



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 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: 9.45am -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,

With the passing of laws to allow men to marry men, and women to marry women, and now the legalisation in Victoria of doctors being able to give poison to people so that they can kill themselves, I am ashamed to be an Australian, and ashamed to be a Victorian. Politicians have put themselves above God—and that is a dangerous place for them to be, and dangerous for us too. The law of God is there to help and protect us. Mother Teresa, now a saint, said that abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace. In my experience, suicide is not far behind in destroying peace. Loved ones, left behind, are always faced with questions. Why did this happen? What should I have done? And there are no answers. What immense pain and suffering people go through before they take their own lives, and what pain and suffering they leave behind. Illogically, the government is erecting fences on the Bolte bridge to prevent people jumping to their deaths. (There are fences already on the Westgate bridge.) If they think suicide is a good thing for people in pain, maybe they should put a diving board up there, with a doctor to assist with a gentle push!

I have witnessed inspiring deaths of people who persevere through their final illness. Everyone is uplifted by those who take up their cross. I have seen the love and devotion of those who care for the dying to the end. What wonderful people they are. Selfless and so kind and compassionate. Death is a sacred time when we come to meet our loving God. Let us continue to respect this final journey of life. Let us offer our suffering in union with Christ for the redemption of our society.

Father Brendan

Parish Calendar 2017

2nd December	1st Reconciliation
8th December	Consecration of Church 7.30pm
15th December	Seniors Luncheon



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Welcome Olivi, Timothy, Noah and Ayeisha who are being baptised this Sunday. Please pray for them and their families

"Talks On... ' Spirituality with Father Elio Capra: Praying with the Icons of the Virgin and Child

The presentation will explore and reflect on the depths of meaning in three classic icons from the Eastern Christian tradition. Icons have been described as 'theology in line and colour'. They 'help us to cross borders, to enter into a new and transfigured world. Tracing the movement within them we can then discover the pattern of divine love that they reveal. This love invites and embraces us so that we find ourselves caught up in the drama of the love of God.' (Rowan Williams).

The presentation will also explore the links between icons and Western art to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Advent and Christmas.

When: Wednesday 29 November 5.30 'til 6.30pm
Where: The Open Door, Pomegranate Room
110 Ann Street, Dandenong 3175
Suggestion Donation: \$5



Please RSVP to Trish or Jo on 9791 8664.

Advent Reflection Group

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



A big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time in helping our Parish celebrate the many different events over these busy weeks..

"May you know the breadth the length the height and depth of God"
Ephesians 3:18



Protection of Religious Freedoms

Parishioners, particularly those from the Federal electorates of Bruce and Holt, are urged to contact their MPs as soon as possible, to voice their concerns about the protection of religious freedom and expression in any changes to the Marriage Act. These two electorates had a high 'No' vote (Bruce at 53%, Holt at 49%), so we have a great opportunity to put pressure on our MPs. Contact details are: Bruce—Mr Julian Hill, PO Box 1034, Mulgrave Vic 3170 Ph:(03)9547 1444, julian.hill.mp@aph.gov.au. Holt— Mr Anthony Byrne, Shop HM 2B,8-10 Overland Drive, Fountain Gate, Vic 3805(03)9796 7533, anthony@anthonybyrnemp.com

Dedication of the New Altar

Please keep free the evening of Friday, 8th December of 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.

Congratulations & God's Blessing to the Children of our Parish who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend 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: Anne Carney

Anniversaries: Sergio Bratti, Mary Canning

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

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: \$ 1846.50
Presbytery: \$ 332.90
Loose money: \$ 1680.10

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

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.

Questions of Life

- What do we mean by God?
- How do I pray?
- Why read the bible?
- Why go to Church?



Discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottliebse on Tuesday 28 November in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome