



# 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 ( 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,

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday which is also known as Passion Sunday. We begin by rejoicing in the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, and then proclaim the gospel of the passion and death of the Lord. We go on to the Triduum, the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. What drama—Death and Resurrection. Evil conquered by Good. The eternal struggle still goes on. Corrupt leaders 2000 years ago condemned Jesus. Corruption is still rife today. The politicians, encouraged by the media who put themselves above the law of God a few months ago when they thought they knew better than the fifth commandment, 'thou shall not kill', now show they have no problem overturning the seventh commandment, 'thou shalt not steal'. All for a 'good' cause, to get themselves elected.

This shows, that without God in our lives, things can easily go bad. It is the death and resurrection of Jesus, which gives Christians the hope that with the help of the Lord, they can overcome sin and even death itself.

God continually purifies us with his abundant mercy and grace. This is true for us personally, but also for a society. But we do have to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. So Christians are the most relevant of people as we are people of hope. We know the answer to the problem of sin and evil—the Lord himself. We are more important than ever, as the society around us tries to live without God, and gets itself into a greater and greater mess.

Australia is a great country, made so by good people, developing the gifts God has given us. As we get away from the ways of God, then our freedom and prosperity and happiness are put at risk. This Easter let us all return to God, and this beautiful way of life and love.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Brendan

### HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018

**Tuesday—27th March**  
**7.00pm** Reconciliation Service Rite II

**Holy Thursday—29th March**  
**7.00pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday—30th March**  
**11.00am** Stations of the Cross—Dandenong Park  
**3.00pm** The Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday—31st March**  
**8.00pm** Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday —1st April**  
**8.30am & 10.30am** Mass **NO 5.30pm** Mass



## EASTER CHOIR

The last practice for Easter choir is on

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm

All singers need to be present at this practice in order to sing at the Easter Ceremonies

Thank you

Kathy Gottliebse

Pastoral Associate



## 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.

### Preparation for Easter

Anyone who could spare an hour or two on Monday 26th March to prepare all the necessities for Easter, please come to the fellowship room in the Church between 10am-2pm Lunch will be provided.

### Mass of Chrism

Mass for the blessing of the Oils which will be used for sacraments throughout the coming year will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 27th March at 11am all parishioners are most welcome to attend that Mass. Fr Brendan will be collecting the oils for St Mary's Parish.



### Windows

*Thanks to Michael Pater for restoring and returning our leadlight windows on the north side of the Church.*



The funeral for Tranquilla Pettenuzzo will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 11.30am at St. Mary's.

## PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
28th March	Parish Council
29th March to 1st April	Easter Week
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:** Tranquilla Pettenuzzo

**Anniversaries:** Domenico & Angela Caruso, Domenic Caruso, Felice Isabella, Laiza Lazer, Gaetan Radegonde, 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, Jenny, Makerita Niu-pulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, George Heldt

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### Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1838.60

Presbytery: \$ 333.15

Loose money: \$ 1496.60

*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.*

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 8

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

### 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.

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