



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
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,

We have State governments (not Victoria as yet) legislating that priests will have to break the seal of confession and report to police if someone confesses to them that they are a paedophile. If a priest were to do this, he would be ex-communicated from the Church. If someone were to confess this sin of paedophilia, most priests would counsel them to go to the police and report themselves. However, no priest in his right mind would break the seal and secrecy of the confessional, and report the person themselves. State laws are encroaching more and more on the activity and life of the Church.

In Australia, Church and State have remained separate. We "give to God what belongs to God and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar", says Jesus. But this new legislation is an unprecedented interference in a sacred activity of our Church. There is no need for it and it will not be effective. What will have to occur is that the confessional will become completely anonymous again as in the old days. If the priest doesn't know who the penitent is, then he cannot report him. If priests had to choose between going to gaol and being excommunicated, I know what they would choose. However, it is possible that someone will test out this law, and see if a priest will report him. We shall wait and see.

Increasingly, life is becoming more difficult for Christians around the world. There is a growing hostility to Christianity, and laws, contrary to Christian beliefs, are being introduced. So we will have to be stronger to remain faithful to the Lord, in the face of this opposition. We do have a lot to offer in a positive sense. The economics writer in "The Age", Ross Gittens, concluded his latest article with these paragraphs. "What would be wrong with aspiring to make life better for others, rather than ourselves? I aspire to an economy where bosses are less obsessed with earning more and less convinced that being tough on their employees and customers is the way to get there. Why are they sure that making more money under these conditions will make them happy? Surely if they have a happy staff who give customers good value for money, this will be more rewarding for all".

Jesus came to bring a revolution. A non-Christian society is a society where each tries to get as much as he can. A Christian society is one where each one gets only to give away. We "do not live on bread alone, but on every word from the mouth of God".

So we strive to be different, with varying degrees of success, in order to make our world a better place. May our governments support us, and not oppose us in this.

God support us all,

Fr. Brendan

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
6th July	Anointing Mass
10th July	Baptism Meeting 7pm
18th July	Movie & Soup Day



Movie and Soup Day

On Wednesday the 18th July we will be hosting a movie (The Way) and soup day in the Marian Room at 12 noon. The movie will commence around 1pm. A gold coin donation will go towards St. Vinnies. All are welcome. Please register your name on the sign up sheet in the church foyer.

The Dominican Friars of Melbourne are holding a symposium of short talks from seven friars on the great questions of our faith. The conference will commence with Holy Mass and includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and musical performance.

When: 21st July 9am-4pm
Where: St Dominic's Catholic Church and Parish Centre, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

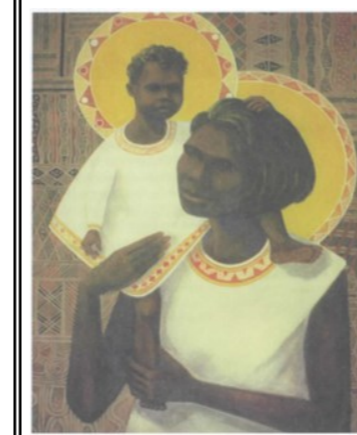
Entry is by donation, though RSVP is essential by 14th July to Fr Thomas (thomas.azzi@op.org.au or 0411 602 474) . All are welcome.

Defibrillator

St Mary's now has a defibrillator which is located in the priests' sacristy.

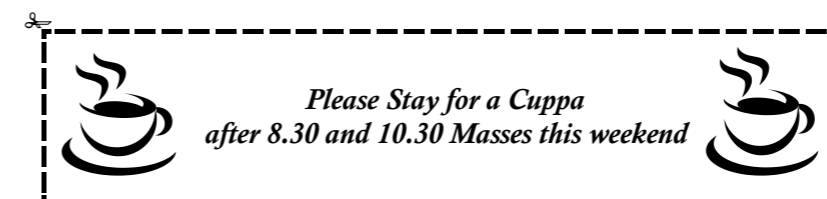
Car Parking

Council officers will issue fines for cars illegally parked during 10.30am and 5.30pm masses.



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

St Mary's Parish acknowledge the Boonwurrung people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)
Mondays: **Monday Morning Helpers Group** Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm
Tuesdays: **Friendship Club** lunch at Dandenong RSL
3rd Wednesday: **Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's** (Commencing February)
1st Sunday: **Presentation of Baptism candidates** at 10.30am Mass
3rd Sunday: **Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass
4th Sunday: **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: Jorge Ledesma Silvoza

Anniversaries: Theresa Mancuso, Regis Rampal, William & Carmela La Marca, Florencia Alvarez, Theivani Periyar, Francis & Princy Pavia, Stuart Simpson, Aloiz Hus

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, Peter Hendricks, Robert Kenworthy

The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian. At the end of each month the sick list is reviewed so could you please confirm if a name needs to stay on this list. Thank you

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: \$ 1,827.50
Presbytery: \$ 473.80
Loose: \$ 1,204.90



Free food is regularly available in St Mary's Church foyer on most Friday afternoons at 5pm. We thank St Vincent de Paul members for doing this for us.

