



# 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,

This weekend, our school will be attending the 10.30am mass on Sunday. School has already begun, and it is a time of excitement especially for the new children in preps. I went to see them on Thursday afternoon, and some were already asleep, from all their efforts, and the heat as well. It is a big change for the little ones.

Our mass with the children and their families, reminds us that St Mary's School is at the heart of our mission as a parish. A good parish is one that looks after children and the elderly. I have been impressed by how caring our teachers have been to the children. They really do look after them well. We give them thanks for this. The big challenge is to pass on our Catholic faith to the young. To be effective, it has to be a partnership between home, school and church. Those three are like a tripod. If all three are present, the tripod stands firmly on its three legs. If only two are present, it is not very strong, and even less so if there is only one. So today is a time to reflect on the contributions necessary for parents, teachers and priests. We are all responsible to nurture the spiritual in our children, to tell them of God and his love and mercy, and to encourage them to pray and thank God. We are here to know, love and serve God through our service of each other.

So let us work together in this wonderful task.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.**

**On other Fridays we do some penance by prayer, self-denial and helping others (see noticeboard for more details.)**

God bless you all

### Ash Wednesday 14th February 2018

Masses 9.15am and 7.00pm—Ashes will be distributed at both masses



### Vinnies Piety Stall

The Vinnies Piety Stall is looking for anyone interested giving a bit of their time before and after Mass selling our range of gifts. No experience required and good for the resume! Please call Justin on 0413 961 816.

### Catechetical Classes for Confirmation

Any child attending a government school wishing to make their Confirmation this year needs to attend the preparation classes commencing on Wednesday 21st February at 4.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION

St Mary's Dandenong will be the venue for "John the Beloved Disciple" course, Moomba weekend 10-12 March, 2018, 8.30am-5.30pm. It is necessary to attend all sessions.

You are offered the opportunity to connect with the mercy and love of Jesus, thus realising you too are a beloved disciple. Give Jesus 3 days and be surprised by His generosity to you.

BYO lunch and bible, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

A suggested donation of \$60 (students \$40) comes with a money back guarantee if not completely satisfied. (This course has been presented for over 20 years by the Catholic School of Evangelisation, with no refunds sought.)

Limited numbers, so to avoid disappointment book early at: <https://www.trybooking.com/TALN>—use promo code CSOE for 5% discount, or by email: schoolofevangelisation@gmail.com or with Rose Rendina 0411 650 339

### YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group are selling pancakes this weekend after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Donations go the parish Youth Group.

**The Vincentian Father Rojan celebrates Mass each Friday evening at 7.30pm during the devotions which now begin at 6.30pm and continue till 9.00pm.**

*All are welcome for some or all of the ceremonies.*

### QUESTIONS OF FAITH

- Week 1 Who was Jesus?
- Week 2 Why did Jesus have to die?
- Week 3 Why believe in Jesus' resurrection?
- Week 4 What is Christianity?



Discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottlieb commencing on Tuesday 20th February at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

*All welcome*

### Our Lenten Cross

During Lent we are asked to place a purple cross on the wood cross as a sign of our Lenten commitment to making a change in our lives.

### PARISH CALENDER 2018

Date	Event
14th February	Ash Wednesday Masses: 9.15am & 7pm
20th February	Questions of Faith
21st February	Parish Council (note new date)
22nd February	Outreach Meeting 2pm—Southern Cross
10-12th March	Parish Evangelisation Course
28th March	Parish Council
29th March to 1st April	Easter Week
9th May	Parish Council
13th May	Mother's Day
23rd May	Confirmation
24th May	Biggest Morning Tea

## 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** 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
  - 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:** Ron Simmonds

### Anniversaries:

**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, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Jenny, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Jean Francois Tuyau, Ray Wilkin, David Junez III, Kevin Leydon

*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: \$ 2266.00  
Presbytery: \$ 409.20  
Loose money: \$ 1449.25

*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.*

## LENTEN PROGRAM—2018

Deacon George will be running this year's Lenten Program commencing Thursday 15th February. The program will run for 6 weeks.

**Date:** Thursday 15th February (6 weeks)

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Where:** Fellowship Room

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED - SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent commencing on Friday 17th February in the Parish Car Park at 6.30pm

**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 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](http://www.stmarysdandenong.org)