



# 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

Dear parishioners,

We put aside one day each year to acknowledge the great gift that our mothers are to us. We should do this every day, because we would not be here but for our mothers. They give us life, then the love and care we need to grow into happy and healthy people. Our relationship with them is the most important one we have in our early years. Our Mums will do anything for us, and they love us as we are. They know our faults but still love us. Traditionally it has been our mothers who have been the most important influence in passing on faith to us, and in teaching us to pray.

In May we put aside a whole month to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God. She is our spiritual mother, our heavenly mother who is in the presence of the Father and her son Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. We often find it easier to approach Mary with our problems and needs and she has great influence in interceding for us. She is our mother as she is the mother of the Church. She shows us how to say 'yes' to God as she said 'yes' to becoming the mother of our Saviour Jesus. He took his human body from her, and many of the beautiful qualities that he has still.

Mary has appeared on earth at times of crisis to call us back to God. Places like Fatima and Lourdes have had well known apparitions. She calls us to prayer and penance and to take seriously our faith. She was at the centre of the apostles as they gathered in prayer to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. She calls us to renewed prayer and to love and trust in her son Jesus.

We ask her today to pray for our own mothers to bless and help and reward them for their love and goodness to us.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

## PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
15th May	Baptism Meeting 7pm
24th May	Biggest Morning Tea 9am-1pm
12th June	Baptism Meeting 7pm
13th June	Confirmation
20th June	Parish Council 7.30pm

**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:** 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

Blessed is the Mother  
Who lets the Lord be her guiding hand  
Whose faith brings her family courage  
Whose wisdom comes from God  
And whose children still stand  
And honour her



### BIGGEST MORNING TEA

**When:** Thursday 24th May

9.00am-1.00pm

Guest Speaker—10.30am

**Where:** Marian Room

**Entry:** Gold Coin for cancer research

Bring your family and friends anytime during the morning and enjoy a cuppa for a good cause.

*Please sign up in the foyer if you intend to come.*

### Pentecost Sunday

Anyone who would like to read out one of the prayers of the faithful in their own language at any of the masses except 8.30 (which is already covered) on Pentecost Sunday, please let us know and we will give you the prayer.

### Give hope by giving generously to Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2018, Sunday 20 May

Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

Our focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to restoring them back onto the road again to re-join society:

- with dignity and self-respect
- with a sense of hope and responsibility for new pathways
- with a sense of personal power and control over their own life, and hopefully with new skill sets and options.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes on the seats this weekend and bring back next week with your considered donation.

Donations raised each year are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- People in custody in prison
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Seafarers.

If you would like further information please contact the Office of Philanthropy: 9926 5731 or visit the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage [www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy](http://www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy)

### 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:** Linda Rivera

**Anniversaries:** Maria Gorski, Peter Marotta, Lawrence Peters,

**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, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot,

The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.

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.

### Collections

**Weekly** Thanksgiving: \$2,186.50  
 Presbytery: \$1,159.45  
 Loose: \$1,393.00



### Catechetics Classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Classes will commence on Wednesday 30th May at 4pm in Parish Centre. Enrolment forms available in Parish Office.

### Inquiry Time For Adults Wishing to Become Catholic

If you know of anyone who is interested in knowing about the catholic faith, or thinking of becoming a catholic our inquiry time is commencing and you are asked to ring the parish office and make an appointment with Deacon George.