



# 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 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

**Wednesday:** 9.15am

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

**Friday:** 9.15am (9.45am -12.30pm Followed 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:** Terry Gardiner

**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

Dear parishioners,

Recently, the great rugby union player, Israel Folau, a member of the Assemblies of God, posted his views on homosexuality. He wrote, "there are many sins outlined in that passage from 1 Corinthians, and I have been guilty of committing some of them myself... if you sin, which we all do, and do not repent and seek forgiveness, you will not inherit the kingdom of God". There was uproar about this. Some said it was bullying and that he should be dropped from the Australian team. A former government minister in New Zealand wanted him banned from coming there. Clearly, it was Israel who was being bullied. And this is what is happening to Christians, if they try to say publicly what is right and wrong, according to God's law.

Archbishop Porteous in Hobart was summoned to an anti-discrimination tribunal when he taught the Church's teaching that marriage is only between a man and a woman. There is an error here and that is that if I disagree with you, then I am discriminating against you. This is clearly wrong. Of if I upset you, then I am discriminating against you.

When parents correct children, and disagree with them, they are doing their job out of love, and not discriminating against them. If you tell a son to be home by midnight, and he gets upset because he wants to be out till 2.00am, bad luck for him. He wants more freedom than is good for him. When it comes to religion, we believe that God gives us His law to protect and guide us. However, it is becoming harder for Christians to speak the truth of their faith in public. They are not welcome. They are just imposing their views on others, it is said. But out Christian faith has been central to the development of the Western world.

Our laws have been based on the 10 Commandments. So we must continue to be heard. Otherwise our society will get further into ..... Our politicians must enact laws to protect freedom of religion. Good religion is tolerant of other views. We all have to put up with ideas and behaviour we do not like. Let us continue to make Australia a society where everyone is free to practice their religion and express their views on how to live and what to believe. We are all enriched by an open and tolerant sharing on what life is about.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

## PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
18th July	Movie & Soup Day
31st July (Tues)	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
8th August	Reconciliation Information Evening
14th August	Baptism Meeting



### Movie and Soup Day

Wednesday the 18th July we will be hosting a movie (The Way) and soup day in the Marian Room at 12 noon please register your name on the sign up sheet in the church foyer.

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

In honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, 21 July at 11am. Please see notice in church foyer for more information.

### MASS OF WELCOME

For Archbishop-Elect Most Rev Peter Comensoli will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 1 August at 7pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend these masses.

### KSC Archbishop's Dinner- August 24, 2018

The 20th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Andrew Bolt (Herald Sun columnist and Sky News presenter) and will be a great opportunity to meet incoming Archbishop Peter Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 24, anyone interested in attending or would like more information should contact Andrew Vaccaro at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 10. For further information, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Boards.

### Dr Edward Sri at St Gerard's

International speaker Dr Edward Sri will be giving a talk on Our Lady titled "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Virgin" on Saturday, July 28, at 7pm in the Majellan Room, St Gerard's Parish, 71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North. Light supper at 6.30pm. Entry is free (donations to Parousia Media accepted!), but registration necessary: Call John Smyth on 0406 747 123 or email him at [johnsmyth@parousiamedia.com](mailto:johnsmyth@parousiamedia.com).

### CAR PARK

**Commencing next weekend, once our car park is full, a "Car Park Full" sign will be placed at each driveway.**

### St Mary's Youth Group

Youth Group 6.30pm to 8.30pm! Come along and share a meal, games and a reflection with Parish youth.

### Committee for St Mary's Dinner Dance

Anyone interested in being part of the planning committee for our dinner dance this year which will be held on Cup Eve Monday 5th November is asked to contact the parish office. This is our big parish social and we welcome new thoughts and ideas as well as continuing with what proved to be very successful.

### The Regulars

**Daily Rosary:** After morning Mass (except Sunday)

**Mondays:** Monday Morning Helpers Group

**Tuesdays:** Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

**3rd Wednesday:** Friendship Club

**1st Sunday:** lunch at Dandenong RSL

**3rd Sunday:** Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's (Commencing February)

**4th Sunday:** Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass

**5th Sunday:** Youth Group after 5.30 Mass

**6th Sunday:** Baptism at 10.30 Mass

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\*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:** Serge Lee Chee, Samira Kach

**Anniversaries:** Benito Alvarez, Stanislaw Deszcz, Jerry Taylor

**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, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Peter Hendricks, Sharon Fonceca

**The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.**

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.

## Collections

**Weekly** Thanksgiving: \$ 1,787.55

Presbytery: \$ 414.50

Loose: \$ 1,667.00



## Sing-a-long at The Open Door

Join us at The Open Door for a fun and entertaining SING-A-LONG.

We invite you to learn a new song or two, or join in with some favourite oldies. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to join in the chorus and make new friends.

We welcome all skill levels and none.

When: **Friday 27 June, 1.30pm – 2.30pm** (followed by a cuppa til 3pm)

Where: The Open Door  
110 Ann Street, Dandenong

Suggested Donation: Gold coin

