



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.



At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.



Mother Teresa

Monday Morning Helpers

We are starting a new group in the parish. If you would like to enjoy the company of other parishioners, you're invited to come along, have a cuppa, and help the parish with tasks as needed. The group will meet at 10am on a Monday. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Church and you will be contacted by the parish office in February.

Christmas Appeal Food/Gift Donations

Dear parishioners, would you like to donate, bring non-perishable food or kids toys during the Christmas period?

It will be warmly welcomed and used for the struggling individuals and families of the Dandenong region, on behalf of St Vincent De Paul Society.

Thank you
Justin Beirouti (President)
St Vincent de Paul (Dandenong)

Rosters

As we are preparing the rosters for next year please advise the Parish Office if you no longer wish to be a Minister (Eucharist or Reader)

Christmas Rosters

Until new rosters are completed, would you please sign up at mass you are attending if you are able to assist as either reader or Eucharistic minister.

Thank you

AUDIO/VISUAL TRAINING

The parish is looking for parishioners who would be interested in being trained in the use of the AV equipment in the Church to be available to help at weekly masses and funerals. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Accommodation Required: Deserving single man in early 40's is seeking accommodation in this area at \$200 per week or less. Granny flat would be ideal. Reference available. Further information from Fr Kevin Dillon—St Simon's, Rowville—0421 777 360 or frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au



From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Brendan

Dear Parishioners,
As we come to the last days of Advent in preparation for Christmas, we turn our minds to the beauty of the crib. What a wonderful way for God to send His Son into the world. He could have come in a powerful, conquering way, but here is God as a baby reaching out to all of us.

We have all been given the work of spreading the Good News of God's love for us. One way of doing this, is by giving out our parish Christmas cards to our neighbours to tell them about our Christmas masses and give them our Christmas greetings. If you can take the cards for your street and deliver them in the coming days, either personally or by dropping them in letter boxes then you are helping to pass on the message of the real meaning of Christmas to your neighbours. So please do this. Don't hesitate to invite family, friends and neighbours to our Christmas celebrations. If we do this, it means that our family Christmas meals and gatherings have a richer meaning, for we have put Jesus first and in the centre, for it is his birthday that we are remembering and rejoicing about. Simone Weil said, "it is only beauty that will save the world. Beauty is a sacrament; it is Christ's tender smile coming through the world". What is more beautiful than the crib - Christ here through the miracle of life that shines in a baby. St. Thomas Aquinas assures us that "God is beauty itself, beautifying all things. God puts into creatures a kind of sheen, a reflection of God's own luminous ray, which is the fountain of all light".

Come let us adore Him,

Fr Brendan

Renaissance of Marriage Conference

St Mary's is wishing to sponsor a couple from the parish to attend this National Catholic Leadership Conference which is hosted by the Marriage Resource Centre, from 16-17 February 2018 in Sydney. For more information, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

Advent Reflection Group

Deacon George is running the Parish Advent Reflection Group on Thursdays at **10.00am** only in the Fellowship Room. All welcome. (Please note there is no evening session)



Parish Calendar 2017

17th December	Christmas Gift Stall & BBQ
20th December	Reconciliation 7pm
22nd December	Private Confession 6.00-8.00pm
23rd December	Private Confession 10.00am-12midday
24th December	Christmas Eve Family Mass 7pm
24th December	Christmas Carols 11pm Midnight Mass
25th December	Christmas Day Masses: 8.30am, 10.30am (no evening mass)

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: 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

The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After 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: Dennis Hyndman

Anniversaries: Anthony Rodrigues, Rosa & Ivan Ivancic, Josep Bassa, Therese Carvalho, Clarence Corera, Rahul Sebastaian

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, Lidia Longo, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Jenny, Makerita Niu-pulusuleo, Norma Gray, Jack Kelly

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: \$ 2109.25
Presbytery: \$ 454.65
Loose money: \$ 1468.00

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.

Don't forget sausage sizzle & gift stall after 10.30 mass Sunday. Gold coin donation.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please pick up Christmas cards in the Church foyer and distribute to those in your area.

