

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 Gottliebsen
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker
FINANCE OFFICER: Deslene de Niese
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 Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

As Fr. Nathan Rawlins celebrates mass with us this Sunday, just one week after his ordination as a priest, we know that he is going to minister in a world that is afflicted with mental illness. Earlier generations have been able to cope with the pressures of life through their reliance on their faith in God. For many young people this is not something they do. How do we cope with depression and the problems that life can bring? There has been much publicity about the ex-footballer, Danny 'Spud' Frawley who was killed in a car accident near Ballarat. He has battled with depression for years.

Two weeks ago on SBS there was a documentary on the Collingwood football club—'Collingwood from the Inside Out'. This focussed on the care now given to players to cope with mental health issues and the psychological pressures on them, week in and week out. The coach, Nathan Buckley, realised that he needed to be a father to the players. They needed, not just physical care and training, but to be loved and accepted for themselves. He says to them "The beauty of what we are doing is about celebrating each other, not just the best but the worst of us, and each of you has been broken in some shape or form, and you had the courage to share it with one another, and you've provided me with the chance to share more of myself with you guys, to be more vulnerable".

Football, like life itself is a spiritual journey, and it is only through bitter experience that wisdom is acquired. We are made up of body, mind and spirit. Our wellbeing depends on physical health, mental health and spiritual and moral health. Footballers and all of us can only give our all, if we have an inner freedom that comes from knowing, loving and accepting ourselves. Jesus came to heal and help us to find that freedom and fulfilment in Him.

Football coaches are realising that they have to look after the spirits of the young men in their care to help them to find happiness in themselves. It would not surprise me if Collingwood won the premiership because of what they have done for the young men in their care.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

NOTICES FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEKEND 14th-15th SEPTEMBER

Dinner Dance

We are running our Cup Eve dinner dance again this year. The date will be Monday 4th November and it will be held in the big hall of the parish centre. Tickets will go on sale next weekend after each mass. Tickets will be \$40.00 each which is very reasonable. We ask you to gather your family and friends and join your parish family for a fun night out. The proceeds this year will go towards sending our youth to Perth.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12th October 9am-23pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to Sister Veneranda Myuku of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity, working at the IKOMBO EPILEPTIC CENTRE for the poor in the Mahenge Diocese of Tanzania. Enquiries Phone: 9817-3715

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14th September)

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.



Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Dear Open Door Friend and Family,

Our next guest speaker for 'Talks On' is the very talented Jan Coleman. Some of you may remember Jan from previous talks on: rules for communication, anxiety, relationships and healing strokes. This promises to be another informative talk -

FORGIVENESS
A common definition of forgiveness...
'to let go of the wish for vengeance or retribution'

Forgiveness is very much of interest in our lives today. We have National apologies to our stolen generation, child migrants and others seeking forgiveness from those harmed by actions of others. We have our own personal experiences that haunt us of needing to forgive ourselves and others.

This will be an experiential workshop looking at the steps involved in forgiving so it becomes a practical process for us to follow.

We will look at forgiveness:

- Of self and others.
- Why it is important to forgive ourselves and others?
- Who is the forgiveness for?
- Are there some things that are unforgivable for us as humans? / How can we get peace if this is so?
- When is it harmful to pressure ourselves and others to forgive before we are ready?

We will look at forgiveness from a thinking, feeling, behavioural and spiritual and loving place. We look forward to a warm, sharing and compassionate experience.

Thursday: 3 October 9.30am – 2pm

The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

Suggested Donation: \$15 (lunch included)

Bookings essential: 9791 8664/Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au



The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)

Monday Morning Helpers Group

Tuesdays: Centering prayer meditation 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

4th Sunday: Youth Group after 5.30 Mass

Baptism: 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: Doris Ardley, Brenda Rovers, Estelita Gonzaga

Anniversaries: Sengen Periyan, Noel Mendez, Franceschina Talarico, Lawerence Peters, Mercy & Stanley Moses

Sick: Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, UshHenry Bangkal, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Josephine Thomas, Neil Kirpalani, Mary Oliver, Berta Martens, Nell Hendriks, Sharon Fonccea, Samira Kefil, Angela & Gabrielle Hartin, Jerome Kata-gampola, Henk Van Der Ven, Maria Mastrianni, Michael Bee, Brian Parker., Kathleen Nelson, Christian Ally, Austin Gonsalves.

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.

Collection

Weekly Thanksgiving: \$ 1739.15
Presbytery: \$ 333.00
Loose: \$ 1708.00

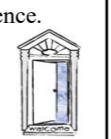


PARISH CALENDAR 2019

Date	Event
12th Oct	Fatima Rosary
20th Oct	First Communion
23rd Oct	Pastoral Council 7.30pm
4th Nov	Dinner Dance
12th Nov	Baptism Meeting 7pm
13th Nov	First Communion Commitment Mass

FREE

ELECTRIC STOVE AND OVEN IN VERY GOOD CONDITION IS AVAILABLE FREE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS IT. PLEASE SEE FR BRENDAN



Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 20th September** at the home of **Suzie & Hector Fernandez, 23 Warren Close, Narre Warren, Phone 0425 711 831** 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 prayer meeting on the following Friday.

