



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 have been let down by some Australian cricketers. They represent us and they cheated. We lose trust when this happens. As we hear the dramatic account of Our Lord's passion, we hear Peter repeatedly telling lies. "I do not know the man" he says three times of Our Lord. Jesus trusted Judas with the money, and he betrayed Him too. Peter repented, but Judas gave up. When we see these breaches of trust, we wonder who we can trust. Trust is the basis of freedom. If we work for a wage, we trust that we will be paid. All commerce is based on trust. Without trust, business is difficult, and relationships too. Many people question whether God can be trusted. When bad things happen to them, they can get angry with God. "Why did you do this to me?" Trust is important, even in our relationship with God. Jesus wants us to trust him.

In St John's gospel, we read "He had always loved those who were His in the world, but now He showed how perfect His love was". (Jn 13:1-2) He then went on to wash the feet of the apostles. Next day he went further as He died for us on the cross. He was trying to convince us of His love—a love that can be trusted. He wants us to be so convinced of this that we put our lives in His hands. He wants us to trust in His mercy when we fail and sin. He wants us to trust in Him even when we die, that He will welcome us to our heavenly home. He revealed to St. Faustina, that on the bottom of the Divine Mercy picture were to be the words "Jesus I trust in you".

Finally, the great reason for our trust is that we believe He rose from the dead and is alive today through His Holy Spirit.

The events of Easter are there to strengthen our love for and trust in Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.

Happy Easter to everyone,

Fr. Brendan

Vinnies Piety Stall

The Vinnies Piety Stall is looking for anyone interested in 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.

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



Volunteers Wanted St Marys Parish Bingo

St Marys Bingo is one of our Parish's important fund raising projects for our parish. We are urgently needing volunteers to assist with the running of weekly Bingo sessions. (No experience necessary)

Bingo times - Tuesday Afternoon, Tuesday Evening and Saturday Evening. Please contact either Jim Houlahan Ph 0425 789 455 or Fr Brendan 9791 4611 if you can assist.



Congratulations and God's blessings to

Jacquelyn Reid, Shadia Moro, Bol Konchek, Natalie Young, Noura, Amora, Showa and Emmanuel Alan Showa, Youhina Mabirol Bol Mateet who are to be baptised at our Easter Vigil; Nuay Alan and Alan Erer who will be fully received into the Catholic faith at our Easter Vigil;

Dhilan Nadisha Mathew and Thon Atem Atem Ayoung who will be baptised on Easter Sunday.

Please keep them in your prayers

Divine Mercy Sunday April 8

We have a special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8 beginning with confessions at 1.30m and then the chaplet at 3.00pm, followed by mass at 3.15pm. Keep the day free.

Please return Project Compassion boxes at Easter so that money can be sent to the needy of the world.

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

| Date | Event |
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| 10th April | Baptism Meeting |
| 9th May | Parish Council |
| 13th May | Mother's Day |
| 15th May | Baptism Meeting |
| 23rd May | Confirmation |
| 24th May | Biggest Morning Tea |
| 12th June | Baptism Meeting |
| 20th June | Parish Council |

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: Ida Moro

Anniversaries:

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, George Heldt, Gwen Grubb, Leti Luki, Long Phan

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Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 2403.60

Presbytery: \$ 545.55

Loose money: \$ 1953.65

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.

Catechetics Classes for sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

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

