



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: 9.15am

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: Terry Gardiner

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,

What am I going to give up this Lent? We ask ourselves this question, but more importantly, "Why am I giving up these things?" We want Lent to make an impact on us. We need a break from our normal hectic lives if we are to come back to God, or if we are to deepen our love of God. God can be squeezed out of lives with so much activity and entertainment happening. We have had the breakups at work, followed by Christmas, and then the holidays, tennis, the Winter Olympics, cricket—all non-stop and soon football will be here. So much to catch our interest. So we take this time of Lent to remind ourselves that while all this activity is going on, we are made for God, we are destined for God, and we are loved by God.

So Lent is a time to lift our minds and hearts upwards.

It is a time to look inward at ourselves and our lives. Giving up good things can help us to forget ourselves and see the needy, and those who go without every day. So while we look inward to ourselves, we look outward to others, especially those in need. Another thing we can do is give up what we want to do. Most parents forget their own desires in order to serve their children. They want the best for them. Slowly we learn the lesson of love, to do what is best for others.

So let us embrace this season of Lent to deepen our spiritual lives by prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

The funeral mass for Enrica Donazzan will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday, 20th February at 10.30am.

Italian Mass

Wednesday 21st February at 7pm Fr Stephen will be celebrating Mass in Italian.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Deacon George is running this year's Lenten Program on Thursday evenings at 7pm. This is held in the Fellowship Room. All welcome.



Vinnies Piety Stall

The Vinnies Piety Stall is looking for anyone interested giving a bit of their time before and after Mass selling our range of gifts. No experience required and good for the resume! Please call Justin on 0413 961 816.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION

St Mary's Dandenong will be the venue for "John the Beloved Disciple" course, Moomba weekend 10-12 March, 2018, 8.30am-5.30pm. It is necessary to attend all sessions.

You are offered the opportunity to connect with the mercy and love of Jesus, thus realising you too are a beloved disciple. Give Jesus 3 days and be surprised by His generosity to you.

BYO lunch and bible, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

A suggested donation of \$60 (students \$40) comes with a money back guarantee if not completely satisfied. (This course has been presented for over 20 years by the Catholic School of Evangelisation, with no refunds sought.)

Limited numbers, so to avoid disappointment book early at: <https://www.trybooking.com/TALN>—use promo code CSOE for 5% discount, or by email: schoolofevangelisation@gmail.com or with Rose Rendina 0411 650 339

The Vincentian Father Rojan celebrates Mass each Friday evening at 7.30pm during the devotions which now begin at 6.30pm and continue till 9.00pm.

All are welcome for some or all of the ceremonies.

Fridays at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

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 Gottlieb commencing on Tuesday 20th February at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome

Our Lenten Cross

During Lent we are asked to place a purple cross on the wood cross as a sign of our Lenten commitment to making a change in our lives.

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
20th February	Questions of Faith
21st February	Parish Council (note new date)
22nd February	Outreach Meeting 2pm—Southern Cross
10-12th March	Parish Evangelisation Course
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)
Mondays: Monday Morning Helpers Group
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: Renee McKie, Antonio Santo, Enrica Donazzan

Anniversaries: Carmelo Puglisi, Carmela Barresi, Cherubina & Antonio Taraborrelli, Mario, Tommaso & Teresa Rombiolo, Reg Canning, Regina Puv

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, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Jenny, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Jean Francois Tuyau, Ray Wilkin, David Nuñez III, Kevin Leydon, Jayda Lorimer

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: \$ 2053.20

Presbytery: \$ 1022.85

Loose money: \$ 1676.80

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.

KSC Football Tipping Competition 2018

The Dandenong North KSC would like to invite all parishioners to participate in its huge and popular Football Tipping Competition in 2018. Cost to participate is \$50 for the entire season, where 50% of funds raised go to prizes, and the other 50% to the Branch in its support of the local Parishes- those who get all 9 tips correct winning \$30 for the round, and the overall winner of the season winning over \$1,000 in prize money. The rules for the 2018 KSC Footy Tipping Competition can be found on the Parish Bulletin Board. Please contact Carmine Miranda on 0412 817 995 or c.miranda@ampfp.com.au for any queries and expressions of interest. Round 1 commences on Thursday March 22, with Carlton vs. Richmond. Parishioners can encourage friends and relatives to participate. This is one of Dandenong North Branch's biggest fundraisers, with over \$2,500 raised yearly, which funds our Projects and Donations within the Parishes.