



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.*

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 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: 9.00am

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. 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



From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Brendan

Dear parishioners,

We have all been shocked by the mass murder of 58 people in the United States. Over 500 others were injured, many seriously. This sort of thing is happening so often now, that we are almost getting used to it. What was the motive of the murderer? No one seems to know. He was well off and in comfortable circumstances. What was going on in his twisted mind as he meticulously planned this horrific slaughter? We can only pray for the victims, and their families and their killer too.

One thing we must never do is get used to these terrible events. For Christians it is never acceptable to see human beings as dispensable. Human life loses its inherent value in events like this in Las Vegas. For some unknown reason, the murderer justified the taking of innocent human life. But we see human life as a gift from God, and hence sacred. It is not for us to end it. Human beings are created in the image and likeness of God.

We see now that some members of Parliament are pushing to legalise support for people to suicide and to give doctors the right to terminate life. There has been a very small number of people trying to bring this in but they are imposing their views on our society.

We have wonderful doctors who care for the elderly, and excellent palliative care is increasingly available. These doctors show us the way forward.

The beginning of life and the end of life are very much a mystery because God is involved. Let us be people who show respect for the gift of life, and share our beliefs with others.

Fr. Brendan

Important Notice

Beginning Tuesday 31st October 2017 there will be Mass celebrated at Southern Cross Care (Cardinal Knox) at 11.00 am every Tuesday and Thursday.

Parish Calendar 2017

9th October	Information night 1st Communion
10th October	Baptism Meeting
16th October	Reflection Day 1st Communion
24th October	Outreach Meeting
25th October	Parish Council Meeting
6th November	Cup Eve Dinner Dance
21st November	Memorial Mass
24th November	Christmas Market
25th & 26th November	1st Communion
2nd December	1st Reconciliation
8th December	Consecration of Church 7.30pm

Questions of Life

- Why are we here?
- Why be good?
- Why does God allow suffering?
- Where on earth is Heaven?

A four week discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottliebse. Commencing 10.30 am Tuesday 10th October in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow. All welcome.

ST MARY'S CUP EVE

DINNER DANCE

Monday, 6th November in the Community Centre

Tickets are \$40 each and are on sale again after all masses this weekend.

Buffet Dinner

Raffle & Melbourne Cup Sweep
Anglo-Oz Live Band & DJ

FAMILY, FOOD AND FAITH: ENHANCING THE AROMA AND FLAVOUR OF YOUR FAMILY LIFE

New video and print resources highlighting the place of family meals as a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Print copies of the booklet are available in the parish foyer from Sunday 8th October. The accompanying videos can be viewed online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. We encourage you to read watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.



Keep this date free.....

Have you thought about putting your faith into action? St Vincent de Paul is holding a recruitment session on Saturday 21st October at 10am in the Parish meeting room. Tea & coffee provided.

Personal Development Workshops

Psychotherapist and counsellor, Jan Coleman from Perth is returning to The Open Door with her experience and teaching skills to help us understand ourselves and those important in our lives.

THE USER-FRIENDLY TOPICS:

The Child Within Us

How do we express feelings, understand our needs? How do we Parent ourselves and others effectively? The Child within each of us has the answers. How do I contact my inner Child and make my life more meaningful? Check in for some good answers.

Coping with Anxiety

How does our negative self-talk, problematic belief systems, self-esteem issues, and difficulty in being assertive create and maintain Anxiety? Check in for some strategies for change.



When: **Saturday October 14th 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.**

Sunday October 15th 10.00a.m – 1.00 p.m.

Where: The Pomegranate Room, THE OPEN DOOR, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

Bookings essential: Ph: Trish or Jo 9791 8664 or email theopendoor@ssjg.org.au

KSC Information Night

The KSC will be hosting an Information Night for any practising male Catholic over 18 who is interested in finding out what the Knights are about, or would be interested in joining. For anyone that is interested in attending, to be held on Monday October 16 at St Peter's Parish Clayton, please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 9795 7851, 0404 390 824, or e-mail at avaccaro@internode.on.net, by than Friday October 13, for further information.

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: Lucila Hicban Abarquez

Anniversaries: Lucrezia Cerminara, Erlina Cateis, Randolph & Mary Fernandez

Sick: Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Agapi Nicolaou, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lilly Tsim, Fleur Armstrong, Russell Gomes, Tramaine Pope, Lidia Longo

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: \$ 1575.00

Presbytery: \$ 274.75

Loose money: \$ 1213.35

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.

100 Years of Fatima



Please join the Public Square Rosary. As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God's merciful blessing upon Australia through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, 14th October, 2017 at 9.30 am. The local Public Square Rosary will take place at the Grotto, St Mary's Church.