



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 Gottlieb
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,

Some friends at the beach were watching the moon rising over the water this week. The 'blue moon' was a particularly beautiful sight. "How could you not believe in God?" was their comment.

Fr. Daniel O'Leary writes about the children at his school who were racing to a waiting bus, "suddenly a girl noticed the magnificent rainbow. There it was, an arc of beauty, elegant as a ballet dancer, stretching gracefully across the bloodshot sky. Their young eyes missed nothing in that ring of wonder that hung like a silent blessing almost within reach of their small hands. The teacher joined them. Would she talk about God? She didn't. She knew that the still surprise of the children was already an act of worship. Nothing more to add". "It is only beauty", said Simone Weil, "that will save the world. Beauty is a sacrament, it is Christ's tender smile coming through the world."

God is speaking to us through the wonder of His creation. God is evangelising us, reminding us that there is a God of love in the depths of the world and in the depths of each one of us. Jesus is calling us to a deep personal relationship with Him. So we are all invited to experience the call of Jesus at the long weekend March 10-12 when we can learn from St John, the apostle closest to the heart of Jesus, about how to be a disciple of Jesus, and how to pass on the Good News to others. See elsewhere in the bulletin for details.

Fr. Brendan

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION

The Schools of Evangelisation are endeavouring to give people a vibrant, lived experience of their Catholic faith, and the skills and confidence to be a real evangelising influence in their families, parishes and communities.

The courses, through the use of practical and theoretical methods give participants a deeper understanding of the basic message of the Gospel.

John the Beloved—Formation of Disciples

Where: St Mary's Church, Dandenong

Date: 10-12 March 2018 (3 Day Course)

Time: 8.30am-5.30pm

Registration Pamphlet available in Church Foyer

REMINDER: MUSIC MEETING - 7pm Tuesday 6 Feb in Parish Meeting Room 1

Monday Morning Helpers

The first meeting of our Helpers group will be on **Monday 5th February** at 10am in the Fellowship Room.

HERITAGE HILL TOUR

An experienced local tour guide and a City of Greater Dandenong's horticultural team will show off the two acre property, sharing the stories which make up the 130 years of History of Heritage Hill.

Wed 7th Feb-Wed 7 March 10.30am-12.30pm Tours are free of charge. For more information: greaterdandenong.com/creativeclasses or ph 8571 1666

Chanel College Geelong 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of THE MARIST FATHERS ERA (1958-1970). For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com OR your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218

RCIA

The RCIA program has recommenced and will continue through to the Easter Vigil.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

- Week 1 Who was Jesus?
- Week 2 Why did Jesus have to die?
- Week 3 Why believe in Jesus' resurrection?
- Week 4 What is Christianity?



Discussion and prayer group lead by Kathy Gottlieb commencing on Tuesday 20th February at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A Cuppa to follow.

All welcome

PARISH CALENDER 2018

Date	Event
6th February	Music Meeting 7pm
14th February	Ash Wednesday
20th February	Questions of Faith
21st February	Parish Council (note new date)
10-12th March	Parish Evangelisation Course
28th March	Parish Council
29th March to 1st April	Easter Week
9th May	Parish Council
13th May	Mother's Day
23rd May	Confirmation
24th May	Biggest Morning Tea

The Regulars

- Daily Rosary:** After morning Mass (except Sunday)
- 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
- 4th Sunday:** **Youth Group** after 5.30 Mass
- 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: Lennie Molinaro

Anniversaries: Alfio Tomaselli, Dorrie Caron, Helena & Robert Carson

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, Jean Francois Tuyau, Ray Wilkin, David Junez III

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

Collections for last weekend...

Thanksgiving: \$ 1351.55

Presbytery: \$ 441.30

Loose money: \$ 1422.60

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.

LENTEN PROGRAM—2018

Deacon George will be running this year's Lenten Program commencing Thursday 15th February. The program will run for 6 weeks.

Date: Thursday 15th February (6 weeks)

Time: 7.00 pm

Where: Fellowship Room

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED - SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent commencing on Friday 17th February in the Parish Car Park at 7pm