



# 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 Bostel & 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 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

### Pope Francis Lenten Words. "Do you wish to fast this Lent?"

- \* Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- \* Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- \* Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- \* Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- \* Fast from worries and trust in God
- \* Fast from complaints and and contemplate simplicity.
- \* Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- \* Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- \* Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- \* Fast from words and be silent so you can listen."

**We pray for our candidates Ivone, Trevor and Shane who will be received into the Catholic church and for our catechumens Dunira, Kach, Tina, Suong, Mariama and Sunny . We remember them in our prayers as they take part in the Rite of Election with Archbishop Hart this Sunday.**

### Luke's Gospel workshop

We invite you to join us as we follow scripture scholar Tom Wright's book 'Luke for Everyone'. We read the gospel Together, discuss its meaning and how it affects us in our everyday lives.

**When:** First Monday of the Month (6 March) 4.45pm-5.45pm

**Where:** The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong

A gold coin is welcome

More details call Trish or Jo on 9791 8664



### Parish Calendar 2017

9th March	Dandenong Deanery Dinner 6.30pm
18th-24th March	Parish Mission (Ray Sanchez)
28th March	Outreach Meeting 7pm
29th March	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Project Compassion** — Please take home a box and/or envelopes & support Caritas Australia as we celebrate Love Your Neighbour. Help empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

### Reconciliation , First Communion and Confirmation for Government School Students

After School Religious Education classes for Reconciliation and First Communion will begin on Wednesday 6th September in the Back Meeting Room at 4pm. Confirmation classes will commence end of April. Enrolment forms are available at the Parish Office

### Love Your Neighbour



With the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, Dinia gained the skills to earn a better income for her children and help neighbours in her vulnerable community. *As much as possible I will try to help [my neighbours] so that we are on the same level."* Dinia

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities.

People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income. For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children.

She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia.

SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia's innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business.

Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. "My life is much better now. It is much easier," she says.

*I have a feeling of contentment, being able to help others." - Dinia*

### ST IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: FOUR WEEKLY LENTEN SESSIONS IN GREENVALE AND RICHMOND

**Monday nights commencing 6 March, 7.30-9pm**  
**St Ignatius Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond**

or  
**Tuesday nights commencing 7 March, 7.30-9pm**  
**Corpus Christi Community, 855 Mickleham Road, Greenvale**

'Inner peace in divine love' is a series of four weekly sessions devoted to the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, devised to help people seeking deep inner peace. This series of evening gatherings across Lent, in Greenvale or Richmond, is a four-week guided prayer retreat, where participants pray a guided contemplative prayer at home for at least half-an-hour most days and meet once a week to share their experiences of prayer.

**Details:** Annmaree on 0413 853 060 or [annie54@icloud.com](mailto:annie54@icloud.com)

### DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

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

**DATE:** Thur 9th March 2017  
**VENUE:** Graduate's Restaurant  
St John's Regional College  
Caroline St, Dandenong  
**START:** 6.30pm for 6.45pm start  
**COST:** \$35.00 (single) or \$65.00 (double)  
3 course meal, wine & beer

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dandenong Police Officer (Violence)  
**RSVP:** Phone Paddy 042229 6961  
[dandenongdeanery@live.com.au](mailto:dandenongdeanery@live.com.au)

ALL WELCOME

### 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

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### This weekend we pray for

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Paul Maher, Albert Van Es

**Anniversaries:** Richard Gorski, James Grubb, Carmela Barresi, Alfio Tomaselli, Presti Family

**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, Maria Koreti Manutai, Bertha Martens, Janet Murray, Max Warner.

*The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.*

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1,624.50

Presbytery: \$ 378.75

Loose money: \$ 1,635.00

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*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.*

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*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.*

