

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: Deslene de Niese
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren
CENTRE MANAGER: Mr. Miguel Matamala
CATECHETICS CO-ORDINATOR: Ms Marilyn Cuddihy
YOUTH WORKER: Bridget Rae

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 Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

Over the next two Sundays we will be celebrating First Holy Communion for over 20 of our young children. This is an important event in the lives of the children, as they take the second step in coming into the Church when they receive Jesus into their hearts in this way for the first time. We thank the parents and teachers who have helped the children to prepare so well. We wish all the children a day of joy, peace, faith and love leading to the same things in their lives in the future through the love of God given to them.

It is my wish that all of our children have a capacity for joy, trust, and hope, and that we don't destroy that, by burdening them with worries about things that they cannot change.

Last Friday, I was invited to Corpus Christi College, our local seminary in Carlton, for the unveiling of a beautiful statue of St. Therese of Lisieux. I left early, but traffic on the Monash Freeway moved slowly, due to an accident, and later as I tried to get to Carlton from the freeway, it was slower still. Demonstrators for the 'Extinction Rebellion' were blocking streets. So I arrived forty-five minutes late, and the ceremony was all over. Many of the demonstrators were young people, apparently fearful that the end of the world is coming, due to climate change. And they burden children with this fear too, and take away the simplicity and joy of childhood.

Jesus tells us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come again. Regularly there have been 'prophets' to tell us that the 'end is near'. They have always been wrong. But Jesus tells us to be ready, but not frightened. So often He tells us 'Be not afraid'. So we trust in Him, and we hope that our world will slowly improve our environment, reduce pollution, yet provide cheap power to all. So let us not worry our children with false predictions, and pass on a faith in the Lord who we can trust.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan



Happy Birthday!

Congratulations & best wishes to Martin Martens who celebrates his 90th Birthday this weekend.

HELP NEEDED

St. Mary's Bingo—volunteers urgently needed to assist in our Canteen on Tuesday afternoon or Saturday night. Phone Jim Houlahan 0425 789 455 or St. Mary's Parish Centre 9791 4611.

AESEAN Bridge Partnership Program

St. John's Regional College staff member, Mr. Eamonn Farrelly, travelled to the Philippines over the school holiday period to visit Leyte International High School. This visit is part of the ASEAN Bridge Program sponsored by the Australian Government which aims to connect schools in Australia and Asia through learning projects. Highlights of the trip included taking in the sights of Tacloban City, celebrating International Teacher's Day with the students and teachers of Leyte High School and experiencing a wonderful culture of food and friendship. This simple exchange has opened up a whole variety of learning opportunities for both schools which we will pursue when Mr. Farrelly returns for Term 4.

Come and see what sets us apart—we have two open days left for the remainder of 2019: October 24th 9am & November 19th 6pm. Take part in student-led tours exploring all the opportunities and facilities here at the College. Book at: phone 8793 2000; www.trybooking.com.au/BALBU; www.sjrc.vic.edu.au for more details.

NOTICES FOR TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEKEND 19th /20th OCTOBER

Dinner Dance

Tickets are now on sale for the Cup Eve Dinner Dance. The date will be Monday 4th November from 7:00pm till late. It will be held in the big hall of the Community Centre. Tickets are on sale after each mass and they are \$40.00 each which is very reasonable. We ask you to gather your family and friends and join your parish family for a fun night out. The proceeds this year will go towards sending our youth to Perth.

Donations for Raffle

Anyone wishing to donate a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates for raffle and lucky spot prizes for the dinner dance are asked to bring them along to the parish office, or leave them at the church after the weekend masses.

Christmas Market

Our Third Annual Christmas Market will take place on Friday 29th November in the big hall at the Community Centre. The market will run from 4:00pm till 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to have a stall needs to contact the parish office. Food will be sold, gifts to buy, Santa Claus and entertainment. Anybody wishing to be part of the entertainment please contact the parish office.

We Need Volunteers

To man the raffle table
To assist with the BBQ
To help run the activities stall
Please be generous and offer an hour or two of your time.



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be conducting a recruitment drive in St Mary's parish on the weekend of 9th and 10th November with a short talk at all Masses.

The Legion was founded 98 years ago in Ireland as an apostolic organisation for lay men and women of all ages, at the service of the Church. It now has 3 million members throughout the world. We seek to develop our personal holiness through prayer and active spiritual work in assisting and reaching out to others in the parish, particularly those who are sick, lonely or bereaved. If you are interested in finding out more about how to join the Legion of Mary, please speak to us after Mass on November 9th and 10th.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have put your name down to be rostered for Church cleaning, could you please meet with me on Saturday 26th October at 10.15 am in Church foyer
Thank you Franca (Parish Secretary)



The Eden Gardens Children's Home has been supporting the physical and spiritual needs of children for nearly 50 years, allowing them the opportunity to dream big and achieve their goals.

The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home, as well as faith formation through activities like daily Mass, praying the rosary and catechism.

However, with challenges such as lack of water, the home urgently needs to update their infrastructure to continue providing practical and spiritual support to the children.

Today, in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, you have the opportunity to support the children at the Eden Gardens Children's Home, and similar projects around the world, by becoming a monthly giving partner. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/india



Congratulations & God's Blessing to the Children of our Parish who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.



Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 25th October** at the home of **Valerie & Russell D'Costa, 33 Grace Avenue, Dandenong** Tel 0419 529 003. Rosary will commence at 7:00pm followed by tea & coffee. All parishioners are welcome. **Please note that the statue is to be returned to the Church at the end of your turn and should be left in the Sacristy for the next person. (A new revised roster is on the notice board near sacristy please take your copy home.)**

The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)
Mondays: **Monday Morning Helpers Group**
Tuesdays: Centering prayer meditation The Open Door, 2.30pm-3.30pm
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: Jill Coote

Anniversaries: Giovanni Aiello, Mike Roberts, Maria Rosario Santo, Susan Woodward

Sick: Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Ush Henry Bangkal, Jim Wade, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Josephine Thomas, Neil Kirpalani, Mary Oliver, Berta Martens, Nell Hendriks, Sharon Fonceca, Samira Kefil, Angela & Gabrielle Hartin, Jerome Katagampola, Maria Mastroianni, Michael Bee, Brian Parker, Kathleen Nelson, Christian Ally

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.

Collection

Weekly Thanksgiving: \$ 1914.00
Presbytery: \$ 419.00
Loose: \$ 1647.00



Funeral Details

Jill (McDonald) Coote
St Michael's Parish, 121-123 High Street, Berwick
Wednesday, 23rd October 2019 at 10.30am

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

| Date | Event |
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| 23rd Oct | Pastoral Council 7.30pm |
| 27th Oct | First Communion |
| 4th Nov | Dinner Dance |
| 12th Nov | Baptism Meeting 7pm |
| 24th Nov | Baptisms |
| 29th Nov | Christmas Market 4pm-7.30pm |
| 13th Dec | Seniors Luncheon |

