

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 Bostel & 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,

Our state of Victoria took a serious backward step with the introduction of the law permitting euthanasia, and legal suicide. The act of Parliament is called the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act. This is a confusing title, as death is not voluntary but compulsory for all of us, whether we accept it or not. I have assisted many people as they die and it has been an important part of the journey of life for them and their loved ones. They have been writing the last chapter of their lives, and it has often been inspiring to see how people have been ready to go in faith, hope and love, surrounded by often heroic relatives who have comforted the dying with love and care. As well, doctors and nurses have eased the pain people sometimes experience in their last days. The journey to the completion of life often entails many steps to be taken that need time.

The new Act of Parliament is like ripping out the last chapter of a book. This chapter is usually the most important as ends are tied up, and issues are resolved. The wife of Bob Hawke spoke of his last days as the most beautiful ones for them as Bob was ready to go, and his life was complete. I remember well the last months of my younger sister's life when she was dying of cancer. It was a most memorable time for all the family as she faced the unknown with faith and prayer.

Another ex-prime minister, Paul Keating wrote about the pressure that vulnerable people may feel to not to be a burden or nuisance to others. The unscrupulous will always want to get their hands on the assets of the dying person. So some may be under pressure to end their lives. In other words, their decision may not be fully voluntary. They may have their freedom of choice limited by internal or external pressures.

So we may better call the new Act, legal suicide and euthanasia. Let us pray that this practice will come to an end before too long and that God is accepted as the sole arbiter of the beginning and ending of life. We thank the bishops for their fine letter of guidance for us at this time.

God love you all,

Fr. Brendan

Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 28th June** at the home of Pamela Spink, Unit 3, 10 Fox Street, Dandenong. Phone No. 0425 508 590

Rosary will commence at 7:00pm followed by tea & coffee.

All parishioners are welcome.

A reminder that the handover for the statue to the next person on the roster is after the Friday prayer meeting. That person will then have the statue until the prayer meeting on the following Friday.



NOTICE FOR FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST WEEKEND 22nd & 23rd JUNE

Responding to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act

Copies of the pastoral letter from the bishops including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia are available at www.cam.org.au Further information: www.australiancarealliance.org.au and www.noeuthanasia.org.au

Formation in Perth for St Mary's Youth Group

The parish is hoping to assist ten young people aged between 16 and 30 to go to the Australian Youth Formation in Perth from the 7th to the 12th December this year. This group will use their formation to lead and establish our St Mary's Youth Group for 2020.

It has been decided that the proceeds of this year's Parish Dinner Dance will go towards the funding and we are also asking for any parishioner who runs a business or any family who is willing to contribute towards sponsoring our young people to please contact the parish office.

Sponsor envelopes will be available next week for anyone else who would like to contribute.

It is costing \$1690.00 for each person to attend and we would like to assist our young people as much as possible.



Photographer

Any parishioner who is interested in volunteering their time to be our parish photographer please contact the Parish Office.

Teachers Wanted

Any teacher who is able to spare an hour on a Sunday afternoon 4.00-5.00pm to help South Sudanese children with their homework at St Anthony's Parish, Noble Park, could you please contact Deacon George at St Mary's Parish Office.

Welcome to Joaquin, Emma, Deng, Atem and Ellen who are being baptised this Sunday.



Please pray for them



Heart of Life Spirituality Centre at 96 Albion Road, Box Hill, is offering a "Retreat in Everyday Life – an 'at home' retreat" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 5 August and concluding 2 September. During this time, you are invited to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and on Mondays to come to Heart of Life between 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm to reflect with a spiritual companion on how God might have been present for you.

To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com, no later than Monday 29 July.

Have you changed your address?

If you have changed your address or contact details, could you please let the parish office know so we can update our records. Thank you.

The Regulars

Daily Rosary: After morning Mass (except Sunday)
Mondays: Monday Morning Helpers Group
Centering prayer meditation at The Open Door, 7pm
Tuesdays: Friendship Club
lunch at Dandenong RSL
3rd Wednesday: Hospitality Sunday ~Cuppa's (Commencing February)
1st Sunday: Presentation of Baptism candidates at 10.30am Mass
3rd Sunday: 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: Malcolm Adaman

Anniversaries: Josef Gorski, William & Carmela La Marca, Domenico Lamanna, May Lamb, Rita Pillai, Melna & Vincent Roberts, Mark D'Cruz

Sick: Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Max Warner, Brian, Lorraine Wishart, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lili Tsim, Fleur Armstrong, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Mick Kelly, Makerita Niupululeo, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Josephine Thomas, Neil Kirpalani, Mary Oliver, Berta Martens, Nell Hendriks, Paul McNeil, Sharon Fonceca, Samira Kefil

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: \$ 1953.00
Presbytery: \$ 382.00
Loose: \$ 790.00



PARISH CALENDAR 2019

| Date | Event |
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| 16th July | Baptism Meeting |
| 31st July | Parish Pastoral Meeting 7.30pm |
| 2nd August | Confirmation 7pm |
| 13th August | Baptism Meeting |
| 14th August | First Communion Classes Commence |