

St Mary's Parish

160 Foster Street, Dandenong
P.O Box 22, Dandenong

(03) 9791 4611 (03) 9791 7119

dandenong@cam.org.au www.stmarysdandenong.com.au

"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 ,

On August 2, we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our children. This sacrament is very important and I will suggest why further on.

There have been several deaths of young people at music festivals. This has been caused by their taking overdoses of the party drug ecstasy (or MDMA) in tablet form, sometimes called 'pingers'. This drug gives a feeling of closeness to people, and stimulates users so much that they can keep dancing all night long. The drugs can cause a sudden rise in body temperature leading to heart failure and death. Sometimes users become violent and have a horrible death. Coming off the drug can lead to depression, sleeplessness, anxiety and even paranoia. There is a call for pill testing at music festivals, to check the purity of the drugs. However, it is not the quality that causes most deaths, but the quantity. More and more need to be taken to have the same effect.

It is important to ask why do these young people need to take drugs to have a good time. I don't know the answer or answers. I do know that God has made us to have a desire for more—more life, more love, more energy, more excitement—just more. The more He has made us to want is ultimately a desire to be with God in His love. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee", said St. Augustine. It could be that these young people are searching for an experience of 'ecstasy' - of God, but in the wrong place.

This leads me to the sacrament of Confirmation which is all about receiving the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is the person who is the touch or connection for us with God, who wants to share His infinite love with us. The Holy Spirit gives us wonderful gifts when we allow it, and enables us to have our souls well fed by God. So the deep longings in us can be satisfied, and we can find peace.

So if we wish to protect young people from taking drugs, we need to help them to know the Holy Spirit and welcome the Spirit into their lives. There are so many addictive and harmful activities that cannot be policed by parents, or policemen. We can watch pornography in private, take drugs in private, gamble on our phones, and even drink on our own. To be good today, it has to come from inside us where the Holy Spirit lives. Jesus helps us to be good on the inside.

So let us realise again, the importance of our faith and grow in love of God.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

The next visitation for rosary will take place on **Friday 2nd August** at the home of Dalrene Corera, 7 Bellbrook Drive, Dandenong North. Phone No. 0423 358 498.

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.



NOTICES FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND 27TH / 28ST JULY

Movie and Soup Day

The parish is holding a movie and soup day on **Wednesday 21st August at 10:30am in the Marian Room in New Street.**

The movie being shown is "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima." There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone interested in going.

RCIA

The RCIA team will be holding inquiry sessions for any adult thinking of becoming a catholic. The sessions will be commencing in September. If you know of anyone who may be interested get them to contact Deacon George at the parish office.

Corpus Christi Raffle

Tickets for the annual raffle for the seminarians of Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Northern Territory are available after each mass at a cost of \$10.00 a ticket. Deacon Nathan will be available with the tickets and more information.

Thank you

Father Lasantha wishes to pass on his thanks to the parish for the farewell morning tea last Monday and for the gift he received.

Sing-a-Long at The Open Door

Join us at The Open Door for a fun and entertaining SING-A-LONG.

We invite you to learn a new song or two, or join in with some favourite oldies. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to join in the chorus and make new friends. We welcome all skill levels and none.

When: Friday 26 July, 1.30pm-2.30pm
(followed by a cuppa til 3pm)

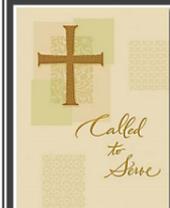
Where: 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

Suggested Donation: Gold coin



Welcome to Rithin, Angelina and Victoria who are being baptised this Sunday.

Please pray for them



ORDINATION OF DEACON NATHAN

The Ordination of Deacon Nathan Rawlins to the Priesthood will take place on Saturday 7th September at 10am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. His first mass will be on Sunday 8th September at 1pm at St. Elizabeth's Parish, Noble Park North.

Mass of Thanksgiving will be at St. Mary's on Sunday 15th September at 10.30am followed by refreshments.

THANK YOU!



Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2019. St. Mary's Parish raised \$6,429.70 this year. Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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
Baptism at 10.30 Mass
4th Sunday:

*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:

Anniversaries: Doris Walker, David Kelly, Olive & Romeo Netto, Phillip Pillai, Stanislaw Deszcz, Jan Deszcz, Eustace D'Souza, Trevor, Vernon & Lionel Rowland.

Sick: Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Max Warner, Lorraine Wishart, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, UshHenry Bangkal, Fleur Armstrong, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Makerita Niupulusuleo, 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, Angela & Gabrielle Hartin, Jerome Katagampola, Henk Van Der Ven, Maria Mastroianni, Michael Bee, Brian Parker.

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: \$ 2015.00
Presbytery: \$ 352.00
Loose: \$ 1458.00



Wanted

Urgent need for Bingo helpers/volunteers at Tuesday and Saturday sessions. Please ring Jim on 0425 789 455 or the parish office if you can help out. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

Date	Event
31st July	Parish Pastoral Meeting 7.30pm
2nd August	Confirmation 7pm
13th August	Baptism Meeting
14th August	First Communion Classes Commence
21st August	Movie and Soup Day