



# 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 Gottliebson  
**PARISH SECRETARIES:** Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker  
**FINANCE OFFICER:** Ms Josie Ferarro  
**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.*

### WEEKEND MASS TIME

**Saturday Evening:** 6.00pm

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

### WEEK DAY MASS TIME

**Monday:** 9.15am -

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9.00am

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

**Friday:** 11.00am

### 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

**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.

**Acting Principal:** Brendan Watson

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

New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from  
www.stmarysdandenong.org



## From the desk of the Archbishop .....

Dear Friends,

In this Year of Mercy, we are called to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel, where we encounter God's love and mercy in the life and love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. There we witness a special experience of God's mercy and a call to live out Christ's profound teachings in our daily lives.

In this special Jubilee Year, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us:

Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.

Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. (Misericordiae Vultus, Rome 2015)

Over the past four decades, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne have provided generous funds to Melbourne Overseas Missions. This prayerful and financial support has enabled works of mercy to affect the lives of people in developing countries across the world. Melbourne Overseas Mission continues to provide resources and programs in: education, healthcare, self-development and community infrastructure. These programs have empowered communities in countries including Papua New Guinea, Peru, East Timor, West Africa, Botswana, Israel and Pakistan.

I thank you once again for your generous support of Melbourne Overseas Missions. Through these important works of compassion, the love and mercy of God reach far beyond our Archdiocese, to the corners of the globe.  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

### Rosters for Weekend 10-11th December 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Pat Leane Liz Gilligan	Malia Leo Ivy Satuio	Michele Lobo Ofelia Alvarado	Peter Hartin Edna Lee
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Colvin Ruth Kirpalani	Carmel Simmonds Russell D'Costa Valerie D'Costa	Martin Martens Anna Minenna Denise Nowakowski Tina Congues	Margaret Ngaelha Graham Newberry Silvia Mastrogiovanni

### Rosters for Weekend 17th-18th December 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Florence Holligan Margaret Simmons	Annamarie Lochery Patricia Oliver Rutherford	Elizabeth Lam Sam Pamela Spink	Neville Thomas Remy Palat
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Elizabeth Fernandes Theresa Fernandes Bibiana Fernandes	Ann Dalton Maria De Petra Joanna Van Der Ven	Tania Holland Margaret McLaren Teresa Talora	Marilyn Meyer Marie Michel Neville Thomas

### Christmas Mass Altar Server Sign up Sheets in foyer of Church

Altar Server training for Christmas will be held on Wednesday 14th December at St Mary's Church 6.30pm

All Altar Servers, NEW and OLD are welcome to attend, along with their parents.

See you there ....Deacon George.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND TWILIGHT MARKET, SOUTH MELBOURNE

Sunday 18 December, 6pm

Sts Peter and Paul, Corner Dorcas and Montague Streets, South Melbourne

The Christmas Carols Concert and Twilight Market at Sts Peter & Paul's, South Melbourne is back again this year. Held in the church grounds, groups from around Melbourne will lead the carols, and there will be markets stalls and food available throughout the evening. Don't miss this wonderful event as we prepare for Christmas!

Details: [www.facebook.com/CapuchinCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/CapuchinCommunity)

### AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH

Monday 12 December to Friday 13 January 2017

St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Road, Dandenong North

Local artist Wilson Fernandez has been creating stunning nativity scenes for the past 13 years. This is regarded as one of Australia's best nativity displays and is months in the making each year. It has steadily grown into the largest of its kind in Australia. Wilson artistically creates the village and township with handmade huts, stables, buildings, bridges, palaces, houses and temples surrounded by mountains, rocks, lakes and rivers. Each week the nativity scenes change to reflect the story of the birth of Christ.

Cost: Free. Children to be accompanied by parent or guardian

Viewing times: 9.45am-6pm and after Mass

Details: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or parish office 9795 6217

### Christmas Appeal Gift Donations

Gift donations this year can be placed under the Christmas Tree.

During our Christmas visitations, we visit a range of families. Those with children of all ages and single. So we can better distribute the grateful gifts, please think about what you would like to receive.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

Veronica Gislingham  
President  
St Vincent de Paul  
St Mary's Dandenong Conference



### Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.

Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.

Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,

to grow in faith and service

and to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Parish Calendar 2016/2017

13th December	Advent Reflection 10.30 am
20th December	Reconciliation Service 7pm
24th December	Christmas Eve—Family Mass 7pm and Midnight
25th December	Christmas Day— 8.30am and 10.30am
7th February 2017	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

### RCIA

Please pray for our new members of the RCIA who will be baptised and confirmed next Easter. Remember them in your prayers.

A big thank you to all who helped out with the Senior Luncheon; many parish events would not happen if we did not have help from our Parishioners. We are blessed to have such wonderful people in our Parish.

Fr. Declan and Staff

### 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

**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:** Diamante Ricci

**Anniversaries:** Domenic Caruso, Paul Nguyen

**Sick:** Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Eva Macasinag, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Dawn Fredricks, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Roberts, Angie Calabarkis

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1403.50

Presbytery: \$ 453.90

Loose money: \$ 1854.30

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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.



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.

