



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

History of the Eucharist

People excluded (part 3)

The Jansenist movement (around 1650) suggested humans are evil, this discouraged people from receiving communion (despite the reforms of Trent), and once again it became rare for people to receive communion. This reinforced the spectator notion of the people at the Mass. The Benedictine monks attempted to involve the people with congregational singing (Gregorian chant). However people were still unable to hear the priest or to join in the singing, which was in Latin. This movement from around 1850 was the beginning of reform and during the 1950's various forms of participation were encouraged and sodalities were formed to encourage people to attend communion at least once a month. The reform of the Council (1962-1965) called for a return to the original understanding of the Eucharist including "full and active participation by all the people". Among other things it reintroduced: That the local language be used in the celebration. That Communion should be received at each Eucharist (and wine where possible). That there be more use of scripture and a homily be given at every Eucharist. The priest should face the people. There should be a greeting of peace and the prayers of the faithful should be heard.

For many people the transition from devotional prayer (where I could say my own prayers) to liturgical prayer (focusing on the faith community and the gospel call) has been difficult. It is more difficult when celebrants do not lead people sufficiently well in liturgical prayer, (for example where they do not allow adequate time for personal reflection on the readings or some personal prayer after communion). The problem has been compounded by the fact that alternative devotions have been dropped and people have little other communal prayer often than the Eucharist. In all the reform people are being called to rediscover the meaning of the Eucharist: people gather to give praise and thanks to God and to remember Jesus as he asked us to do by sharing a meal together.



Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of the Sacred Heart in the Church on Monday at 9.30am with students from St Mary's Primary School.

Parish Calendar 2017

Tuesday, 27th June	Meeting—Ministers of Communion
Wednesday, 28th June	Outreach Meeting 6.30pm
Sunday, 2nd July	Parish Brunch—8.30 & 10.30am
Tuesday, 4th July	Readers Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday, 11th July	Baptism Meeting
Thursday, 13th July	Deanery Forum
Friday, 21st July	Confirmation
Tuesday, 25th July	Outreach Meeting 6.30pm



From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Declan

The times are changing... new arrangements for the Cyrene Centre

The Cyrene Centre was established as a family support centre for those dealing with a drug affected member. Families were the main cohort accessing support from our parishes. The Deanery decided after much deliberation prior to 2002 that the centre would be set up locally for families. There were other services in our area supporting the drug user.

We engaged Mary of the Cross (now Catholic Care) to be our service provider for counselling and community support. The sourcing of funding for the counsellor was their responsibility. The funding for the general expenses of the centre would be sourced by the Deanery from the deanery parishes, local council, local schools and general donations and fundraising activities. Over recent years, Catholic Care have expressed concern regarding the ongoing nature of funding and we have had long periods of uncertainty waiting for funding confirmation. Current conditions for funding do not match our intended service.

Currently, the operation of the centre has moved considerably from the deanery's original intention as a family support centre with the increasing number of users (60%) accessing counselling. The premises, we feel, do not offer sufficient safety/security arrangements for the service to users, particularly in this current climate. We have a duty of care to our parish volunteers (as do Catholic Care for their counsellor) to minimise the risk associated with the provision of care. The offices of Catholic Care in Dandenong do provide necessary security arrangements for receptionists and counsellors with regard service provision for users.

On Wednesday this week, Catholic Care informed us that they had received a letter of resignation from some Cyrene Centre current volunteers who had chosen to volunteer at Catholic Care into the future and they felt that this meant that the current service could not continue at Douglas Parade. In addition, the current funding was conditional upon the user as client. As a result of reduced volunteer support, in addition to funding restrictions, Catholic Care would be withdrawing their counsellor, to take effect at the end of the financial year. The files of former and current clients will be transferred to the Dandenong Office of Catholic Care and current clients who are drug users will be directed to the Dandenong office. We thank Gerard, Catholic Care and all those who have volunteered at our centre over many years for their service to the deanery.

The Cyrene Centre will be vacating the premises at Douglas Parade and preferably relocate to parish properties to reduce costs. Use of existing funds, future fund-raising initiatives and parish, school and general donations will support the provision of Cyrene Centre counselling for families, which remains the priority of the Deanery above priority given to the location at Douglas Parade.

The Cyrene Centre, through the Deanery Executive will determine if there is insufficient call on our services for family support for addiction issues, whether the service provision is extended to include other family support eg relationship, conflict, domestic violence. We will be sourcing alternate service provider/providers. We envisage that there will be still opportunities for volunteers who wish to support the Deanery Cyrene Centre initiative. Watch for more updates in the coming months.

From: Dandenong Deanery Executive
(Fr Declan and Kathy Gottliebson members of the Deanery)

Mindfulness Meditation:

We aim to find a state of inner peace and connect to meaning while our mind and body is calm, still and silent. Join us each Monday (excluding public and school holidays) as we practise the art of Mindfulness Meditation.

No experience is necessary.

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

When Mondays 2.30-3.30pm

(followed by a cuppa 3.30-4.30)

Suggested donation: a gold coin.

Ph: Trish or Jo 9791 8664



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: Vincent Michalski

Anniversaries: Annie Fernandes, Theresa Mancuso, Maria Auteri, Regis Rampal

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, Francis Lesoy, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Ian Newberry

The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.

Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 2,109.50

Presbytery: \$ 451.90

Loose money: \$ 1,190.70

 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.

