



# 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 Gottliebson

**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

**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

Are you ready to continue your "post-graduate" work as a Christian?

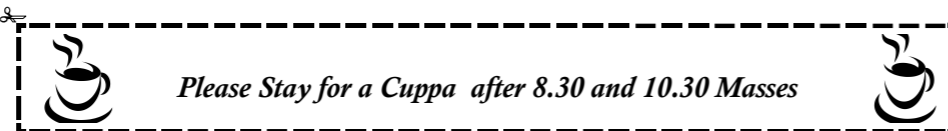
On the Sundays of Easter the liturgy offers instruction for the newly baptized. And all of us are "enrolled" in that course along with them. Our "curriculum" comes from the *First Letter of Peter*, the *Acts of the Apostles* and the *Gospels*. They all suggest how a community rooted in Christ witnesses in the world, with the Holy Spirit's help.

Today we're reminded again of the Jesus we follow. A sermon from *Acts* on the first Pentecost calls listeners to conversion. The second reading—perhaps drawn from an early baptismal instruction to Christian converts who were slaves—presents Jesus as the Suffering Servant, a theme we heard in Holy Week. The instruction urges the newly baptized to identify with and follow Christ as "shepherd of our souls."

It's a metaphor found in John's *Gospel*. Imagine a crowded sheepfold, noisy with milling flocks and the conflicting voices of shepherds calling their sheep. It's a likely place for a thief to slip over the wall and do mischief.

But the Good Shepherd enters boldly by the main gate, calls us by name, and we recognize him. With the voice of the Shepherd calling us, we continue our Easter celebration of Baptism.

**Please note that next Thurs 9.00am mass will not be held due to the funeral of Teresa Furnell at 11.30am.**



### Parish Calendar 2017

14th May	Mother's Day
16th May	Baptism Meeting
18th May	Deanery Dinner
23rd May	Outreach Meeting
21st June	Parish Council 7.30pm
2nd August	Parish Council 7.30pm
13th September	Parish Council 7.30pm
25th October	Parish Council 7.30pm
6th December	Parish Council 7.30pm

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our Confirmation Children will be wearing a red sash when they come to Mass during their time of preparation. Please take time to acknowledge them and pray for them.



### History of the Eucharist

Each week we'll print part of the History of the Eucharist as was presented to us by Father Ray Sanchez during our "Parish Mission"

**The Jewish Passover Meal** celebrated the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt. The houses which were sprinkled with the blood of the lamb were 'passed over' by the angel of death. Those houses which were not sprinkled with blood suffered the death of the eldest son. The blood of the lamb became a most significant symbol. Jesus would later be called 'the lamb of God'.

### Meeting for Word and Communion and Taking Communion to the Sick.

All those involved in this Ministry need to attend the Meeting on Tuesday 27th June at 7.30 in the Church

### 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.



Ph: Trish or Jo 9791 8664

### City of Greater Dandenong Mosque Open Day —Sun 7th May 2017

**At Emir Sultan Mosque, 139 Cleeland St, Dandenong**  
**Host: Imam Salih Dogan & community**

### Program:

**1.30pm** Presentation & Tour of Mosque

**2.15pm** Refreshments

**3.05pm** Asr Prayer (an opportunity to observe Muslim prayer time)

**3.30pm** approx. finish

Please wear modest clothing; arms to be covered to wrists & legs to ankles. Shoes to be removed before entering mosque and women please cover heads.

### CATECHIST CLASSES FOR CONFIRMATION

Classes for children not attending St Mary's primary school and who wish to be confirmed this year have commenced on **Wednesdays** from **4pm to 5pm**. Students need to be in Year 6 or above. If you wish your child to participate in this program could you **please contact the parish office and leave your child's details as soon as possible no later than the 10th May 2017.**

### 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:** Soledad Satuito, Teresa Furnell

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Lago, Antonio Linossi, Domenic & Maria, Vincent Pereira, Lawrence Peters, Tommaso & Filomena Roperti, Rosina Calabria, Kevin McCabe, Anastasia McCabe, Lucy Augustin, Jennie Pieris

**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, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lance Minus,  
**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: \$ 1013.50

Presbytery: \$ 289.10

Loose money: \$ 1569.55

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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.*

