

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 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 Mercy Place)

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

ST MARY'S PARISH YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP 2019

*WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
WHERE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN, LOVED,
CALLED BY NAME AND SUPPORTED IN
THEIR CALL TO HOLINESS.*



From the Desk of the Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

I have been uplifted and inspired by the great crowd of people who came to mass for Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent. It is a tough time to be a Catholic, and to wear the ashes announces that you are one. So thank you.

Many years ago, when I was a newly ordained priest, I had an appointment with a parish priest who I found very difficult to work with. I soon realised, that while I worked under his authority, I was working for God. And all of us are doing this in whatever situations we find ourselves. We are working under human leadership, but our service is for God. St. Ignatius had the motto—"For the greater glory of God". He did everything for that purpose. Ps 118:8 tells us that "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes". Ps 146:3 "Do not trust in princes, in mortal man in whom there is no salvation". So we centre our lives on the Lord, and when we do this, we can cope with the storms that blow around us.

Who are the number one Catholics in our church? The number one Catholics are not usually those in positions of authority, but the saints, the holy ones. Some leaders are saints, but mostly the saints are humble, ordinary people, who are extraordinary in their faith in God, and in love for God, and service of people. That is why we pray to them to intercede for us.

There are other saints who are living among us. In every parish I have been in, there has been a group of good people I have regarded as saints. They have not been canonised, but they are saints all the same.

It has been saints through history who have led the church through difficult crises. We pray that God will raise up saints for today to help us in these challenging times.

It is also the time to encourage each other with the knowledge that our church members do a tremendous amount of good, all over the world. Parishioners in African villages have been the main carers to people suffering with HIV aids. Project Compassion enables Caritas to send money to poor parts of the world to improve the lives of the needy. All over the world we have schools and hospitals and universities and many other organisations. Everywhere you find the St Vincent de Paul Society reaching out to the poor. So we do a great job. We are not perfect, but no one else is either. But we rely on the mercy and help of God. So at this time of Lent and repentance, may we also "Lift up our hearts".

God bless you all,
Fr. Brendan

Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 15th March** at the home of Princy & Dishit Devasia, 3 Obec Mews, Dandenong North. Phone number 0450 507 774

Rosary will commence at 7:00pm followed by tea & coffee. All parishioners are welcome.

For all those who volunteered your home, your rosters are now available for pick up. Any queries please contact Ramona.



NOTICES FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WEEKEND 9TH/10TH MARCH

Lenten Reflections

During Lent the following opportunities are available to join for prayer and reflection.

Thursday evenings at 7:00pm commencing on Thursday 7th March in the parish meeting room. These sessions will be led by Deacon George.

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am commencing on Wednesday 13th March in the office area. These sessions will be led by Kathy.

Stations of the Cross will take place in the church on Friday evenings March 8th at 6:30pm

Lenten Cross

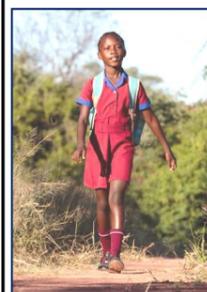
During lent you are invited to place a purple cross onto the wooden cross as a sign of your willingness to fast, pray, and to forgive or let go of a personal hurt.

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24

Movie Day During Lent

We are holding another movie day which will be on Friday 29th March in the Marian Room at the community centre. The movie will be Jesus of Nazareth which is a long movie commencing with Jesus' birth through to his resurrection. This movie closely follows the Gospels. There will be a break half way through the movie for lunch and a discussion. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

First Sunday of Lent

10th March 2019

Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.



The **Australian Red Cross Blood Service** will be collecting blood next week from 11th-15th March in the Community Centre. If you wish to donate, please ring 13 14 95 (bookings essential). or visit www.donateblood.com.au/red25



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: Abelardo Guevarra

Anniversaries: Stella Collins, Rita & Ivan Ambrose, Lawrence Peters, Mercy & Stanley Moses, Rex Moses, Giuseppina & Giorgio Franco

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, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Patricia Cahill, Josephine Thomas, Michael Guinan, Neil Kirpalani.

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, home-bound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

Collection

Weekly Thanksgiving: \$ 1910.15

Presbytery: \$ 387.15

Loose: \$ 1428.25



Cuppas Rosters ready. Please pick up from noticeboard near sacristy.

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

Date	Event
12th March	Baptism Meeting
17th March	Youth Group Meeting 6.30pm
27th March	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm