



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 Gottliebse
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 (11am Cardinal Knox)

Wednesday: 9.15am

Thursday: 9.15am (11.00am Cardinal Knox)

Friday: 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



From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Brendan

Dear Parishioners,

We are having the solemn dedication of the new altar by Archbishop Hart on our parish feast day, the Immaculate Conception, on December 8th at 7.30pm. We hope to see many of you there to make it a great night for our parish.

The Archbishop will say these words: "May we respond to these holy rites, receive God's word with faith, share at the Lord's table with joy, and raise our hearts in hope. Gathered around this one altar we draw nearer to Christ, the living stone in whom we become God's holy temple".

"We now anoint this altar. May God in his power make it holy, a visible sign of the mystery of Christ, who offered himself for the life of the world".

What we do at mass is very important. So I want people to make an effort to come early for every mass. So many come late every weekend, and many also leave early. Occasionally, there is a good reason for this, such as a baby or child suddenly getting sick. But mostly, it is because of a bad habit we have developed. I remember when I was a seminarian, that one student came late every day for the first lecture of the day, year after year. He could not have been that busy. We do need to prepare ourselves for mass by arriving early so that we are ready to hear God's word and celebrate his sacrifice for us in the Eucharist.

So let us give God a chance to touch us by our reverence and respect which we show by being at mass on time, and remaining 'til the end.

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	Dedication of Altar 7.30pm

The November Memorial Mass

We will remember all the dearly departed of our Parish especially those who have died over the recent year this coming Tuesday, 21st November 2017 at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church. All welcome (please bring a photo of your loved one). Cuppa will follow the service.

ST PAUL APOSTLE PARISH, ENDEAVOUR HILLS

A TALK BY COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS NOVEMBER 21ST AT 7.30PM IN THE ANNEXE.:

The Compassionate Friends support parents who have the grief of losing a child or a sibling. Many people are uncertain of what to say or how to support someone who has lost a loved one, especially a child or a brother or sister.

On top of this, many people have never heard of The Compassionate Friends Victoria and therefore are unaware of the support they can provide to bereaved families. The Compassionate Friends Victoria have a number of education programs that can be tailored to suit any audience and every program is presented by a trained speaker with lived experience.

ON NOVEMBER 21ST AT 7.30PM Sue Brown from Compassionate Friends will guide us through an evening of information, reflection, and conversation about coping with the loss of a child or a sibling or about how best to support one another and people we know at times of such losses. Please sign up so we get an idea of numbers for the speaker. Please pass this information on to other family and friends. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to attend 9700 3781

Advent Reflection Group

Deacon George will be running the Parish Advent Reflection Group (4 weeks) will commence Thursday, 30th November 10.30am and 7.00pm in the Fellowship Room



Film on the life of Saint Bakhita on Wednesday 22nd November will be held in the Marian Room at the Community Centre.

Accommodation Needed

A middle-aged Catholic woman from Sri Lanka is looking for accommodation in the Dandenong area. If anyone can help, please contact Fr. Brendan.

Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 2 December 2017 at 10.30 am
St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
Principal Celebrant Most Rev. Denis Hart DD,
Archbishop of Melbourne.



A Blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shire of Lourdes.



Congratulations & God's Blessing to the Children of our Parish who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend at the Sunday 10.30am Mass. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

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: Caroline Alexander

Anniversaries: Nazareth Johnson, Myrtle Marcardo, Julia D'Costa, Carmela Modica, Ubaldo DeFranceshis, Anna Caruso, Espedito Arnone, Carmelo Ferraro, Filippo Ferraro, Giusepping Indovino, Guiditta Caruso, Guido DeFranceshis, 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: \$ 1657.00

Presbytery: \$ 258.65

Loose money: \$ 1462.30

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.

Questions of Life

- Why are we here?
- Why be good?
- Why does God allow suffering?
- Where on earth is Heaven?



Discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottliebse. Will re-commence Tuesday 21st November in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome