

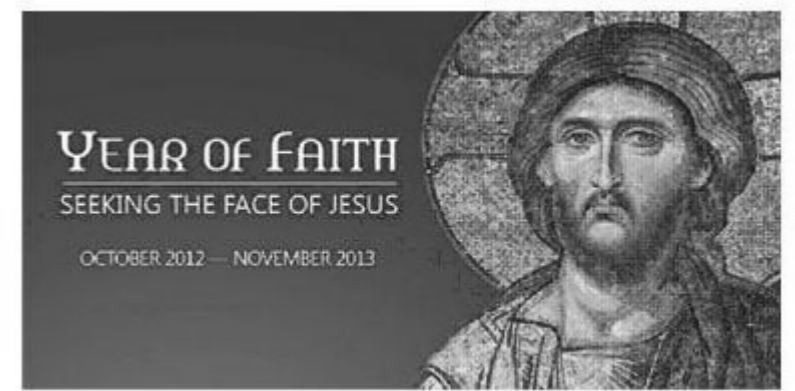


**"Though many we are one."**

**One in faith  
and  
one in the Gospel values  
of**

**hospitality and welcome, compassion and justice.**

## Marking the 130th Year of Saint Mary's Parish Dandenong



**Parish Priest:** Fr. Declan O'Brien  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9.15 to 12 noon  
Tue. Wed. Thurs. 9.15 to 4.15pm  
Friday: 9.15 to 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. The church will be closed on Mondays after the word and communion service and rosary.**

### Sunday Mass Times

**Saturday Evening:** 7.00pm  
**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm  
English, 12.30pm Polish

### Weekday Mass Times

**Monday:** Word and Communion Service 9.00am  
**Tuesday,** Mass 9.15am  
**Wednesday, Thursday:** Mass 9.00am  
**Thursday:** Mass at Cardinal Knox 11.00am  
**Friday:** Word and Communion Service 8.00am  
Mass at 11.00am  
**Saturday:** Mass 9.00am  
**Reconciliation:** 9.30am Saturday or upon request

**Baptism:** Come to the 10.30am Mass on the first or fourth Sunday of the month and meet with Cate, to begin the reception process

**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 6 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:** Mr. Andrew Walsh  
**St. Mary's Community Centre** 9792 4884  
New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from www.stmarysdandenong.org

**If you are going to Hospital and would like to be anointed please call Fr Declan.**

### Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised, please come to the 10.30am Mass on the **First or Fourth Sunday** of the month and meet Cate, to begin the reception process. Bookings for Baptism in 2014 from February onwards are being taken.

### DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH A NEW BELIEVER?

We invite any parish member to join us in forming a welcoming team to those wishing to join the Catholic Community through the RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation programme) If you feel called to help those who are seeking to become a Catholic, please let Cate know or call the Parish Office during the week.

### ATTENTION FAMILIES- SACRAMENT MEETING for 2014 Candidates

We are holding an information and prayer evening for parents of children making the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation in 2014 on **next Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church.** All children from Government schools as well as our Parish school of St. Mary's School need to attend to enrol their children for next year's Sacramental Programme. Could parents please bring along a photo copy of your child's Baptism certificate passport sized photo of your child. Please speak to Cate a Sunday Eucharist should need to discuss any further details.



### St. Mary's Cricket Club

**Under 15 Players Required Urgently**  
Want to play Saturday morning Cricket?  
Were you born on or after 1 September 1998?  
**St. Mary's Cricket Club needs you.** Family friendly Club / Working with Children Checked Coaches. Training at Carroll Reserve, Cnr Box & McCrae Sts, Dandenong Tuesday and Thursdays from 5.00pm Contact the President, John Brooks on 0421-214773

### From the Parish Priest.....



I'm not too sure how I'd react pastorally if I had to tackle the question Jesus receives in today's Gospel. It's a complicated, multi-part question about a woman who was widowed seven times, the Old Testament's law about a brother-in-law stepping in to marry his deceased brother's widow, and what will happen to all those spouses in heaven! Fortunately, the answer is an easy one: It's all about resurrection.

The question was a loaded one. It was asked of Jesus by the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, so their agenda was to promote their erroneous point of view. Jesus' clever reply cuts through all their complications, and even quotes Moses to respond.

Fortunately, we don't have to go through such complications to ground our faith in the resurrection, and the promise of eternal life with Christ. We need only to make our act of faith in him who died and rose for us. As Christians, the new life Jesus gives is the ultimate answer to all our questions.

Fr D.



**Anniversary Mass On Thursday 21st November at 7.00pm. there will be an Anniversary Mass for all those who have died in our Parish in the last year. If you have had a death of a family member overseas, please give your name to Cate.**

**White Cloth.....**We invited Parishioners to write the names of deceased family members on the White cloth that we are using now leading up to our during our Anniversary Mass on Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm here in our Parish. Please remember that if your loved one's name isn't on our cloth they are still remembered in our prayers and Masses in November.

**Second Collection at all Masses this weekend in aid of the ministry to those who are deaf in the Archdiocese.**

In the Piety Store this week a large array of Christmas cards, Columban Calenders for 2014 as well as the most recent edition of the diocesan Magazine Kairos, priced at \$2.

*Please take your Thanksgiving Envelopes, check your details and if they are not correct please notify Maria at the office asap, dandenong@cam.org.au or 9791 4611*



*Trade Wind Tea and Coffee is on sale this weekend!*

*Supporting farmers in developing countries. If any one would like to help sell after evening Masses, please let Fr Declan or Cate know. Everything is organised, we just need 5 to 10 minutes of your time once a month.*

★★ **The Dandenong Chapter of St Vincent de Paul are holding a Gala New Year's Eve Ball** this year, see notice board for details. Call Annmarie 0400 970 451, Rodney 0412 664 192 or Christopher 0409 144 875 for tickets and info. Please support this worthy cause.

**New Ministers are always welcome so** If you would like to **add** your name to any ministry for 2014 please let Father Declan, Deacon George or Cate know, otherwise you can leave a note in the office letterbox or email Maria at dandenong.cam.org.au Some of our ministries include: Proclaiming the Word, Eucharistic ministry, Communion to the sick, flowers, cleaning linen, youth group, music, children's liturgy, Word & Communion Service, RCIA, Hospitality aka "cuppas", bingo, Sacristan, altar servers, altar society, audio visual, working bees, seniors lunches, after school Religious Instruction, selling Trade Winds products once a month after Mass.

**St. Mary's Parish Scripture Study of St. John's Gospel.** The Study will **continue** on Wednesdays, Morning Session 9.30 to 11.30 am. Evening Session 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in the Marian Room New Street, Dandenong.



*From the Desk of the Pastoral Associate... Please have a browse on our notice board, here are a few items that may be of interest to you...*

- **YTU & CTC Open Days**
- **Campion Centre Spirituality**
- **Mission Expo**
- **Study Tour of the Bible Lands**
- **Wellsprings Fundraising Dinner**
- **Marriage renewal**

### The Regulars:

Daily

Mondays

Tuesdays

Saturdays

First Friday of the Month

Third Wednesday

Fourth Friday of the Month

First Sunday of the Month

Second Sunday of the Month

Third Sunday of the Month

Fourth Sunday of the Month ~ **Baptism**

**Rosary** after morning Mass (except Sunday)  
**Tai Chi** 2pm at Open Door  
**Centering Prayer** 7-8pm (at The Open Door)  
**Legion of Mary** 10.30am  
**Exposition** of the Blessed Eucharist 11.30—3.00pm  
**Friendship Club** lunch at Dandenong RSL  
11.00am Anointing Mass  
**Hospitality** Sunday~Cuppa's  
**Trade Winds** tea sales  
Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass followed by Baptism preparation  
**Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass

### This weekend we pray for

**Recently Deceased:** Pat O'Brien, Peter McInerney, Brother John Mitchell, Suzi Oghia, Michael Madden

**Anniversaries:** Maria Cardamone, Lauren and Lewis Guillot, Lillian Sly, Jovito snr & Miguela Villarente and all those whose names are on our altar cloth and in our hearts.

### Sick:

Anthony Tan, Daniel Duchenne, Col Cormick, Lynette Tyack, Frank Servello, Ray Watson, Frank Pigott, Alistaire D'Rosario, Pedro Cabrera, Bernadette Fernandez, Marie Michel, James Piech Meat, Michelangelo Cerminara, Marie Louis Walsh, Siena Hyland, Daniel O'Neill

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