LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO
THE GLORY OF GOD
THROUGH PRAYER, PEACE & HARMONY

This year our theme for our Deanery Activities is “Voices that Echo God’s call to prayer, peace and harmony”.

On Thursday 26 February, many of us from the deanery parishes gathered for dinner at St John’s Restaurant where we took a different approach to our regular style of guest speaker. At the dinner the guests shared thoughts on our theme. It was indeed a lively discussion as we examined both issues and causes of disharmony as well as the creation of harmony in our families, our community, our church, workplace and our world and what we could do as individuals to bring harmony to the world that we live in. We also discussed those people in our history and in the current day that were voices and models of peace and harmony.

We wonder who you would name had you been at the dinner!

Our next gathering featuring our theme will be held on 30th April.

Please see your parish newsletter for details or contact Paddy at dandenongdeanery@live.com.au to be included on our regular mailing list for updates on our deanery activities.

We are still requesting deanery representatives from some our parishes to join our deanery council. Contact your parish priest if you are interested.

At the time of writing this newsletter, our parishes are preparing for the celebration of the Easter Triduum... Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday. For your information, we have included in this newsletter details of the services to be celebrated in our deanery parishes. Also, the Stations of the Cross service conducted by the Combined Christian Churches of Springvale which is held at 11am on Good Friday on the Princes Highway, outside the Springvale Cemetery. All are welcome.

May the blessings of Easter, the promise of New Life, bring you and those you love peace and hope.

Paddy McGroarty on behalf of the Deanery leadership team
Fr. Brian Collins, Fr. Declan O’ Brien and Vicki Russell, Cate Cavanagh.

THE CYRENE CENTRE

The Cyrene Centre provides quality family drug and alcohol counseling for families suffering as a result of substance abuse happening in their family.

The service is an initiative of the Dandenong Deanery and is free of charge.

If you know somebody who is in need of this service just ask them to call on 9574 6355.

He is the author of fourteen books on theology, anthropology, mission, and spirituality, A member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, Fr. Gittins has taught, offered workshops, and given retreats in more than 35 countries.

Fr. Tony will be here as a guest of the Dandenong Deanery. During his time here he will be our guest for the two days 12th/13th Sept, when he will conduct two days of talks, workshops and prayer. The presentations will be held at Killester College, Springvale, concluding with a day of prayer.

Mass will then be celebrated at St. Anthony’s Noble Park.

Deanery Program Details TBA

Further details will be available closer to the dates. If you are interested in attending and/or sponsoring this event, email Paddy at dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Fr. Dishan

I was born in Sri Lanka, the third of four children. When I was 15 my family migrated to Australia. I attended Christian Brother’s College, East St Kilda and studied Civil Engineering at Monash University. With great joy and peace I entered Corpus Christi College Carlton in 2002 where I studied for three years. Archbishop Hart then asked me to continue the last four years of my studies in Rome. After being ordained a Deacon in St Peter’s Basilica I was ordained a Priest in 2009 at St Patrick’s Cathedral.

I then returned to Rome to complete an STL (License in Sacred Theology), specialising in Christology. Upon my return I was appointed Assistant Priest in the Partnered Parishes of Maidstone/Braybrook and then the Diocesan Director of the Guild of St Stephen (an organisation for Altar Servers). Two years later I was asked to become the Chaplain of St Vincent’s Hospitals in Melbourne while being an Assistant Priest at St Patrick’s Cathedral. I completed two years in these roles before being transferred to St Kevin’s.

Denise Lyons

Denise is a Country girl at heart, her family moved to the Dandenong area in the 70’s where she attended Holy Family Doveton school and St. Johns College. After leaving school Denise worked in Cheltenham as a secretary for 6 yrs. before taking time off to raise her children. Denise has lived and volunteered in Hampton Park parish for over 20yrs.

In 2006, she began theology studies, and in 2008 was appointed to Narre Warren parish working in the Sacramental Program. For the past 6yrs, Denise has worked in Youth Ministry at St. Thomas’ in Blackburn, and is very pleased to be working in the multi-cultural parishes of St Anthony’s and Resurrection.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross will not be held at St. Mary’s Seminary, Mulgrave.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate wish to thank the Clergy and Parishioners for your support over the many years that we have been hosting the Stations.

We assure you of our prayers and wish you a Holy Season of Lent and all blessings for Easter.

Fr. Daniel Szewc, O.M.I.

Welcome to Share: If your parish is involved with fabulous and interesting activities and you would like to share it with the other Deanery Parishes please contact the Deanery Coordinator, Paddy Mc.Groarty at dandenongdeanery@live.com.au or phone 042 229 6961
Feast of Christ the King

Last year the Deanery Executive team decided to try something new, that was, to get all the choirs in the Deanery together for an afternoon of music and togetherness on the feast of Christ The King. An invitation was sent out to all the parishes in the Deanery to participate, and the following sent choirs, with some parishes sending two or three choirs.

St Kevin’s / St Paul Apostle / St John Vianney’s / St Mary’s / St. Anthony’s.

The day was such a success it was decided to continue each year with a different parish hosting the day, and hopefully one day we will have a choir from every Deanery parish.

This year The feast of Christ The King is on 22nd Nov it will be hosted by St. Mary’s Dandenong.

The Holy Cross Centre
207 Serpells Road (Crn Smith’s Rd.)
TEMPLESTOWE. 3106
Phone (03) 9846 6014
Email: hcc@passionist.org.au

Come Away Retreat Days
After a rather busy time, Jesus said to his disciples: “come away to a quiet place all by yourselves and rest for a while”. Almost 2000 years later, Jesus still makes this call. Come Away Retreats are conducted at the Holy Cross Centre on a monthly basis and are presented by Fr Kevin Hennessy CP and Sister Brigid Murphy CP and/or Mrs Maria McCormack, Peter & Bernadette Owen.

How often do we hear ourselves saying; “I just don’t seem to have a minute for myself” and “if only I could have a few moments quiet”! Jesus’ call seems even more urgent today. While the “come away days” were initially started as an outreach for the sick and their carers, more and more people are seeking a space which offers peace and calm amid the storm, an opportunity to get off the treadmill, and a time to be with God.

COME AWAY DATES 2015
APRIL THURSDAY 23RD
MAY WEDNESDAY 27TH
JUNE MONDAY 22ND
JULY WEDNESDAY 15TH
AUGUST THURSDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER MONDAY 14TH
OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER TUESDAY 24TH
Time: 9.30am-3pm
No need to pre-book unless you have a group with you

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LENTEN/EASTER TIMETABLE 2015

HOLY FAMILY, DOVETON - 100 Power Road, Doveton - Phone: 9792 4317

Holy Thurs 2 April Mass 7.00 (English) 9.30pm Spanish Followed by prayer at Altar Repose
Good Frid 3 April Stations of the Cross 10.00am English 12.30pm (Spanish)
Passion Service 3.00pm (English) 6.00pm (Spanish)

Easter Vigil 4 April Mass 7.30pm English/10.30pm Spanish
Easter Sun—5 April at 7am (Spanish followed by breakfast)
Reconciliation: 1 April 9-10.30am & 6-7pm English & Spanish
Reconciliation 2 April 9-10am & 5 - 7.00pm
3 April 9-10am 2-3pm & 4 April 9 - 11am & 6-7.00pm

RESURRECTION, KEYSBOROUGH - 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough - Phone: 9701 5899

Holy Thurs 2 April— Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm
Good Friday — 3 April Stations of the Cross 11am outside Springvale Cemetery Princess H’way.
Passion Service 3.00pm

Easter Sunday 5 April—Dawn Service 5.45am
Mass 9am & 11am
Penitential Service—Thurs 26 March 7.00pm

ST ANTHONYS, NOBLE PARK - 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park - Phone: 9546 8276

Penitential Service— Tue 24 March 7.30
Holy Thur—2 April Mass of the Lords supper 7.30pm./ Night Prayers until midnight
Good Friday 3 April Stations of the Cross at 11 am Outside Springvale Cemetery / Soup Kitchen small hall.

ST ELIZABETHS, NOBLE PARK NORTH - 107 Bakers Road, Noble Park North - Phone: 9795 6217

Holy Thursday—2 April Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm
Good Friday—3 April Stations of the Cross 10am
Passion Service 3.00pm
Easter Vigil Sat — Sat 4 April 7pm

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S, SPRINGVALE NORTH - 23 Police Road, Springvale North - Phone: 9546 3831

Holy Thurs—2 April Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm
Good Friday—3 April Stations of the Cross 10am at St. John Vianney's Parish
Good Friday 3 April Passion of our Lord 3pm

ST JOSEPHS, SPRINGVALE - 35 St John's Avenue, Springvale - Phone: 9547 4777

Holy Thur—2 April Mass of the Lords Supper 6.00pm (Vietnamese) 8.00pm (English) Adoration till midnight.
Good Frid—3 April Stations of the Cross 9am English, 10am Maltese, 11am Vietnamese.
Passion of The Lord 3pm (English) 5.30pm (Vietnamese)
Easter Vigil—4 April 7pm (English) 9.30pm (Vietnamese)
Easter Sun 5 April 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 3.00pm (Vietnamese)

No Evening Mass Easter Sunday

ST KEVINS, HAMPTON PARK - 120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park - Phone: 9799 2108

Holy Thur.—17 April Mass Of The Lords Supper 8pm
Good Frid — 18 April Stations of The Cross 9am Passion of Our Lord 3pm

Easter Vigil—19 April 8pm
Easter Sunday—20 April Dawn Mass 6am / 9.00am /11.00am
Parish Reconciliation—10 April 7.30pm

No Evening Mass Easter Sunday

ST MARYS, DANDELONG - 160 Foster Street, Dandenong - Phone: 9791 4611

Holy Thurs 2 April Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm, followed by Watch until10.pm then night prayers
Good Frid 3 April Stations of the Cross 11.00am at Dandenong Park, Pultney St. Dandenong.
Good Frid 3 April Passion Service 3.00pm

Holy Sat 4 April Private Reconciliation 9.30-11am
1pm Blessing of food (Polish) 6pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sun Mass 5 April 8.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm (Polish)

No Evening Mass Easter Sunday

ST PAUL APOSTLE, ENDEAVOUR HILLS - 5 William Howell Drive, Endeavour Hills - Phone: 9700 3781

Tuesday 31 March — Reconciliation 7.30pm
Good Frid 3 April— Stations of The Cross 10am Passion Service 3pm / Prayers at the foot of the cross 7pm

Holy Thur 2 April Mass Of The Lords Supper 7.30pm
Holy Sat 4 April— Easter Vigil 7.30pm
Easter Sun 5 April Mass 9am & 11am

No Evening Mass Easter Sunday