



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 Fr Brendan

January has been a great time for holidays though I notice the traffic in Foster Street seems already to be back to normal. Having a break is necessary for mental and spiritual health. So many of us are stressed by the pressures of work and life. Sometimes people turn to drinking or drugs to relieve that tension within.

This week I join a group of people for my annual retreat. It is a time to stop and pray, reflect and find harmony within ourselves by getting in touch with God within us. He heals our minds and hearts of the anxiety that comes from losing our way, and losing touch with God with us and what one lives are about.

Many go to the beach to do this. I have always tried to go to the Mornington Peninsula at this time. 'The sea and the soul are spiritual sisters. They need each other'. There is some-thing about our bay and the ocean that revives the soul, and puts the rest of life back into perspective.

Leisure and 'holy days' go hand in hand to renew us. It is called recreation, to make us anew, to refresh us, and give us strength and hope and understanding of our lives to face the year ahead.

May 2018 be a blessed year for everyone.

Fr. Brendan
Parish Priest

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on Jan. 6. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.



READERS: PLEASE NOTE NEXT WEEKS READING ARE ON NOTICE BOARD NEAR SACRISTY

Important Notices

ROSTERS

As we are preparing the rosters for next year please advise the Parish Office if you no longer wish to be a Minister (Eucharist or Reader).

NEW ROSTERS

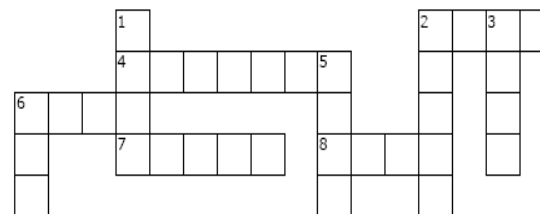
Until new rosters are completed, would you please sign up at the mass you are attending if you are able to assist as either Reader or Eucharistic minister.

AUDIO/VISUAL TRAINING

The parish is looking for parishioners who would be interested in being trained in the use of the AV equipment in the Church to be available to help at weekly masses and funerals. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
- A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
- To come into existence by birth
- Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
- A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

- A male ruler of a country
- A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
- A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
- The direction which is opposite to west
- To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI	BOW	STAR	GOLD	KING
GIFTS	EAST	BORN	MYRRH	INCENSE

Catholic School of Evangelisation

The Schools of Evangelisation are endeavouring to give people a vibrant, lived experience of their Catholic faith, and the skills and confidence to be a real evangelising influence in their families, parishes and communities.

The courses, through the use of practical and theoretical methods give participants a deeper understanding of the basic message of the Gospel.

John the Beloved—Formation of Disciples

Where: St Mary's Church, Dandenong
Date: 10-12 March 2018 (3 Day Course)
Time: 8.30am-5.30pm

Registration Pamphlet available in Church Foyer

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:** **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:

Anniversaries: Francesco Caron, Bento Fernandes

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, Jack Kelly, 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: \$ 934.05
Presbytery: \$ 208.70
Loose money: \$1,232.95

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 ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

HEALING MASS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday 11 January 2018, 7.45pm (praise and worship begins 7pm)

Newman College Chapel, 887 Swanston Street, Carlton
The National Charismatic Retreat for priests, deacons, religious and associates invites you to this special Healing Mass, being celebrated by Fr Francis Innocent Otopo (Diocese of Sale) and concelebrated by all of the priests attending the retreat. Following the Eucharist, all of the clergy participating in the retreat will be available to pray with visitors afterwards.

Details: Dot Buckland on 0411 021 946

Divine Australia

Healing Masses and Retreats—January 2018

Where: Holy Family Parish, Doveton
Date: 25, 26 & 27 January 2018 (3 Day)
Time: 9am-5pm
Contact: Ralph:042 797 355 or Nicola: 0410 423 350

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Brendan Lane
DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottliebse
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker
FINANCE OFFICER: Ms Josie Ferraro
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, con-
cluding 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 be-
fore 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: Mr. Greg White

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