



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: 9.15am (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:
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

Dear parishioners,

This is Australia Day—long weekend, when we take time to appreciate our wonderful country. January 26 marks the day that the first fleet arrived in Australia, captained by Arthur Phillip. He declared that “there shall be no slavery in a free land”. He was committed to living peacefully with the indigenous people, and refused revenge when speared in the shoulder. He was a Christian, and modern Australia has been founded on Christian values. A few are trying to destroy our Christian heritage. They are saying that Australia Day is offensive to aborigines. Most aborigines do not find it offensive. We recognize that Christianity strengthens our belief in the dignity of the human person created in the image of God, and the code of good behaviour that flows from this belief. We must pray for our country that we maintain these solid and true values.

We keep in mind that in Australia today there are

5 million Catholics
3 million Anglicans
3.8 million other denominations

totally almost 12 million people. So we are still a predominantly Christian country. We have many other religions too. There are

600,000 Muslims
560,000 Buddhists
440,000 Hindus
123,000 Sikhs
91,000 Jews

So despite the secular nature of much of our public life, most Australians hold religious beliefs. Our freedom of religion is very important to us. Our government must ensure that this basic right is protected, even as laws, which are contrary to Christianity, are introduced.

We still want God to watch over our country and to guide it.

Happy Australia Day,
Fr Brendan

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL INVOLVED IN MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

A compulsory meeting for all who are involved with music, or who wish to be involved, is being held at the parish Meeting Room 1 on Tuesday 6th February at 7:00pm.

It is important that a representative from each choir is present, as a new St. Mary's music program is being devised as well as the music roster for 2018 and the Easter ceremonies.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Father Brendan, Deacon George and Kathy

Monday Morning Helpers

The first meeting of our Helpers group will be on Monday 5th February in the Fellowship Room at 10am. If you would like to meet up with other parishioners, have a cuppa and help the parish with tasks as needed, please join us .

RCIA

The RCIA program has recommenced and will continue through to the Easter Vigil.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

Week 1 Who was Jesus?
Week 2 Why did Jesus have to die?
Week 3 Why believe in Jesus' resurrection?
Week 4 What is Christianity?



Discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottliebse commencing on Tuesday 30th February at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome

PARISH CALENDER 2018

Date	Event
6th February	Music Meeting 7pm
14th February	Ash Wednesday
20th February	Questions of Faith
21st February	Parish Council (note new date)
10-12th March	Parish Conference
28th March	Parish Council
29th March to 1st April	Easter Week
9th May	Parish Council
13th May	Mother's Day
23rd May	Confirmation
24th May	Biggest Morning Tea

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: Ronald Barangue

Anniversaries: Doreen McCabe, Olga & James D'Vaz

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, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly

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: \$ 2218.50
Presbytery: \$ 446.20
Loose money: \$ 1335.75

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.

Important Notices

ROSTERS

All Rosters are now ready please take your copy from the church foyer. Apologies for any errors we have made or if we have left anyone out.

The Children's Liturgy roster is also now available. Please collect your envelope from the church foyer near the sacristy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in the Parish Office.

Thank You
Franca & Maree