



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 Ferraro
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 (Followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament till 12.30pm)

(Last Friday of every month **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: Mr. Greg White

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 Fr Brendan

Dear Parishioners,

In the coming weeks some of our young children will be making their first communion at our weekend masses. This is their second step in coming into the Church as they receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Let us welcome them and support them, especially with our prayers. They all need the help of Jesus as they set out on their young lives. He comes to them because He loves them and wants them to "have life and have it more abundantly". But just as we need regular meals to stay healthy, so we need regularly weekly meetings with Jesus in the Eucharist, to nourish us spiritually. He continually gives us the life and goodness and energy to live in His way.

The writer, Bernard Salt, wrote in the Australian magazine about his childhood in Terang in the Western District, "On Sundays we went to church. We liked the 10.30 am mass because it meant we could get back in time to watch "World of Sport" at midday. Every night as a family, we prayed the rosary on our knees in the lounge room..... We never locked our car. Once we thought of locking the house when we left for a week's holiday at the beach, but we couldn't find the key. Half a century later, the world has changed. I doubt that many families pray on their knees as we once did. And houses and cars are now locked. A part of me still laments the passing of a way of living that has ended".

Maybe this is so, but we still face the challenge of passing faith on to children, and introducing them to prayer that nourishes them, and supports them to continue coming to mass. It was done in the past and it can be done again, maybe in a different way.

Father Brendan

Parish Calendar 2017

21st November	Memorial Mass
22nd November	Film on Saint Bakhita
24th November	Christmas Market
25th & 26th November	1st Communion
2nd December	1st Reconciliation
8th December	Consecration of Church 7.30pm



MUSICIANS

If any parishioner or group are interested in performing Christmas Carols at the Twilight Christmas Market, please contact the parish office for a time bracket.

Film on the life of Saint Bakhita

The parish will be showing the film on the life of Saint Bakhita on Wednesday, 22nd November at 2 sessions: 1-4pm and 6-9pm. A relic of Saint Bakhita will be placed in our altar at the consecration of the altar in December. This is a good chance for us to see what a wonderful servant of God Bakhita was. This weekend, we have sign-up sheets for the session you wish to attend.

Twilight Christmas Market

5.30-10.00p.m

On Friday 24th November we are holding a twilight Christmas Market in the Parish Community Centre at 5.30 pm. There will be carols and food available. Any parishioner who would like to have a table and sell their Christmas/crafts please book a table with the parish office \$10 per table.

Also any choir or group who would like to sing carols please let us know at the office and we will give you a time table.

November Memorial Book

If you would like your loved ones remembered in the November masses please write their names in the Memorial Book on the table in the foyer.

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is a special time to pray for the dead. We read in the book of Maccabee that "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins". There are envelopes available for having masses said for deceased relatives and friends, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Dedication of the New Altar

Please keep free the evening of Friday, 8th December at 7.30pm, Archbishop Hart is coming here to dedicate our new altar and if necessary consecrate the Church.

December 8th is the great Marian feast day of the Immaculate Conception and is the Parish feast day.



Weekday Mass Timetable

Monday-Saturday 9.15am

Thursday—extra mass 11.00am at Cardinal Knox

Friday after 9.15am mass—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction at 12.30pm

Congratulations to the Winners of the Dinner Dance Melbourne Cup Sweep

1st Prize - Mirela Radegonde

2nd Prize - Kate Walker

3rd Prize - Jean-Claude Radegonde

The Regulars

Daily Rosary: Before morning Mass (except Sunday)
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

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: Coral Hendy, Zaiza Pilati

Anniversaries: Maria Cardamone, Joseph Dinh, Carmelo & Filippo Ferraro, Guiseppina Indovino, Guiditta Caruso, Guido & Luigi Defranceshis.

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, Lilly Tsim, Fleur Armstrong, Lidia Longo, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Jenny, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray

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: \$ 1829.80

Presbytery: \$ 416.50

Loose money: \$ 1292.80

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.

Change of Weekday Mass Times

We have a faithful group of people who attend weekday mass and pray for our parish and the many needs we see around us. I have decided to have mass every day, **Monday to Saturday at 9.15am** instead of having it at different times on different days.

Mass at 11.00am on Thursdays at the Southern Cross Home will continue.

On Fridays, Exposition will be from after mass (approx. 9.45am) until benediction at 12.30pm. The anointing mass on the last Friday of the month will be held at 9.15am.

I hope that we can all adapt to these changes.
Father Brendan