



# 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:**

**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,  
The slaughter of 17 bright young people in Parkland USA has led to a questioning of our society and what has gone wrong with a culture that produces such terrible atrocities. We have seen innocent people slaughtered here in Melbourne. More gun control and more police won't fix the problem, though the police have prevented some tragedies like these happening. The problem though is in the hearts of people. Jesus came to change our hearts, so that our actions would be good and loving. But we live in a society which is trying to get rid of God, ignore God, and then believe that it is better off. But doing this has consequences. When we reject the creator and His way of living, we are at the mercy of those He has created who then make up for themselves what is right and wrong. We are faced with widespread family breakup, starting with some of our top politicians. There are the problems of drugs, violence, pornography etc. But most seriously we are cheapening the value of human life itself. When the State allows the taking of innocent human life at it's beginning and at it's end, because this life is unwanted, the message goes out that life is unimportant. I am not important and you are not important either. Obviously young people have been picking up this message. If life has no special value, then it must be okay to take it.

The greatest source of the value of our life is that it is a gift from God, that we are children of God, made in the image and likeness of God, and are protected by God and his commandments. Take this away, and we are all vulnerable. So the only real and lasting answer to the problem of these random murders, is a return to God and the beautiful way of life and love He puts before us and helps us to live.

Lord have mercy,

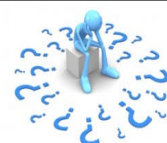
Fr. Brendan

### 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 Gottliebse on Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room in the Church. A cuppa to follow.

*All welcome*



## EASTER CHOIR

All those interested in being part of the parish Easter choir for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil need to attend the following practices in the church.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm**

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

All are welcome, come and express your love of God and neighbour through music.

Kathy Gottliebse  
Pastoral Associate



## 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

**Register at the parish office**

RCIA

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

## PARISH CALENDER 2018

Date	Event
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



*Please Stay for a Cuppa after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses this weekend*



## 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
- 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:** Margaritta Marotta, Ray Wilkin

**Anniversaries:** Lennie Molinaro, Jack Molinaro, Olga Cabral, Barry Deworsop, Richard Gorski

**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, Bridie McDewitt

*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: \$ 1452.50

Presbytery: \$ 647.95

Loose money: \$ 1518.70

*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 is running this year's Lenten Program.

**When:** Thursday evenings  
**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 evening during Lent in the Church at 6.30pm