



## 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".*

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr. Brendan Lane  
**DEACON:** Rev. George Piech Meat  
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Kathy Gottlieben  
**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](http://www.stmarysdandenong.org)



### From the desk of the Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

With the coming of euthanasia to Victoria, the push is now on to spread it to the rest of Australia with the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory the next in line. A tiny group of activists (the Death Lobby) are bullying the majority to bring this in. In the past, it was the majority that imposed on minority groups. Now it is the opposite. Outside of this tiny group of activists, there has been no desire for euthanasia. There have been great advances in palliative care, and people who are dying are helped to cope with any pain they may experience. Painkillers may shorten life, but the intention is always to reduce pain, and not to kill.

Dr. Michael Gannon, the president of the Australian Medical Association, has written, "Once you legislate this you cross the Rubicon. The cause for euthanasia has been made in a very emotional way and this is the latest expression of individual autonomy, as an underlying principle. But the sick, the elderly, the disabled and the dying must never be made to feel they are a burden".

To introduce legal suicide is dangerous, when it is already the leading cause of death in young people 15-44 and the second leading cause of death in those 45-54. Here in St Mary's we have held two funerals in recent times of young people who have suicided. It is tragic to see young life taken before time.

For religious people, we have the fifth commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill' and this has been the basis for many of our laws. Human life has a special, inherent value, ultimately because it is a gift from God, and hence sacred. It is not for us to take it. Death is compulsory and we have to die. We do not have the right to kill. If we did, we would all be unsafe. Let us pray and write to our Senators to throw this bill out.

God bless,

Fr. Brendan

### Divine Mercy Congress—August 24-26 2018

at Divine Mercy Shrine, 337-343 Greens Rd, Keysborough

**Speakers:** Cardinal Mafi—from Tonga  
Archbishop Alapati—from Apia, Samoa  
Fr Dariux—from El Salvador Phillipines  
Gary Pinto—Melbourne singer  
and many others

**'Light the fire of mercy on earth'**

Brochures in the Church foyer

**"Though many we are one."**  
**One in faith and one in the Gospel values of hospitality and welcome, compassion and justice.**

### Teach with Timorese Teachers!

Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor-

Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333.

For more opportunities, visit [palms.org.au/volunteer](http://palms.org.au/volunteer)

Can't commit just yet? Check out [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)



This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our Community. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope and return it directly to CatholicCare.

### St Mary's Dinner Dance

Please put in your diary this special date Cup Eve Monday 5th November ask your friends and neighbours, fellow parishioners start thinking about getting a table together. Let's make it another successful night.

### Service One Another

- ◆ Jesus has asked us to follow him and to service one another.
- ◆ One way we can serve each other at St Mary's is through a hospitality group. We already have some generous people who serve the cuppas on the first Sunday of the month for us all.
- ◆ There are other occasions when we would need help. If you are interested please let the office know and then we will organise a meeting.



### THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On Wednesday 15th August mass will be at 9.15am and all the children of St Mary's Primary School will also attend Mass on this day.

Walking to our Centre: The Labyrinth Pathway

With its roots in antiquity, walking the labyrinth is an opportunity to step out of the bustle of Festival life and step into the calm space of walking this ancient pathway. Using a portable labyrinth, Cath Connelly will explain the role of the labyrinth and offer the invitation for people to walk the path. Cath has extensive experience as a labyrinth facilitator and deepens the experience by playing her Celtic harp as people walk.



When: TUESDAY 14 August 1.00pm-3pm  
Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong  
Suggested Donation: \$5  
Bookings essential: Ph 9791 8664 / E: [theopendoor@ssjg.org.au](mailto:theopendoor@ssjg.org.au)

### PARISH CALENDAR 2018

| Date           | Event                  |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 14th August    | Baptism Meeting        |
| 25th August    | 1st Reconciliation     |
| 11th September | Baptism Meeting        |
| 12th September | Parish Council Meeting |

### The Regulars

After morning Mass (except Sunday)

### Monday Morning Helpers Group

Centering prayer meditation at

The Open Door, 7pm

### Friendship Club

lunch at Dandenong RSL

### Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's

(Commencing February)

### Presentation of Baptism candidates

at 10.30am Mass

### 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

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**This weekend we pray for**

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Butera,

Kay.Leela Ayyadurai, Margie Van Cuylenberg.

### Anniversaries:

Elaine & Locksley Collins, Stefan Cestnik

### 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 Niupuliusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Leti Luk, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Peter Hendricks, Sharon Foncera

*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.

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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: \$ 2517.50

Presbytery: \$ 486.20

Loose: \$ 1736.90



### WE WANT YOU!!!!!!

For all men 18 and over who are looking to serve within our Church, and take the practise of their Faith to a new level, the **Knights of the Southern Cross** will be hosting an **Information Evening** to educate about what the Knights do within the Community. To be held on Monday August 27 at St Peter's Parish Clayton, please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 9795 7851, 0404 390 824 or e-mail at [avacaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avacaro@internode.on.net), by Friday August 24, for further information. Don't just stand back and make excuses- be a part of the defence of our Faith at this crucial time in history. United, and with many numbers, we can make a huge difference.