



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

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

INFORMATION FOR PARISH BULLETIN NOTICE WEEK FOLLOWING THE APPEAL 21 MAY

Last weekend, we had Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. There was a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

Our dedicated Chaplains in the Youth Justice Centre at Parkville can work under extremely sad circumstances. Conducting funerals, memorial services, hospital visits and offering support at court appearances.

If you have not returned your envelope and donation you can return to the parish in the coming weeks or send it directly to the Development Office of the Archdiocese, or donate by phone on 9926 5731.

The role of the Catholic Chaplain is to walk with people as they seek out new possibilities in their lives and support them as they invite God and others to join them in this journey. They spend much of their time listening to the anxieties, fears hopes and joys of those they meet.

As one Chaplain describes it "What a privilege is the role of the Catholic Chaplain." The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

If you would like further information please contact the Development Office: 9926 5731

Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Seafarers

End of Life Choices

To assist us in our discernment and informing our consciences, the Archdiocese of Melbourne through the Life, Marriage and Family Office have published a booklet entitled "When Life is Ending". Copies of this are available this weekend.

Parish Calendar 2017

Tuesday, 13 th June	Baptism Meeting
Thursday, 15 th June	Information Night – Confirmation
Saturday, 17 th June	Propagation of the Faith – Catholic Care
Wednesday, 21 st June	Parish Council—7.30pm
Thursday, 22 nd June	Reflection Day Confirmation
Tuesday, 27 th June	Meeting Ministers of Communion
Wednesday, 28 th June	Outreach Meeting-7.30pm

History of the Eucharist

The early Church

The early Christians met to share the meal and to give thanks as Jesus had asked them to do. As Jews, they did this within the style that was familiar to them and they used the same prayers as they had always used, but now they added something entirely different:

- ◆ That Jesus was God's greatest gift to them
- ◆ That they experienced Jesus' presence in their gatherings.

The leader varied his blessings each time they gathered and the people would join in acclamations and responses. The blessing prayers were similar when used over the bread and wine so these became combined and the meal followed. After some time the meal was dropped. This happened because the gatherings had grown so large. People tended to gather for the blessing and then go off to various homes for smaller gatherings for the meal. This meal had been called the agape which is Greek for 'love' and was referred to as the 'love feast'.

St Paul became concerned at two developments. Since the meals were bring-your-own, a division began to develop between rich and poor people. There was a tendency for those who had more to drink, to become drunk. (1 Cor 11:17-34). Paul's solution for overcoming these problems, led eventually to the meal becoming separated totally from the blessing prayers and ritual. It was still customary for people to gather for these meals in homes where they were led to their prayer and ritual by the head of the family (not by a priest). As church buildings developed (domus ecclesia) it became the role of the Bishop as head of this home to lead the ritual.

For almost three centuries these meetings mostly took place in homes and often in secret, for fear of persecution. During this time the Christians spread throughout the nearby world and in time different local groups adopted different styles. In those early days communication was difficult and this explains the tendency for variation to occur in different countries. One description of the Eucharist given in 150AD by St Justin shows great similarity to our modern day Eucharist. It included:

First the people gathered on the first day of the week. There are readings from the prophets and apostles. Next a homily is given by the president. Then all stand to offer prayers, bread and wine are brought in and the leader prays in thanksgiving and the people respond. The bread and wine are distributed and taken in the hands; everyone shares and keeps some for those absent (e.g. the sick) and the people give one another a greeting of peace.

CRAFT AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Enjoy a group who shares skills in sewing, craft or quilting, friendship, a cuppa and even a joke or two. We welcome all skill levels and none at this fun workshop at The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong each Tuesday between 10am-12 midday (excluding Public/School holidays)

For more details call Trish or Jo 9791 8664.

Suggested donation of \$4 per session



St Mary's 2018 Prep Enrolments

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 by Friday June 2nd.



Welcome Uriah, Hermione, Melia and Taison who are being baptised this Sunday.

Please pray for them and their families.

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: Emiliana Cleofas, Michael O'Kane, Margaret Strachan

Anniversaries: Rudi Balzan, Jacqueline Netto, Andrea Reano, Darwin Batres, Thomash Vu, Joseph Dinh, Princy Emily Paiva, Malik Mendis, Peg O'Donovan, Teresa Florence Furnell

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, Lance Minus

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: \$ 1,114.00

Presbytery: \$ 318.10

Loose money: \$ 1,373.85

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.