



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:
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,

We are reeling from another terrorist attack on innocent people. The loss of Sisto Malaspina in this knife attack has touched us, as he was such a wonderful, and much loved person, who went to the aid of the man who killed him, because the killer's car was on fire.

As we prepare to give him a great farewell at the State funeral in St Patrick's Cathedral, in the background is our sense of helplessness to prevent attacks like this. Our government immediately puts in more concrete blocks (bollards) to try and stop cars from being used to run people down. But this won't stop a terrorist who carries a gun or a knife or is loaded up with explosives. Why does he do this? He believes he is doing the will of God, and will go straight to heaven and his family too when they die. It is the power of belief, even if it is a far cry from the understanding we Christians have of a loving and merciful God, revealed to us by Jesus, the Son of God. Our beliefs are powerful, and can lead us to do great things, or they can lead us to do great harm, as happened in Bourke Street.

As our new Archbishop, Peter Comensoli says, "Friday's evil act was entirely contrary to the way of Jesus, contrary to all true religion and contrary to human dignity. The way of Jesus Christ is to build bridges of mutual respect and civil friendship among people and communities. The way of aggression and violence is never the answer. Let us commit ourselves to the way of dialogue and reconciliation". He continues, "Let us acknowledge and honour the lights of goodness that shone out on Friday afternoon". He then mentions the goodness of Sisto, and others who tried to protect people. He asks for prayers for all affected by this tragedy.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

NOTICES FOR THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND 17th / 18th November

Christmas Twilight Market

St Mary's Annual Twilight Market will take place on Friday 30th November 4:00pm till 8:00pm at the parish centre. Flyers for the market are on the tables in the foyer and we are asking if those present at mass would be kind enough to take a few and put them into your neighbours' letter boxes. This is one way you might be able to help the parish as well as bringing family and friends to the market.

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Financial Report 2017

In 2017, St Mary's Parish Dandenong received \$800,000 in income which included a magnificent \$315,000 bequest from the late great Terry Grandy. As a consequence, the Parish made a small surplus of \$20,000 as at 31 December 2017.

In late June 2018, the Parish received a Federal Government Grant of \$500,000 which had been approved by the Turnbull cabinet in June 2016 through the good auspices of Minister Greg Hunt, the member for Flinders. The grant was provided to assist in the refurbishment of the Church after the arson attack and fire at Easter 2015 and to improve the site, buildings and amenity to the general community bearing in mind the "Too Low In English" program that was running in the Parish centre.

It was decided to pay down \$250,000 from our 2016 \$800,000 CDF loan to reduce the principal by 4.7 years from the original 15 years and interest payments by \$12,000 to \$20,000 p.a.

Our major income sources are Thanksgiving contributions and 3 bingo sessions per week. As at 30 September 2018 there are 270 Thanksgiving contributors with a weekly average contribution totally \$2950 which has been relatively stable since January 2017.

St Mary's Parish is on target to make a small deficit of \$6500 at 31 December 2018 excluding the government grant. While we have some financial reserves due to responsible financial management in years gone by, present and future parishioners need to achieve a modest increased weekly contribution of at least \$3100 per week to ensure our financial security in the future. The parish debt currently is \$496,664.

Please contact the Parish Secretary, Franca Van Boxtel on 9791 4611 to make or vary your Thanksgiving pledge and to arrange credit/debit card payments or weekly envelopes.

Visitation Statue

There is a meeting on Wednesday 21st November at 5:00pm in the parish meeting room for all those who put their name down to have the Mary statue in their home. Any other interested person may also attend.

Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass to remember our loved ones will be held on this coming Tuesday 20th November at 7:00pm. If you are coming you are invited to bring a photo of your loved one to place on the sanctuary steps.

Advent Sessions

Wednesday Mornings commencing Wednesday 28th November at 10:00am to 11:00am. Kathy will run these sessions on spiritual development in the Advent season.

Thursday evenings commencing Thursday 29th November at 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Deacon George will run sessions on the scripture of the following Sunday in Advent.

These sessions will take place in the parish meeting room.

All are welcome at both sessions.

Seniors Christmas Lunch

Our seniors anointing mass and Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 12th December at 11:00am in the Marian Room. A signup sheet is available in the foyer for people to write their names or you can ring the office.

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

1st Sunday: Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's

3rd Sunday: Presentation of Baptism candidates

4th Sunday: Youth Group after 5.30 Mass

After morning Mass (except Sunday)

Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm

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

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: Abundio Pio Pereira

Anniversaries: Sergio Bratti

Sick: Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, 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 Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Patricia Cahill, Denise Nowakowski, Josephine Thomas, Michael Guinan.

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.

Collections

Weekly Thanksgiving: \$ 1873.50

Presbytery: \$ 810.55

Loose: \$ 1510.60



PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
20th November	Memorial Mass 7pm
30th November	Christmas Twilight Market 4-8pm
5th December	Parish Council Meeting
8th/9th December	Parish Feast Day BBQ