



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 Gottliebson
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 Fol-

lowed 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,

On Friday, we celebrated our Parish Feast Day—the feast of the Immaculate conception. We also welcomed Archbishop Hart and the Vicar General, Monsignor Greg Bennett, visiting priests, guests and parishioners for the Dedication of the new altar and the Consecration of the Church. It was a great celebration for our parish and a chance to say thankyou to God, and Mary, and to all who helped the renewal and renovation of our Church to come to fruition. We especially are grateful to Fr. Declan O'Brien, and Kevin McLaren, and all the tradesmen who did such a fine job. Most of all, we thank our parishioners who support our parish financially so that we can have a house of worship that we can be proud of.

As we listen to the gospel of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we hear Mary's immortal words, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word". We also hear that our politicians have done the exact opposite and taken our country further away from the plan of God, for the natural family, and for the sanctity of life. Let us get rid of them and put in people who have a respect for God and his law. Most of all, let us care for the dying, so that euthanasia is not even considered, and let us live in our families in such a way that we receive the blessings of God to help us live together and witness so that God is present in 'the domestic Church'. So it is a challenge to find Christ in our renewed Church, and take him out of the Church into the world which needs Him so much.

God bless you all,

Father 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*** and **7.00pm** in the Fellowship Room. All welcome. (*Please note change of time.)



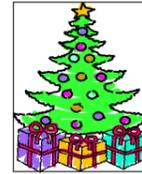
Parish Calendar 2017

15th December	Seniors Luncheon
17th December	Christmas Gift Stall & BBQ

If you are attending the **Senior Christmas Lunch and Mass** on Friday 15th at 11am (Anointing Mass) followed by lunch would you please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Church this weekend.



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



CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL & BBQ

On Sunday, 17th December, a Christmas Gift stall and BBQ will be held after 10.30 Mass. A good opportunity to buy a last minute gift for Christmas.

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 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.

We spend a lot of our lives waiting for something or someone. Waiting cannot be rushed—sometimes all we can do is be still and wait.

Wait with quiet, gentle, hope-filled hearts.



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

Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal—December 9th & 10th

Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support.

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible

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: June Flood, Suzie Gray

Anniversaries: Sr Ann Halpin, Elisa Salamanes, Virginia Del Rosario

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 Niupulusuleo, 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: \$ 1838.50

Presbytery: \$ 406.90

Loose money: \$ 1141.30

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.

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 Gottliebson on Tuesday 12 December in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome