



# 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.*



## From the desk of the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

At this time of the year we look ahead to the coming year. We make plans and have hopes, especially for a good year ahead. But we know that each year brings its ups and downs. We pray for the strength to meet the challenges and to be able to enjoy the good times.

As a parish, we are challenged to spread the Good News of Jesus. He told us to 'go out to the whole world, tell the Good News and make disciples of all nations'.

We may feel that we do not know how to do this. The Schools of Evangelisation, founded by the late Bishop Joe Grech are coming to St Mary's to help us learn about being a disciple of Jesus, and sharing the message of hope to our world.

The course they run is simple and practical, and helps us to become beloved disciples of Jesus, as St John was. The course is lively and life changing, and takes place on the long weekend of March 10-12 from 8.30am-5.30pm. So put this time aside and come along. You will not be disappointed.

God Bless you all

Fr. Brendan

P.S. *This is no charge, but a donation is appreciated. Brochures are available in the foyer of the Church. Please take one and return it to the address given.*

### IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL INVOLVED IN MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

A compulsory meeting for all who are involved with music, or who wish to be involved, is being held at the parish Meeting Room 1 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm.

It is important that a representative from each choir is present, as a new St. Mary's music program is being devised as well as the music roster for 2018 and the Easter ceremonies.

We look forward to seeing you there

Father Brendan, Deacon George and Kathy

### The Open Door A Centre for Creative Spirituality

Our centre offers a place to explore your creativity/inner life without fear or judgement. The exploration is carried out in a variety of activities:

#### Meditations:

Awareness/Centering Prayer/Guided Imagery/Day long Retreats

Art of Soul

Tai Chi

Book club

Creative Writing Group

John's Gospel

Cooking workshops

Sing-a-long

'Talks on' ... Spirituality

Card Making

A Pilgrim's Walk



Our workshops re-commence on **Monday 29 January** and we invite you to join us to enjoy time for yourself.

Call Trish or Jo on 9791 8664 for more information.

The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175.

*Most workshops are a suggested gold coin donation.*

### PARISH CALENDER 2018

Date	Event
6th February	Music Meeting 7pm
14th February	Ash Wednesday
21st February	Parish Council
10-12th March	Parish Conference
28th March	Parish Council
29th March to 1st April	Easter Week
9th May	Parish Council
13th May	Mother's Day
23rd May	Confirmation

### 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  
**Baptism at 10.30 Mass**

**4th Sunday:**

\*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:** Antonio Taraborelli, Maria Immaculata Grillo

**Anniversaries:** Priscilla Ann McGowen, Raperta Montecanas,

**Sick:** Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lili Tsim, Fleur Armstrong, Lidia Longo, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Jenny, Makerita Niu-pulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly

*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: \$ 1416.00

Presbytery: \$ 476.60

Loose money: \$ 1310.85

*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 Brendan or Deacon George.*

*Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously*

### Important Notices

#### ROSTERS

All Rosters are now ready please take your copy from the church foyer. Apologies for any errors we have made or if we have left anyone out. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the Parish Office.

**Thank You**  
**Franca & Maree**

#### PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Brendan Lane

DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottlieb

PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & 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:** 9.15am

**Saturday Evening:** 6.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

#### WEEK DAY MASS TIME

**Monday:** 9.15am

**Tuesday:** 9.15am ( 11am Cardinal Knox)

**Wednesday:** 9.15am

**Thursday:** 9.15am (11.00am Cardinal Knox )

**Friday:** 9.15am (9.45am -12.30pm Fol-

lowed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at 12.30pm)

Last Friday of every month 9.15 am **Anointing Mass**

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9.15am 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. Brendan.

**St. Mary's Primary School** Phone: 9791 7650

New St, Dandenong.

**Principal:**

**St. John's Regional College** Phone 9791 3366

Caroline St, Dandenong.

**Principal:** Timothy Hogan

**St. Mary's Community Centre** 9792 4884

New St, Dandenong: Download brochure from

www.stmarysdandenong.org