



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 Gottlieb

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

We tend to walk away from situations and places that have painful associations for us. Sometimes that can be the right thing to do, but perhaps not always. Two disciples were walking away from a Jerusalem which now had very negative associations for them. It was just outside the walls of Jerusalem that their revered teacher and leader was crucified. Jerusalem was the city that killed all the hopes they had invested in Jesus. They wanted out of it as quickly as possible, seeing no future for themselves in that city.

As things turned out, Jerusalem was more than the city where Jesus was executed; it was also where he was raised from the dead and where the risen Lord would pour out the missionary Spirit upon his friends. The risen Lord walked with them to help them to see that there was more to Jerusalem than they realised. It is often the case in our own lives that the places we try to get away from, when we see them as dreary and dark are the very places where the seeds of new life are to be found, and where God is mysteriously but powerfully at work in the darkness.



CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CONFIRMATION

Classes for children not attending St Mary's primary school and who wish to be confirmed this year have commenced on **Wednesdays** from **4pm to 5pm**. Students need to be in Year 6 or above. If you wish your child to participate in this program could you **please contact the parish office and leave your child's details as soon as possible.**

Parish Calendar 2017

14th May	Mother's Day
16th May	St John's Day Mass at 9.30am
16th May	Baptism Meeting
18th May	Deanery Dinner
23rd May	Outreach Meeting

All singles both young and adult singles are invited to the singles conference. the topic of the conference is "To love and to be loved"

Small group discussions will be divided into different age groups.

Christian Singles Conference details:

Where: St Leonard's, Glen Waverley
349 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley,
Melbourne, VIC 3150

Cost: \$80 per person

When: 6th-7th May

For more information visit: trybooking.com/OXYR

This is a great opportunity to meet other Catholic/Christian singles in a friendly environment, meet others in different age groups, and enjoy the company of other people.

For more information visit trybooking.com/OXYR or email gerald-ine343@gmail.com or call Geraldine on [0413 398 528](tel:0413398528)

DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

Theme for 2017 Listening To:
"The Voices That Echo the Glory of God in Challenging Violence"

DATE: Thur 18th May 2017

VENUE: Graduate's Restaurant
St John's Regional College
Caroline Street, Dandenong

START: 6.30pm for 6.45pm start

COST: \$35.00 (single) or \$65.00 (double)
3 course meal wine & beer

GUEST SPEAKER: Safe Steps on (Domestic Violence)

RSVP: By Friday 12th May 2017 - **You Must Book**
Phone Paddy 0422 296 961 or
email dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

ALL WELCOME

MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY

Saturday 6 May, 10am-4pm

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne
During 2017 the Sisters of St Joseph are celebrating the 10th year of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, opened by the Sisters in November 2007. The Centre invites parishioners and friends to the next weekend Open Day for 2017. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum and the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the gift shop and refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A local 'walking tour' will take place at 11am to visit Mary's birth site. Everyone is welcome.

Details: 9926 9300

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2016/documents/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU12-19April2017/MaryMacKillopOpenDays.pdf

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

[Housekeeper, Corpus Christi College, Carlton](#)

[Care Coordinator - Carelink](#)

[Administrator for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Thornbury](#)

[Senior Policy Officer, East Melbourne](#)

[Parish Secretary, Our Holy Redeemer Parish - Surry Hills](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Gerard Majella's Parish - Dandenong North](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Pauls Parish - Coburg](#)

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: Maria Dissegna

Anniversaries: Lorenzo Modica, Priscilla Perera, Catherine Gunawardena, Ernest, Ivan & Rita Ambrose, Terence Dubier, Vincent Pereira, Lawrence Peters

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, Bertha Martens, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lance Minus, Soledad Satuito
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: \$ 821.10

Presbytery: \$ 304.20

Loose money: \$ 1,242.65



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.

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.

