



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 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

Sometimes the hardest gospel text to hear and live are the simplest. Today's selection from Saint Matthew's Gospel contains such a passage. Jesus, still preaching the "Sermon on the Mount, acts in the role of a "new Moses"; a new kind of lawgiver. He builds on the commandments of old, but commands that we go deeper. Rather than retaliating for all the evil done to us, we are to offer no resistance, hand over our possessions, go the extra mile. Instead of hating our enemies, we are to love them. We are to pray for our persecutors. In short, we're commanded to practice a perfection which imitates God our Father.

In one of his movies, filmmaker Woody Allen portrays a writer, who is "up himself". A friend of this writer accuses him of trying to be like God. "Well", says Woody Allen's character, "I have to model my life on somebody!" Far from being an exercise in arrogance, striving to "be perfect, just as your Heavenly Father is perfect" is our way to salvation.

Without the graces we are offered in Jesus Christ of course, such a task is impossible, but if we respond to the challenging commands of the Lord in our Gospel this Sunday, we are assured of God's help to live them out.

Fr. D

IMPORTANT NOTICES

White Elephant Stall

Anyone who has reuseable items (not junk) that they would like to donate to the "white elephant stall" at the car boot sale is asked to contact the parish office and leave their goods in the parish carport.

Bingo

Bingo is in urgent need of volunteers for Tuesday and Saturday Night.



St Mary's Youth Group is meeting on the 19th February after the 5.30 pm mass, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm! Come along and share a meal, games and a reflection with Parish youth.

Parish Calendar 2017

28th February 2017	Outreach Meeting 7pm
Sun 5th March 2017	Car Boot Sale/Community Day
18th-24th March	Parish Mission (Ray Sanchez)

SPEAKERS EVENING: ST GREGORY THE GREAT, DONCASTER

Wednesday 22 February, 7-9pm
St Gregory the Great Parish Hall, 396 Manningham Road, Doncaster
This Speaker's evening will focus on the life of St Gregory the Great, as part of the 50th year celebrations. St Gregory the Great was Consul of God, ascetic administrator, political strategist, liturgist and evangeliser, religious reformer and inspiring writer, the New Man in a changing society. The evening's speaker will be Fr Brendan Hayes, honours graduate in history at the University of Melbourne, with a Licence in Ecclesiastical History from the Gregorian University in Rome. The evening will commence with a light supper of pizza and drinks. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. **Details and RSVP:** 9848 2395 or Doncaster@cam.org.au. RSVP by Monday 20 February.

FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, ST LUKE'S PARISH, WANTIRNA

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February
St Luke's, 1 Ipswich Court, Wantirna
The Fatima Centennial celebrations will take place at St Luke's over three days, during which time the statue of Our Lady from Lisbon, Portugal, will be present. Join the St Luke's community for prayer, recollection and devotion, with a variety of events in the church, including a Mass Friday morning at 9am, a procession and Rosary that evening, followed by another Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.30pm, and then a Reparation Vigil. At 2.30am on Saturday morning, Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart will be celebrated, with other events including two more Masses through the day and evening. On the Sunday, a family consecration to the Two Hearts will take place at 10am, followed by a 10.30am Mass and Rosary. **Details:** www.stlukeswantirna.net

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB: PARTY NIGHT

Saturday 25 February, 8pm
St Benedict's Parish Hall, Central Avenue, Burwood (opposite Eyre Street)
Single Catholics aged from 28 to 60 are invited to a fabulous night of music, dance and fun, complete with supper and lucky door prizes, in this first Saturday night party for 2017 of the Southern Stars Social Club. **Cost:** \$13 **Details:** Peter on 9885 2167

SING-A-LONG

Join us at The Open Door on the fourth Friday of each month (24 Feb) For this fun workshop where you will learn a new song, Or join in with some oldies. We welcome all skill levels and none.

Where: 110 Ann St, Dandenong
Time: 1.30-2.30pm (followed by a cuppa 'til 3pm)
*Please note date change of the March workshop to 31 March
For more details, call Trish or Jo 9791 8664

Back by Popular Demand:
CARD MAKING WORKSHOPS
with Jan McCaffrey

Jan has generously offered to run a further series of three CARD MAKING workshops at The Open Door during March. Jan has a friendly and relaxed way of sharing her many talents in this field, and if you would like to take part in these productive workshops, please let either Trish or Jo know on 9791 8664 as places are limited.

When: Tuesdays: March 7, 14 & 21 **1.30pm-3pm**
Where: **110 Ann Street, Dandenong**
Led by Jan McCaffrey
Suggested Donation: \$4



CAR BOOT SALE/COMMUNITY DAY
Sunday, 5th March - 12.00noon to 5.00pm

At St Mary's School grounds

All those wishing to sell their goods will be charged \$10.00 for a space to set up.

BBQ and fun activities
Talent Quest—\$2.00 to enter

Anyone interested in selling their goods or running a fun activity please contact **Helen Anderson on 0425 753 413**

Positions Vacant

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Administration/Project and Property Coordinator, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria, Thornbury
Parish Secretary - St Mary's, East St Kilda
Payroll Officer, East Melbourne
Domestic Support - St Mary's Parish, East St Kilda
Organist - St Joseph's parish, Chelsea
Parish Secretary, Inner Eastern Suburbs
Parish Catechist Coordinator, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood
Assistant Editor, East Melbourne

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

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
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

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased :

Anniversaries: Antonio Sangaletti, Regina Puvi, Anna Dalla-Zanna Goodes, Maurice & Percy Fernandes, Reg Canning.

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Eva Macasinag, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Angie Calabarkis, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Francis Lesoy, Maria Koreti Manutai, Bertha Martens, Janet Murray.

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Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1,225.50

Presbytery: \$ 368.30

Loose money: \$ 1697.65

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.

