



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: 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

It is a great and singular honor for me to serve as your local "Shepherd"- Parish Priest for all most the last eight years. It's always a privilege for a Priest to serve in a community of people who are faith-filled and faithful to their parish, their faith and Church, as the parishioners of Saint Mary's obviously are. Saint Mary's is truly a community of communion; Common Union and Mission, in the building up of the Body of Christ in Dandenong. As one of our Parish Banners reads, "Though many, we are one!"

Since our return to the church at the beginning of December, I have prayed and spent time discerning what the Lord is calling me to do next. With that in mind, I met with our Vicar General a few months ago and was made aware of the need that the rural parts of our Archdiocese are in need of Priests too. I volunteered my ministry to be placed in such as a parish. Last Thursday, I was appointed as Parish Priest to the joint Parishes of Kyneton and Trentham. I will be taking up this appointment on Wednesday, September 20th.

I will be sad to leave Saint Mary's; knowing what a special Parish this is. However, I am consoled by the fact that your new Parish Priest: Father Brendan Lane, is very eager to make the next steps of the journey of faith with you under the patronage of our Parish Patron; Mary. Father Lane takes up his appointment as Parish Priest of Saint Mary's on September 20th also. Please pray for Father Lane and myself over the next few weeks as we both take on these new appointments.

Though this is not goodbye, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to share in your faith journeys as you have shared and shaped mine. Saint Mary's has taught me, so much! What I have learned here will make me a better disciple of the Lord and a better Priest.

Parish Calendar 2017

Tuesday, 25th July	Outreach Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday, 2nd August	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, 10th August	Deanery Dinner
Tuesday, 15th August	Baptism Meeting
Thursday, 17th August	Cyrene Centre AGM
Tuesday, 22nd August	Outreach Meeting

Eucharist as meal

Originally the meal involved sharing food, being with others lead to a deeper communion with one another and with Jesus. Later it came to more simply be seen just as food to provide nourishment and strength. It is a common activity of the people sharing and making a response to Jesus which is the main activity, not the 'consecration'.

Thinking of the Eucharist in terms of a meal has an ancient and honourable tradition. There are more than four dozen accounts of Jesus eating or talking about food. There is a whole meal ministry of Jesus that provides us with precious gospel stories that can deepen our understanding of Eucharist. All four evangelists see Eucharistic implications in the feeding of the multitude. John uses the feeding of the multitude to call forth the most explicit teaching of the Eucharist. Mark, Matthew and Luke narrate the institution of the Eucharist in the course of the Passover meal.

All meals in the New Testament reveal something of Jesus' ministry and provide an important link with the final meal which Jesus celebrated with his disciples. The New Testament writers and early Christians surely understood the meals in this way. So should we. There is a practical reason for focusing on the meal aspect of the Eucharist. All of us eat. It is an important social ritual in which we each share. Unfortunately, in our McDonalds and KFC society we can actually make the mistake of thinking that the most important thing about meal time is food. Sharing a meal is more than eating food.

Cup Eve Parish Dinner Dance Monday 6th November

Last year our dinner dance was a huge success and most people agreed we should make it an annual parish event.

Anyone interested in being part of the planning committee for this year's dinner dance is asked to ring the parish office on 9791-4611 before Friday 4th August, so we can start to meet to organise this year's parish get together.

GUIDED IMAGERY AND MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Can harmony in music contribute to harmony in life and to our inner harmony? Come and join us at The Open Door, as we listen to music and explore this question together.

This gentle process uses classical music, relaxation, an expression of our experience through drawing or writing and some small group sharing.

When: August: 1, 8 & 15: 1.30-3pm.

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

Suggested Donation: \$5

Bookings essential: Trish or Jo 9791 8664

Led By Sr Florence Holligan SSJG



Some people prefer to lie on the floor for the music experience - please bring a rug and a cushion if you would like to do this.

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds", blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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: Terry Pootren

Anniversaries: Luigi Simioni, George Fonceca, Olive & Romeo Netto, Richard D'Cruz, Francis Xavier Paiva

Sick: Sharon Rozario, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Angie Calabarkis, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Agapi Nicolaou, Joyce Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal

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Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 2109.10

Presbytery: \$ 405.90

Loose money: \$ 1319.90



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.

