



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.*

This weekend there will be a collection for Peter's Pence, the annual collection for the Holy Father

The Regulars
After morning Mass (except Sunday)
Monday Morning Helpers Group
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:
Anniversaries: May Lamb, Rita Pillai, Melna and Vincent Roberts, Jason Smith, Bill Daniels, Bernard Smith, Eric Paull, Chris Luther, Phyllis Francis, Carol Lewis, David Woolgar, Bernard Lobbow.

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 Niupululeo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Peter Hendricks

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.

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,
On the Friday before Queens Birthday weekend in June 2016, Minister Greg Hunt, Member for Flinders visited St Mary's Parish Centre and Church supporting our application for a \$15,000 grant for a \$30,000 solar panel system for the Parish Centre which we subsequently received.

During his visit, Minister Hunt expressed concern at the shortfall over insurance cover of \$800,000 the Parish Community had to borrow to complete the rebuilding and modernisation of the Church and surrounds at a cost of \$1.4 million. Minister Hunt was also very interested and impressed with the "Too Low For English" classes in the Parish Centre.

In the light of this, Minister Hunt suggested we submit a Community Grant Application for \$500,000 to rebuild St Mary's Church, Dandenong resulting from the arson attack on 1st April 2015. It was advised that the submission address Jobs, Heritage, Community Centre and Community development.

Jobs – The project employed up to 15 tradesmen over 14 months while architects, engineers, estimators and landscape gardeners were also involved.

Heritage – Since 1864, St Mary's has occupied this site in the Dandenong Historical precinct.

Community Centre - Two popular attractions in the church grounds are Mary's Garden and the adjacent St Mary's Memorial Garden containing memorial plaques of loved ones who have passed away. These gardens attract many visitors each day particularly Mary's Garden where parishioners and the public engage in private reflection away from the bustle of Dandenong on the other side of the fence.

It is intended to expand and landscape these gardens to make it more connected, attractive and welcoming to an even greater number and diverse range of people.

Community Development - In an area of the Parish Centre adjacent to the Church, "Too Low In English" Classes are conducted by volunteers to recently arrived adult migrants/refugees who have difficulty with English, not being their first language. With this rebuilding project it is anticipated we will be able to provide better connectedness between different areas on the site to help reflect the multiculturalism of Dandenong through appropriate landscaping and gardens.

In September 2016, we received advice from the Minister of Regional Development that our grant application had been approved by Federal Cabinet. However the subsequent formalities and bureaucratic processes have meant that the \$500,000 in funds were only received on 14th June 2018. What a fantastic outcome.

The receipt of these funds will enable us to pay off some of our loan and some other liabilities while enabling us to undertake urgent repairs and maintenance works including the heating boiler at the Community Centre at a cost of \$30,000 approximately. We are in the process of reviewing our overall financial, assets and liabilities position to determine the best way ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Brendan

Welcome Imani and Isaiah who are being baptised this Sunday



St John's Regional College Open Day
Thursday 28 June
Tours commence from 6.15pm
To book a tour: www.trybooking.com/WCRI
Enrolments open for 2020 & 2019

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

Collections

Weekly	Thanksgiving: \$ 2,499.50
	Presbytery: \$ 473.80
	Loose: \$ 1,204.90

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

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

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