



# 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.*



## From the desk of the Parish Priest Fr Brendan

Dear parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Jesus was born into a family of love and grew up in the care of Mary and Joseph. All children are a gift from God. Jesus was a gift to Mary and Joseph and to the whole world. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son". Jesus is God's gift to us. Simeon told Mary that a "sword will pierce your own soul too". Because we love our children, we are ready to accept the necessary cost and hurt that raising them involves. But there are the times of joy too where we appreciate the gift of our families.

Unfortunately today, Christmas has been taken over by commercial forces and Jesus has been evicted from it. He is a refugee. He can be evicted from our families too if we do not keep prayer and cribs and statues in our homes, and if we give up on mass. All these remind us, and give us the strength to keep loving one another, despite the differences that exist between us.

It is in our families that we first come to believe in Jesus. Popes have called the family the "domestic church". Christ is present in our families. He joins with parents to give life and nurture it. He gives us so many of the characteristics that make us great. So let us rejoice in the gift of belonging to our families. Let us forgive the differences we have at times, and support each other at the time of loss. Christ, who grew up in a family, helps us to do these things.

And finally, a Happy & Blessed New Year to everyone.

Fr. Brendan



## Mass on New Year's Day The Feast of Mary the Mother of God 9.15am

### Office Hours for Christmas/January

Fri 29th December:	9.00am-1.00pm
Tue 2nd January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Fri 5th January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Mon 8th January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Fri 12th January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Mon 15th January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Fri 19th January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Mon 22nd January:	9.00am-1.00pm
Thurs 25th January:	9.00am-1.00pm

**Mon 29th January 2018:  
Normal office hours resume**

### 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 a 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.

**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 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:** 9.15am (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:** 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

### 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

**4th Sunday:** **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:** Fr Tim O'Toole, Truus Linders

**Anniversaries:** Amelia & Andrea Jago, Eric Fernandes, Michael Benson Roberts

**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, Jack Kelly, Don Cantwell

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#### \*\*\*\*\* Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 2933.50

Presbytery: \$ 645.89

Loose money: \$ 1892.95

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*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.*

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*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*

### Important Notices

#### 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).

#### NEW ROSTERS

Until new rosters are completed, would you please sign up at the mass you are attending if you are able to assist as either Reader or Eucharistic minister.

#### 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.