

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 Gottliebson
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxel & 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,

What a week it has been with the terrible slaughter of Muslims praying in mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Will this lead to retaliation? We hope not, but how do we deal with events like this? If nothing is done to stop these attacks, then we have what is called, 'a spiral of violence'. "You hit me, and I hit you and you hit me and I hit you". It goes on and on. Jesus gave us the only way out. That is "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Bless those who persecute you". His message of mercy and forgiveness is the only way to peace. It may seem weak, but the alternative is endless war and violence. So we must pray for real peace. We remember the hundreds of Christians who have been slaughtered in recent years. Though they have been far from us, we must not forget our suffering brothers and sisters.

There has been a lot of talk about banning 'hate speech'. For Christians, we are people who 'hate the sin, but love the sinner'. We hate what happened in Christchurch. It is not human. But somehow we must love our enemies, those who carry out these crimes. To love in this context means to want what is best for the person. The most loving thing for the serial killer is that he never be released from prison. That way he can never kill again. But words are powerful, and how we speak and the words we use can have a great effect for good or for evil.

So while we hate the evil that is done, we have to be careful how we speak about the persons who carry out evil. St Paul says we should use words that "build up" and not "knock down".

Most of all we do not want to live in fear. We have a confidence in God that He can bring good out of the most evil and wicked events. He is never caught flat-footed. He remains in control of our world. He still reigns; preparing always to deliver us from apparent disasters. We turn to Him at this time for the help to move on with hope in the midst of darkness.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

John's Gospel

Join us as we follow scripture theologian Mary Coloe's book, 'A friendly guide to John's Gospel'. This supportive group reads the guide, and the gospel, and offers a safe place to discuss its meaning and how it affects us in our everyday lives.

Monday 1 April 4.30pm -5.30pm

110 Ann Street, Dandenong

A Gold Coin is Welcome

Led by The Open Door Team.



For more details, call Trish or Jo on 97918664

Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 29th March** at the home of Elisa Pinati, 2/94 McCrae St, Dandenong. Phone No. 0422 654 337

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT WEEKEND 23RD & 24TH MARCH

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, commencing at 11:00 am. 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.

Due to the length of the movie, a second session will be held on Tuesday 1st April, once again commencing at 11:00am.

Come and join your fellow parishioners for this Lenten experience of Jesus' life.

Easter Choir

All those who would like to be part of the Easter choir this year are asked to attend practices commencing Monday 1st April at 7:00pm in the church. The other two practices will be Monday 8th April and Monday 15th April. All are welcome.

Monday Morning Helpers

Over the next few weeks we need people willing to help prepare things for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Anyone who can spare an hour or two on a Monday morning from 10:00 am commencing this Monday 25th March. Please come to the parish office where you will be much welcomed.

LENT 2019

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) **Prayer**—for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

(b) **Self-Denial**—for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

(c) **Helping Others**—for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019 and Trinity Sunday, 16 June 2019 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

- All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



Third Sunday of Lent
24th March 2019



Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

The Regulars

After morning Mass (except Sunday)

Daily Rosary:

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

3rd Wednesday:

1st Sunday:

3rd Sunday:

4th 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

This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased: Timoteo Jamen

Anniversaries: Ernest Ambrose, Margarida Dacofta, Settimio Timi, Elizabeth & John Jacob, Mercy, Stanley & Rex Moses, Angelo Johnpulle, Regina Puvu, Liza Lazer.

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: \$ 1873.00

Presbytery: \$ 455.60

Loose: \$ 1373.25



Welcome to Ellie & Luca who are being baptised this Sunday. Please pray for them and their families.

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

Date	Event
27th March	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
29th March	Movie Day Part 1 11.00am
1 April	Movie Day Part 2 11.00am
1 April	Easter Choir practice 7pm