	10.30am
Maria De Petra	Elizabeth Lam Sam	
Alice & Joe Van Es	Adriana Cachart	
Janina Gorski	Michael Kokoszka	

### Rosters for Weekend 5th-6th March 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Marina Walles Diane Rivera	Tim Evans Kasia Leo	Veronica Gislingham Bernard Barr	Neville Thomas
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Janet Murray Florence Holligan Pam Hickman	Fay Gubbels Gerry Netto Ulalia Niupuluso	Thorwald Philipp Edith Philipp Geraldine Kokoszka Colin Maslen	Graham Newberry Ria Greene Remy Palat

### Rosters for Weekend 12th-13th March 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Elaine Rodrigues Pam Hickman	Jude Perera Annmarie Lochery	Martin Martens Tania Holland	Susan Rodrigues Remy Palat
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Brian Tobin Ruth Kirpilani Margaret Simmons	Ramona Dias Roseline Alain Belen Satuito	Robert Coomaraswamy Orito Awo Samaria Nepa Ofelia Alvarado	Marilyn Meyer Neville Thomas Remy Palat



### 2017 Prep Enrolments St Mary's Primary School

Enrolments for the Prep 2017 school year have now opened. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by 30th April, 2017, they are eligible to enrol their child at St Mary's Primary School. Please collect an enrolment form from the School Office by Friday May 27th 2016

### Enrolment for Confirmation

Families wishing to enrol their child in the Parish Confirmation program need to come to the Parish Office and collect an enrolment form and pay \$30.00 enrolment fee. (This free covers cost of materials needed for this sacrament)

Classes will commence Monday 21st March 4.00 pm -5.00pm in the back meeting room

**Kathy Gottliebsen (Pastoral Associate)**

### There's nothing like a good book, or is there?

Yes there is; a friendly group to review it with.  
The Open Door book club meets monthly and  
Would love to meet you at their next catch up.  
We'll be discussing 'The life of Pi' by Yann Martel  
over a cuppa and we'd love to hear your thoughts.

**Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong.**

**When: Monday 21 March from 7pm-8pm**

**A gold coin is welcome.**

**For more details call either Trish or Jo 9791 8664**



### VINNIES POP UP PIETY STALL Easter Edition

For the next 4 weekends only, before and after all masses.

### Caritas Australia—Third Sunday of Lent www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

First Australia Evangeline is an Artsworkeer at the Djilipin Arts Ghunman Culture Centre where she is flourishing with new Skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help  
First Australians to gain new skills and renewed passion to  
Preserve and celebrate traditional culture.**

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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 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 :** Elizabeth Rymarz

**Anniversaries:** Stella Collins, Carmelo Puglisi, Carmela Barresi

**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, Desmond Hopper, Eva Macasinag, David Pilapil-Nuñez II, Jack Johnson

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authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.*

### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1,344.40  
Presbytery: \$ 393.55  
Loose money: \$ 828.30

*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*

