



# 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 Gottliebbsen  
**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,

Ever since I came to Dandenong just over one year ago, people have spoken to me about our controversial crucifix. So we asked the artist who made it, Anthony Russo, to give us his thoughts and ideas about it.

He tells us how important the crucifix is for us—Jesus died on the cross to redeem us. He says that the crucifix should give us ‘a glimpse of the invisible, to help us transcend, through prayer, and evoke thought and contemplation’.

The crucifix is made of bronze, stainless steel and timber. The bronze depicts an abstract image of Christ coming out of the molten bronze. This tries to capture the physical form of Christ coming out of the spiritual world. From suffering and pain comes the new life of the resurrection. The image of Christ represents God's physical link between the earth and the stars. His face is young and strong, portraying hope, faith and love.

Fr. Declan who commissioned the crucifix, saw it as portraying new life coming from the molten bronze. He saw it as representing St Mary's community emerging from the devastating fire which damaged the Church so badly.

Bronze is an ancient material and shows us the physical reality of life.

Stainless steel is bright and reflects light—it represents the spiritual world. It is lasercut to the shape of a flame, the reminder of the Holy Spirit.

The timber reminds us of the wood of the cross on which Jesus was nailed—it is a very physical reality.

Anthony Russo's thoughts are not the last word. He wants us to be inspired and to quietly contemplate this mystery of our faith, represented in the crucifix he has created for us.

God bless you all,

Fr Brendan

**FOR SALE:** 2003 Lexus ES300 in excellent condition. 4 brand-new tyres, 6 months registration. Roadworthy Certificate. 170,000 kms. Wine (burgundy) metallic duco. Parrot Bluetooth phone/radio system. Front and rear sensors. \$7,000 ono. Contact Fr. Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360

## NOTICES FOR THE 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> October

### Dinner Dance

Dinner dance tickets will need to be paid for over the next two weekends. Please inform the ticket sellers of how many you will be needing after mass.

### Working Bee

There will be a working bee involving laying of mulch and gardening around the church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00am till 12:00 midday after which a lunch will be provided. We would be grateful to anyone who can give some time that day for the parish garden. Please bring your wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels.

### Christmas Twilight Market

St Mary's Annual Twilight Market will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 4:00pm till 8:00pm at the parish centre. Anyone wishing to book a stall to sell their goods needs to contact the office. Tables are \$15.00 each. There are fliers in the foyer with the information.

Also anyone who wishes to be part of the entertainment for the evening singing or playing Christmas carols please ring the office and let us know.

### Visitation Statue

Some of our parishioners are interested in having a St. Mary's visitation statue in their home. If you would like to be part of this please let the parish office know and if enough interest is shown this could be another way of parishioners praying together.

### 'You are Mission'

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.



Freecall: 1800 57 296  
catholicmission.org.au/  
youaremission

### 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 necessary, just a willingness to join in the chorus and make new friends. We welcome all skill levels and none.

**When:** Friday 26 October 1.30pm-2.30pm (followed by a cuppa til 3pm)

**Where:** The Open Door  
110 Ann Street, Dandenong  
Suggest Donation: Gold coin



### 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  
**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:** Patrick (Paddy) Robinson, Lawrence Peters, Ernest, Ivan & Rita Ambrose, Steven Rampton, Ricardo Balenbin Sr, Gervasia, Cristelo and Louie Bapilar, Rita Pillai, Stella & Melton Collins

**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, Norma Gray, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Patricia Cahill, Denise Nowakowski, Josephine Thomas, Michael Guinan

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

## Collections

**Weekly** Thanksgiving: \$ 2218.00  
Presbytery: \$ 472.70  
Loose: \$ 1729.30



## PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
16th October	Baptism Meeting
20th October	Working Bee 9-12noon
31st October	Parish Council Meeting
4th November	1st Communion
5th November	Cup Eve Dinner Dance
20th November	Memorial Mass 7pm
30th November	Christmas Market