



# St Mary's Parish

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"The Parish of Saint Mary's is committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults".

"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 Bostel & 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

St Mary's Catholic Parish

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that I have appointed Mr Terry Gardiner as the new Principal of our wonderful Catholic primary school, St Mary's, to begin his appointment at the beginning of the 2018 school year. I was advised of the Archbishop of Melbourne's ratification and have informed the staff.

Mr Gardiner is currently the principal of Holy Eucharist Catholic Parish Primary School, Malvern East. Mr Gardiner comes to us with experience and expertise in leadership from his many years as Deputy Principal and now as a Principal. His expertise and engaging presence in relation to our Catholic faith and school improvement will ensure our school's commitment to a quality Catholic education is ongoing.

I wish to thank the Principal Appointment Panel for their time, thorough attention to the process and for working with me over the past months. I would also like to thank the staff of St Mary's school and the parents, who attended the Community Consultation, for their valuable insights during the process. To all parents, your prayers during the process was so gratefully appreciated.

I know you'll make Mr Gardiner so welcome when he begins his journey with us and I know he will be looking forward to reconnecting with you and all the families of St Mary's.

Yours in Christ.  
Fr Declan O'Brien

### 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.

### Parish Calendar 2017

Wednesday, 2nd August	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, 10th August	Deanery Dinner
Tuesday, 15th August	Baptism Meeting
Tuesday, 22nd August	Outreach Meeting
16th & 17th Sept	Father Declan's Farewell

### Eucharist as meal (Part 2)

In modern life many families are seldom together for meals. This compounds the problem. We can aid our understanding by thinking about special meals, shared on festive occasions, such as Christmas, birthdays or times we invite others to our table. Everyone enjoys receiving dinner invitations—not primarily for the food. The thoughtfulness of the one extending the invitations, the pleasure of gathering with friends, the conversation and conviviality all play important roles. If these are all present we can look back and say "That was a good meal" (even if the food wasn't sumptuous!). It is obvious that in meals of this type, the social relationships are the most important realities, good friends makes any food taste better!

If this is true for us, it was even more true in the time of Jesus. Meals were sacred. To break bread with some was a pledge of solidarity and friendship. During more formal meals there would be much dialogue and sharing. Jesus carried out a rather extensive ministry of meal fellowship. The scribes and Pharisees understood the meaning of meals and often objected to the people with whom Jesus was eating. The fact that Jesus was regarded as a rabbi by some and a prophet by others and that he would associate himself with tax-collectors, prostitutes and those who did not know or keep the Law as a clear statement of solidarity with these people. Eating with them made Jesus' association with them starkly clear.

### Collection for Father Declan's Farewell

If you are wishing to donate to Father Declan's farewell you can do this by enclosing donation in an envelope and write "Father Declan's Farewell" on the outside and then deposit in collection bag at mass. Thank you. Kathy

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all who are approaching death,  
that they be granted the grace to live in peace in this life  
and rest in peace in the next.

Show us how to care for those at the end of life  
with loving patience.

We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who  
answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying.

May they be strengthened to continue to use  
their gifts in the service of life.

We pray for our law and policy makers,  
may they always seek to serve the common good and  
respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance  
with their conscience.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

### PAPER CRAFT AND RELAXATION

Join our series of paper craft and relaxation workshops which have been designed to offer an array of paper made products (including card making) while relaxing with friends.

**WHEN:** Each Tuesday morning during August 10.30am-12.30pm

**WHERE:** The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

**SUGGESTED DONATION:** \$5

**FOR MORE DETAILS/BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 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:** Anne Marsicano

**Anniversaries:** Doris Walker, Anthony & Philomena Rowland, Horace & Cynthia Rowland, Vernon, Trevor & Lionel Rowland.

**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, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lilly Tsim

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1931.00

Presbytery: \$ 324.65

Loose money: \$ 1237.20

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.

### MINISTRIES

A reminder to all those who serve our people in the week-end liturgy that only one ministry per person at each mass is to be performed, e.g. we cannot be a reader and bring up the offertory gifts, or be a Eucharist minister and take up a collection.

The word "liturgy" means the work of the people and there are many of us to share this work.

So if you are asked to take up a collection or bring up the gifts please be prepared to serve our community.

**Sacrament of 1st Communion & Reconciliation for students at government schools will be held in Nov/Dec. Classes begin on Wed 6th September at 4pm. Forms for enrolment are available from the parish office.**