



# 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.*

Meeting for all singers and musicians, Sunday 11th December after 10.30 Mass if you could all please attend to discuss Christmas Carols and the new audio system in the church.

### MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS, SOUTH MELBOURNE

Wednesday 7 December, 7pm, Sts Peter & Paul's, Corner Dorcas and Montague Streets, South Melbourne

This Mass will be the final Mass for Young Adults for 2016. It will be followed by an end of year party.

Details: [www.Facebook.com/MassForYoungAdults](http://www.Facebook.com/MassForYoungAdults)

### 48TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF READINGS, PRAYERS AND CAROLS, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Friday 9 December, 7.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

The annual evening of Christmas carols, readings and prayers this year will include music of Palestrina, Handel, Holst, Archer and Rutter, and will feature the St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Dr Daryl Barclay, with organist Dion Henman. Archbishop Denis Hart will be the principal celebrant of the evening.

St Vincent De Paul would like to thank everyone who donated in our green box in the year.

All donations from now will be back at the poor boxes at main entrance and one at the back.

Also, Piety stall is Open! Selling Rosaries, Columban Calendars and Christmas cards!

### PROGETTO CORELLI CONCERT, CLIFTON HILL: A SHADOW OF TIME

Saturday 10 December, 4pm

St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill

Progetto Corelli, an ensemble specialising in music of the baroque, will perform this December concert, featuring the music of Tarquinio Merula, Telemann, Handel, Corelli, de Boismortier and Jean-Baptiste Lully. The ensemble comprises violin, cello, flute, recorder and harpsichord. Entry is by voluntary donation and bookings are not required.

Details: 0449 870 528 or [progetto.corelli@gmail.com](mailto:progetto.corelli@gmail.com)

If you are attending the **Senior Christmas Lunch and Mass** on Thursday 8th at 11am would you please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Church this weekend.



### Parish Calender 2016

6th December	Advent Reflection 10.30 am
8th December	*Seniors Mass/Christmas Lunch –11am *Classical Music & Prayer Reflection –7pm
13th December	Advent Reflection 10.30 am
20th December	Reconciliation Service 7pm
24th December	Christmas Eve—Family Mass 7pm and Midnight
25th December	Christmas Day— 8.30am and 10.30am



## From the desk of the Parish Priest ..... Fr Declan

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Many thanks to all parishioners who responded to our Stewardship Program last weekend by supporting the parish for the next few years. Our special thanks to Fr Brian Collins who celebrated our Masses. Pledge cards will again be passed around at all Masses his weekend and collected for those who did not have the opportunity to return their cards last week.

Time and Talent sheets will also be collected and blank sheets are available in the foyer.

A reminder that the **Distribution meeting is on Tuesday night at 7:30** in the parish centre. If you're able to help with follow up please come along.

Your new series of Stewardship Envelopes will be available for you to collect Saturday, 17 & Sunday, 18 December

Thank you for your generous response.

Kind regards

**Tony Biviano**  
Parish Development Officer

**Father Declan O'Brien**  
Parish Priest

#### Program Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service  
and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Rosters for Weekend 3rd-4th December 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Jeanette Colvin Marina Walles	Jude Perera Subha Perera	Thorwald Philipp Colin Maslen	Michelle Alvares Hanee Selvarajoo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Brian Tobin Ruth Kirpalani Margaret Simmons	Ramona Dias Roseline Alain Belen Satuito	Robert Commaraswamy Orito Awo Samaria Nepa Ofelia Alvarado	Marie Michel Neville Thomas Remy Palat

### Rosters for Weekend 10-11th December 2016

	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
<b>Readers</b>	Pat Leane Liz Gilligan	Malia Leo Ivy Satuito	Michele Lobo Ofelia Alvarado	Peter Hartin Edna Lee
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peter Colvin Ruth Kirpalani	Carmel Simmonds Russell D'Costa Valerie D'Costa	Martin Martens Anna Minenna Denise Nowakowski Tina Congues	Margaret Ngaelha Graham Newberry Silvia Mastrogianni

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr. Declan O'Brien

**DEACON:** Rev. George Piech Meat

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Kathy Gottliebssen

**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

*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 Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

### WEEK DAY MASS TIME

Monday: 9.15am -

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.00am

Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)

Friday: 11.00am

### 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.

### RECONCILIATION

At 5pm to 5.45pm Saturday (before 6pm Mass) or upon request

**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.

**Acting Principal:** Brendan Watson

**St. Mary's Community Centre 9792 4884**

New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from [www.stmarysdandenong.org](http://www.stmarysdandenong.org)

## RCIA

Please pray for our new members of the RCIA who will be baptised and confirmed next Easter. Remember them in your prayers.

### 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

**3rd Sunday:** Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass followed by Baptism preparation

**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:** Eileen Winfield

**Anniversaries:** Giovanna & Nicola Taraborelli

**Sick:** Sharon Rozario, Jeff Fisher, Ryan Robinson, Col Cormick, David Morrison, Tyrone De Silva, Margaret Deegan, Jenny Stivic, Ruth Caia, Michael Kelly, Daren Vukmirovic, Eva Macasinag, Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Dawn Fredricks, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Roberts

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: \$ 1,487.00

Presbytery: \$ 333.20

Loose money: \$ 1,405.05

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.

