



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 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

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and Grandad's amongst us. This is traditionally the day for the annual collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund. Just some background information about the appeal.

1. Some forty years ago with the introduction of the "new" Canon Law, Archbishop Knox introduced the practice of priests retiring at age 75. Until then, priests literally "died with their boots on" because an elderly diocesan priest had nowhere to live, part from his presbytery.
2. In 1990 Archbishop Little established the Priests Retirement Foundation with the motto, "caring for those who cared".
3. Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the Parish so they are not eligible for Superannuation.
4. Like everyone else in "the workplace" priests provide for their retirement by contributing 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the foundation.
5. Last financial year the Foundation spent \$3.5 million dollars "caring for those who cared"- our retired priests.
6. *The Foundation depend on your support. As Archbishop Hart says, "I would be most grateful if you can contribute to the Father's Day appeal, for our retired priests. Some donors have been supporting the Appeal since its inception in 1990 by Archbishop Little. This shows how much the Catholic people of Melbourne value the huge contribution made by priests who are now retired, but have cared for them in former times. Your generous donations have ensured a normal living for our priests who have served actively in the Archdiocese, but who are now elderly and frail. In fact in the past twelve months the Priests Retirement Foundation has assisted me in caring for about one hundred sick and retired priests. Our support for our retired priests who have shown us deep and spiritual care, is a true sign of gratitude".*

Fr. D

The Victoria Mauritian Pastoral Council invites parishioners to its annual mass in honour of Blessed Jacques Desire Laval at the Pere Laval Centre which is situated at 15 Malibu Circuit Carrum Downs. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jean Dupuche (Fr John) on Sunday 10 September at 2.00pm. After the Mass, finger food & refreshment will be served.

Inquiry for R.C.I.A.

For those wishing to become a catholic or if you know of someone interested in becoming a catholic please contact Deacon George at the Parish Office on 9791-4611 before the start of the first session which will be Sunday 5th November.

Parish Council Profile



Name: Delisa Gonsalves

Family: Single

Lives: Doveton

Parish: I have been a part of the wonderful St Mary's community for 6 years. I have been a part of the Outreach team for the last year, as well as being a Eucharistic Minister and a Youth Group member for the last few months. I was recently elected the new Editor for the Marian Magazine which I'm excited to be a part of.

Hobbies: Like Colin, I am a huge Richmond supporter and enjoy a good day or night out at the footy. I also love reading and watching new movies and television shows.



2018 Prep Enrolments at St Mary's Primary School

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 as soon as possible.

Father's Day: Today we give thanks for our earthly fathers and pray for them. Let's also give thanks for our spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well. Today let's also remember and pray for two new 'spiritual fathers' who will be ordained as priests on Saturday September 9 at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please remember in your prayers Deacons Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas as they prepare for priestly ordination next week. All are welcome to the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass. Please pray for more vocations from our parishes and communities in

Pope Francis says the parish is, "an environment for hearing God's Word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration". Following very successful expos in Cheltenham and Montmorency, Catholic Social Services Victoria and Resurrection Parish, Kings Park invites you to the next Reimagining Parish Services Expo at Kings Park. The expos provide an opportunity for parish groups and agencies to meet, showcase their services and demonstrate how parishes and agencies are working together to build the Kingdom of God here in Melbourne.

Cost; \$20 (\$10 concession). **Details:** Lucia Brick on 92875566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au **Registration:** www.trybooking.com/QLGZ **RSVP:** by Tuesday September 5th.

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.

Contact Trish or Jo for details: Ph: 9791 8664 E: theopendoor@ssjg.org.au

Parish Calendar 2017

6th Sept	Catechetical Classes Commence 4pm
16th & 17th Sept	Father Declan's Farewell
16th Sept	Vinnies Meeting 10am
24th Sept	Commitment Mass 1st Communion 10.30am
26th Sept	Outreach Meeting 4pm

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

4th Sunday: **Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass
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:

Anniversaries: Anna Dalla-Zanna Goodes, Joseph Dinh, Eileen Wilkin

Sick: Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, 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

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: \$ 1323.00

Presbytery: \$ 263.25

Loose money: \$ 1179.35

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.

May Our Children Flourish

You will notice around our church and meeting rooms there are new posters with the heading, "May Our Children Flourish".

These are in keeping with new Victoria State Legislation and also to create a Child safe and child friendly environment in the parish of St Mary's.

It is important that we all take a part in keeping our children safe to ensure their growth to their full potential as followers of the Lord.