



# St Mary's Parish

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*"The Parish of Saint Mary's is committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults"*

*"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 Gottliebse

**PARISH SECRETARIES:** Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker

**FINANCE OFFICER:** Ms Josie Ferarro

**GARDENER/CARETAKER:** Mr. Kevin McLaren

**CENTRE MANAGER:** Mr. Miguel Matamala

**CATECHETICS CO-ORDINATOR:** Ms Marilyn Cuddihy

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00am-3.00pm

**New Parishioners Book:** If you are a new parishioner to St Mary's, could you please sign our Parishioners Book in the church foyer.

*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.*

### WEEKEND MASS TIME

**Saturday Morning:** 9.00am

**Saturday Evening:** 6.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

### WEEK DAY MASS TIME

**Monday:** 9.00am (Word and Communion)

**Tuesday:** 9.00am (Except during School Terms mass will be 9.15am)

**Wednesday, Thursday:** 9.00am

**Thursday:** 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)

**Friday:** 11.00am (Followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm(Benediction))

(Last Friday of every month **Anointing Mass**)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9am Mass and 5pm to 5.45pm 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:** Timothy Hogan

**St. Mary's Community Centre** 9792 4884



## From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Declan

My parents were of the generation that did not want to be in debt, so they saved until they could pay for an item. Today, we are a country of credit cards, so most of us always owe some company something. Many college graduates are burdened with debt for years after they graduate. There is just one debt that all Christians must assume, Paul tells us in his Letter to the Romans: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another..." Why? "...for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." What law? Aren't there many civic and church laws? "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." All the other commandments are summed up in one law, the law of love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." Imagine a country, a world, in which everyone assumed this one debt, obeyed this one primary law. Would government officials track down, detain and deport people who broke a border law to escape violence, oppression and severe poverty in their home country? Would Dreamers live in fear of being deported to a country that they don't even know? Would there even be violence and extreme economic inequalities in any country? Would we be grappling today with our country's original sin of racism? Would we hold our collective breath every time a self-absorbed, power-obsessed world leader threatens to push the nuclear button?

Of course, ours is an imperfect world. Even those of us who desire to be ruled by love stumble and fall short. Conflicts persist in every dimension of human living – family, community, workplace, church, national and global civil society. In **this week's Gospel**, Jesus offers a model of nonviolent conflict resolution which is not sufficiently tried. He acknowledges that not all efforts are successful, and sometimes we have to move on and trust the situation to God, but first, we must do everything we can to resolve the conflict or transform the situation."

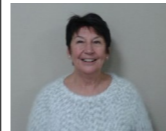
Reflection for the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time by FAN Associate Director, Sister Marie Lucey.

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### Parish Calendar 2017

13th Sept	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
16th & 17th Sept	Father Declan's Farewell
16th Sept	Vinnies Meeting 10am
24th Sept	Commitment Mass 1st Communion 10.30am
26th Sept	Outreach Meeting 4pm

### Parish Council Profile



**Name:** Kathy Gottliebse (Parish Pastoral Associate)

**Family:** 3 Married Children, 10 Grand Children

**Lives:** Glen Waverley

**Parish:** I have been on the Parish Council since coming to St Mary's in February 2016. I love the work I do for St Mary's and I am very appreciative of the love and support I receive from everyone. May God bless us all

**Hobbies:** Following Collingwood in the A.F.L. Singing, Ballroom Dancing, Playing Piano, Water Aerobics and Gardening.



### 2018 Prep Enrolments at St Mary's Primary School

Enrolments for Prep 2018 school year are open. If you or a friend has a child who turns 5 years old by April 30th, 2018, they are eligible to enrol their child at St Mary's School. Please come and see Sandra and Jane to collect an enrolment form as soon as possible.

This weekend the Church in Melbourne welcomes two new priests, Fathers Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas who were ordained on Saturday morning at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for our new priests and for many more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes and communities in Melbourne.

### Father's Farewell

Anyone who would like to bring a cake or slice for the sausage sizzle lunch is asked to drop it off at the Community Centre on Sunday morning (17th September)

### Donations for Raffle

During our Dinner Dance we will be having lucky spots and raffles. If anyone would like to donate a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates as prizes could you please drop them into the office during the week, or leave in the baskets in the fellowship room over the next few weekends.

Thank you  
Kathy  
(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 'My Brilliant Friend' by Elena Ferrante, over a cuppa.

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

When: Monday 18 September from 7pm-8pm

A gold coin is welcome.



### The Regulars

**Daily Rosary:** After morning Mass (except Sunday)  
**Tuesdays:** Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

**3rd Wednesday:** **Friendship Club** lunch at Dandenong RSL

**1st Sunday:** **Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's** (Commencing February)

**3rd Sunday:** **Presentation of Baptism candidates** at 10.30am Mass

**4th Sunday:** **Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass  
**Baptism at 10.30 Mass**

\*The Open Door is part of the St John of God Ministries, 110 Ann Street Dandenong 9791 8664

### This weekend we pray for

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Cardamone, John Hendy, Lucrezia Cerminara

**Anniversaries:** Bill Harkin, Daniel Duchenne

**Sick:** Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Agapi Nicolaou, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lilly Tsim, Fleur Armstrong

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1274.75

Presbytery: \$ 727.35

Loose money: \$ 1396.00

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.

Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

### Inquiry for R.C.I.A.

For those wishing to become a catholic or if you know of someone interested in becoming a catholic please contact Deacon George at the Parish Office on 9791-4611 before the start of the first session which will be Sunday, 5th November.

### Altar Servers

If you would like to be an Altar Server for Fr Declan's farewell Mass 10.30, 17th September, please register your name on the sign up sheet in Foyer.