



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 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: 9.00am

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

WEEK DAY MASS TIME

Monday: 9.00am (Word and Communion)

Tuesday: 9.00am (Except during School Terms mass will be 9.15am)

Wednesday, Thursday: 9.00am

Thursday: 11.00am (Cardinal Knox)

Friday: 11.00am (Followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm(Benediction))

(Last Friday of every month **Anointing Mass**)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9am 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,

By the time you read this, the Grand Final will be over, and we have a premier team for this year. We even have a public holiday to get ready for the match. Football is very important for many people. In fact, it is almost a religion for them. Their whole lives revolve around it. When their team wins they are happy, and when it loses, they are down.

The Grand Final is like a great liturgy. The national anthem is the opening hymn. The winning team song is the final hymn. The reward for winning is a great silver cup filled with wine. The players make a great sustained effort for nearly two hours. When the Grand Final is over, football stops for about six months. For most, the joy is fleeting.

But all of us are playing in a most important game, the game of life. St Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have run the race and I have kept the faith—and what awaits me is the Crown of glory". Footballers put in a tremendous amount of training to be able to play the game. We have the rules of the game of life from Jesus—the way, the truth and the life.

We are given the strength by the Holy Spirit. We are given the cup of salvation and the bread of life—Christ Himself who nourishes and strengthens us. He wants us to give ourselves to Him in our prayer, our thoughts, our work and our service—in our lives. Then we will find lasting joy and peace.

Father Brendan

Important Notice

Beginning Tuesday 31st October 2017 there will be Mass celebrated at Southern Cross Care (Cardinal Knox) at 11.00 am every Tuesday and Thursday.

Parish Calendar 2017

9th October	Information night 1st Communion
10th October	Baptism Meeting
16th October	Reflection Day 1st Communion
24th October	Outreach Meeting
25th October	Parish Council Meeting
6th November	Cup Eve Dinner Dance
21st November	Memorial Mass
24th November	Christmas Market
25th & 26th November	1st Communion
2nd December	1st Reconciliation
8th December	Consecration of Church 7.30pm

Questions of Life

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



A four week discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottlieb. Commencing 10.30 am Tuesday 10th October in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome



ST MARY'S PARISH CUP EVE DINNER DANCE

Monday, 6th November 7pm-late

Where: St Mary's Community Centre
New Street, Dandenong
(Carpark via McCrae Street)

Tickets: \$40.00 per person (available after each mass in Fellowship Room in Church)

**Buffet Dinner (including Dessert, Tea and Coffee) BYO drinks
Raffle and Melbourne Cup Day Sweep
Anglo-Oz Live Band & DJ**

EVENING FORUM FOR PARISHES: STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Wednesday 11 October, 5.30pm for 6-8pm

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

The Australian Government has recently announced withdrawal of support for hundreds of people transferred from Manus Island or Nauru for medical treatment, and intends to return them to danger on these islands. Meanwhile, more than 800 asylum seekers on Manus Island fear that, once the detention centre is closed in October, Australia will leave them with no future and no hope in PNG. The Forum will discuss practical ways in which you and your parish can help.

Cost: \$15 includes refreshments and resources

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/RQLL>

Details and RSVP: by 5 October to Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

ST GERARD'S DINNER DANCE 2017

Celebrating the first 60 years of St Gerard's Parish School 1957-2017

When: Sat 21st October 2017
7.00pm til 11.30pm

Where: Freccia Azzura,
784-796 Springvale Rd, Keysborough

Dress: Smart Casual

Tickets—\$55 per head (includes 3 course dinner & beer, wine, soft drinks)
Live music. Contact: Andrew Vaccaro 0404 390 824

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

*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: Giovanin Parolin

Anniversaries: Joseph Dinh, Silvano Mario Nisi, Colita Abella, Gina Ciconte

Sick: Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Gordon Fonceca, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Agapi Nicolaou, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lilly Tsim, Fleur Armstrong, Russell Gomes, Tramaine Pope

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: \$ 1,828.80

Presbytery: \$ 315.85

Loose money: \$ 1,366.20

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.

100 Years of Fatima



Please join the Public Square Rosary. As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God's merciful blessing upon Australia through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, 14th October, 2017 at 9.30 am. The local Public Square Rosary will take place at the Grotto, St Mary's Church.