



# 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

Transfiguration Sunday  
(August 5th and 6th, 2017)

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. At this event on Mount Tabor Jesus let his true identity be revealed. He was seen in all his Glory. What is that glory? The face of God who sustains and is our all powerful Creator, whose name is Love and Mercy.

Saint Ireaneus once said, "That the glory of God is man fully alive". You could say that at the Transfiguration Jesus was fully alive and in tune with God. We too are called to reveal God's glory in our lives from the moment of conception right up until the moment God calls Home to be with Him and see the beatific vision for eternity. Let us remember that it is up to the Lord to call us home; not at the will of a relative or a member of the medical profession. Our mission in life is to reveal the greatness and love of God by the means we care for those who are terminally ill.

Fr. Declan

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

**Next weekend, there will be a Special Collection for the annual appeal for CatholicCare.**

### Heavenly Father,

*We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
We ask that you may grant them the grace to endure their trials and receive the reward of their faithfulness.*

*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!*

### Eucharist as meal (Part 3)

Jesus used meals to talk about God mercy and compassion. The three parable of mercy in Luke 15 immediately follow the complaint by those learned men of the Law, that "this man welcomes sinners and eats with them!". Jesus often healed and forgave sins and spoke of the quality of God's love at meals. He used these occasions to do whatever was necessary to reconcile people with God.

At the last Supper, the meal directly related to the Eucharist, bread and wine were reminders of joy and plenty in the promised land. These signs of God's bounty and protection; of his willingness and eagerness to deliver his people. Those who shared the bread and wine received a personal share in the blessing that was spoken. Jesus focused the meaning of the sharing even more sharply by stating that the bread was his body and the wine his blood; the true blood of the new and everlasting covenant promised by Jeremiah (31; 31-34).

### 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 (some available in foyer) write "Father Declan's Farewell" on the outside and then deposit in collection bag at mass. Thank you. Kathy

### THE OPEN DOOR - CREATIVE WRITING GROUP WITH SPOKEN WORD ARTIST



The Open Door is hosting two workshops run by internationally renowned Spoken Word Artist: Abdul Hammoud. As part of the 'Suburban Studio Project' run through Dandenong Council, Abdul will spend time workshopping with a friendly group, giving tips and inspiration. Spoken Word is poetry that is designed to be performed and it will be inspirational to hear from an expert in this field. It promises to be interesting, so why not join us?

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to play!

**When:** Thursdays 10 August & 14 September 10-12 midday

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

*Suggested donation: gold coin per session*

*Please call Trish or Jo on 9791 8664 as places are limited.*

### Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidadanga and Warmun for the wet season. Accommodation and food is provided.

**For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060

Email: [volunteers@broomediocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomediocese.org)

Web: [www.broomediocese.org](http://www.broomediocese.org)

### Parish Calendar 2017

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

### 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

**\*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:** Darrell Spink

**Anniversaries:** Maria Mastroianni, Elena Aiono-Taulia, Enzo Dal Pozzo, Daniel Duchenne, Albino & Andrew Lago, Miguela & Jovito Villarente Sr., Phyllis Fonceca, Eric Paul, Phylis Francis, Bernard Smith.

**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: \$ 2079.95

Presbytery: \$ 425.95

Loose money: \$ 1459.15

*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.*

### 40 YEAR REUNION

Calling all former students who were at St. John's from (Form 1/Yr7) to 1977 (Form 6/Yr12).

In 1997 we had some 130 students attend a 20 year reunion at The Dandenong Club.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 we hope to have the same again for our 40 year reunion. The Dandenong Club has again been booked (cost details to follow)

If you are interested in attending and/or being involved in event organisation please advise your email address/mobile phone number to one of the following.

- Anthony Hamilton ([anthony.hamilton@siemens.com](mailto:anthony.hamilton@siemens.com) or 0438 058 328)
- Tim Evans ([tiffy9@gmail.com](mailto:tiffy9@gmail.com) or 0466 207 551)
- Hilary Jayamaha ([h.jamma@gmail.com](mailto:h.jamma@gmail.com) or 0423 475 935)

If you are in contact with other students from our year, please ensure they are also aware.