

# 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".

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr. Brendan Lane  
**DEACON:** Rev. George Piech Meat  
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Kathy Gottlieb  
**PARISH SECRETARIES:** Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker  
**FINANCE OFFICER:**  
**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 Mercy Place)

**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

## ST MARY'S PARISH YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP 2019

**WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY  
WHERE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN, LOVED,  
CALLED BY NAME AND SUPPORTED IN  
THEIR CALL TO HOLINESS.**



### From the Desk of the Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

Well two big events are happening this week. We have our celebration of the Easter ceremonies, and the start of the Federal election campaign. The latter will drown out the former. But for us, the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus is central to our faith. It is also central to our hope, for we believe that Jesus has conquered sin and death by His dying and rising. So no matter what happens, good can overcome evil. The power of God is greater than any evil force. So let us join in our Easter ceremonies, and the times are mentioned in the bulletin. Especially on Good Friday, we will gather in Dandenong Park for the Way of the Cross. Because of the works going on we will have to move down towards the footbridge. Let us gather and give a public witness to our faith in Jesus.

Margaret Court, Australia's greatest ever woman tennis player, and now a pastor in a Pentecostal church, has called for three weeks of prayer and fasting asking God's help in the forthcoming election, that good and honourable candidates will be elected. The Holy Spirit can influence people to choose those who will govern for the good of our country. We have had a number of laws coming in which are in opposition to the law of God, especially the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill". We also have people trying to take away our freedom of religion in expressing our beliefs about morality. This will affect our Catholic schools— this all in the name of anti-discrimination. There is of course good discrimination and bad and we need to be able to discriminate between the two. Most of all, we need members of parliament who realise that they are not above God, but subject to Him. So let us discriminate on this basis.

St. Francis of Assisi wrote to "The Rulers of the People". He said, "See to it that God is held in great reverence among your subjects. Every evening, praise and thanks should be given to the Lord God almighty by all the people. If you refuse to see to this, you can be sure that you will be held to account for it at the day of judgement before Jesus Christ Our Lord and God".

We have come a long way from this, but while we have a separation between Church and State, we do not have a separation between God and the people who belong to the country of Australia. Let us elect people who will bring blessings on our country. Let us pray and fast for 21 days after Easter.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

**RETURN PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES.** During the Easter celebrations, please return Project Compassion boxes to basket near altar so that the money can be sent to the poor and needy.

**The Helpers of God's Precious Infants** are people who have dedicated themselves to defending the human dignity of God's precious pre-born infants.

A central part of our work towards building a **Culture of Life** is providing a loving and prayerful presence close by abortion clinics. **Prayer-ers** provide spiritual and moral support on the streets as **Life Advocates** try to encourage parents to reconsider their decision, offering them whatever help they need to accept and care for their child. **Spiritual Supporters**, although not physically present, unite themselves to this invaluable work through prayer and sacrifice.

**HELPER PO Box 2108 Gladstone Park, VIC 3043, AUSTRALIA—Ph:0407 090 367**

**Email: helpers101@hotmail.com Website: www.coexistaustralia.org.**

**Holy Saturday Service for RCIA**  
**Saturday 20th April at 10am at St Mary's Church**  
**All parishioners are welcome to attend.**

### NOTICES FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT WEEKEND 13th/14th APRIL



#### Easter Choir

The last practice for the Easter Choir is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm in the church.

#### Monday Morning Helpers

We still need anyone who can spare an hour or two on Monday morning from 10:00 am to help prepare for the Easter Ceremonies. Please come to the parish office where you will be much welcomed.

#### Washing of the Feet.

During the Holy Thursday service the priest washes the feet of twelve parishioners. This year the twelve parishioners will then wash the hands of any parishioner who wishes, as a sign that we follow Jesus' example and his words of "serve one another."

#### Altar Servers Training

There will be training for all current altar servers and those who have made their First Communion and wish to be an altar server on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the church.

#### New Eucharistic Ministers and Communion to the Sick

The parish is in need of more people to give out communion at the weekend masses and also to take communion to the sick. Anyone wishing to serve others in this way

### Holy Week Time 2019

Tuesday, 16th April— 7.00pm Reconciliation Service Rite II

Holy Thursday, 18th April—7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8.30pm Chaldean Mass (Fr Sand)

Good Friday, 19th April— 11.00am Stations of the Cross, Dandenong Park, Pultney Street, Dandenong  
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord  
6.00pm Chaldean Mass (Fr Sand)

Holy Saturday, 20th April- 8.00pm Easter Vigil  
10.00pm Chaldean (Fr Sand)



Easter Sunday, 21st April- 8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
12.30pm Chaldean Mass (Fr Sand)  
No 5.30 pm Mass

### St Vincent de Paul Dandenong



St Vincent de Paul, Dandenong are looking for people to support their efforts. If you have some spare time each week to assist Vinnies locally, we would like to hear from you. The work is voluntary but the rewards are "out of this world".

Interested? Please call Paul Gubbels 0417 513 440 or Michael Cashman

### Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 19th April** at the home of Valerie & Russell D'Costa, 33 Grace Avenue, Dandenong Phone No. 9791 9039

Rosary will commence at 7:00pm followed by tea & coffee.

All parishioners are welcome.

A reminder that the handover for the statue to the next person on the roster is after the Friday prayer meeting. That person will then have the statue until

### The Regulars

After morning Mass (except Sunday)

**Daily Rosary:**  
**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  
**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

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*This weekend we pray for*

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Olga Drozd, Vincent Pereira, Mervyn, Gladys & Carlton Moses.

**Sick:** Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, 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, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Patricia Cahill, Josephine Thomas, Michael Guinan, Neil Kirpalani, Mary Oliver.

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

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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.

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Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously ill, home-bound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of

### Collection

**Weekly** Thanksgiving: \$ 1875.00

Presbytery: \$ 357.85



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Sixth Sunday of Lent  
14th April 2019



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.**

### PARISH CALENDAR 2019

Date	Event
2nd May	Deanery Dinner
4th May	1st Reconciliation