



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"

*"Though many we are one."
One in faith and one in the Gospel values of hospitality and welcome, compassion and justice.*

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Brendan Lane
DEACON: Rev. George Piech Meat
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Kathy Gottliebse
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 Cardinal Knox)

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



From the desk of the Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

We begin the season of Advent, with just 23 days to Christmas. These are important though busy days. In the midst of end of year celebrations, buying of presents, sending of cards or greetings on email, we try to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus and let Him be at home within us, and our world. The call sign of Advent is the word Maranatha—which means Come Lord Jesus. We know He will come again at the end of the world, but we need Him to come now.

Our model in Advent is Mary our heavenly mother, who is honoured all over the world, as the mother of Jesus. But before that she was open to God's call to her. She said yes to the unknown. She pondered on the Word of God that came to her through the Angel Gabriel. She treasured her memories of Jesus in her heart, and the words that were spoken about Him. She surrendered herself to the love of God, even though it would cost her dearly. She could do this out of her love for God. Her words echo through history. "May it be done to me according to your word". (Lk 1 38) She was able to put God's will ahead of her plans until her will and God's will were the same. This is the turning point for her and for all of us. She could say, "The Almighty has done great things for me", as she contemplated the wonder of God. This belief in the Almighty power and love of God must have been tested, especially when Jesus was crucified. How could it happen? However, she was tuned into the ways of God, and though grief stricken, she was able to stand by Jesus, and wait in hope. She shares our worries and sufferings today, for she is our loving mother. She intercedes for us as she did at Cana in Galilee. "They have no wine.... Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2 3,5).

We experience today that our society is trying to get rid of God and the ways of God—to be free of any boundaries. It wants to be content with material success only. But religion supplies the glue to hold a society together. Our great religion has produced a great culture. It is the foundation of our laws, of how we treat each other, of how we live together. We agree on basics like the 10 commandments.

If we lose our religion, sooner or later we lose our way. We see plenty of evidence of this in the destruction of drugs, of suicide, of easy divorce, of abortion, of a loss of the joy and gladness, that was evident at the first Christmas. So let us sing out the Advent song "Maranatha—Come Lord Jesus" and welcome Him anew this Christmas to come and renew our lives and our society.

God bless you all,

Fr. Brendan

Note:

There is a new spotlight on the grotto to help those who come at night to pray.

Altar Server training for Christmas preparation will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 6.30pm in the Church
All Altar Servers, NEW and OLD are welcome to attend, along with their parents.
See you thereDeacon George.

NOTICES FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

WEEKEND 1st & 2nd December 2018

Our Lady of Fatima Visitation Statue

Rosary to our visitation statue will commence next year on Friday 18th January at 7:00pm. Parishioners are invited to pray the rosary together and share a supper at the home of Bertha and Martin Martens. Their address and phone number will be advertised closer to the date. Our parish bulletin will inform you each week of the address where the rosary is being prayed. Any enquiries please ring Ramona Dias the co-ordinator PH:0408 545 574

Seniors Christmas Lunch

Our seniors anointing mass and Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 12th December at 11:00am in the Marian Room. A signup sheet is in the foyer of the church. We are needing volunteers to prepare the luncheon, so if you can help please let the office know. Volunteers will need to be at the hall at 9:00am.

Prayer in Advent

Spiritual development in the Advent season

Sessions with Kathy Wednesday 10:00am in the fellowship room.

Scripture of the Sundays in Advent

Sessions with Deacon George Thursday 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

Advent Penitential Service

Our Advent penitential service will take place on Wednesday 19th December at 7:00pm

Christmas Market Thank You

Thank you to all those who participated, or came along to the St. Mary's Christmas Market.
A good time was had by all.

The funeral Mass for Antonio Cappello will be held on Tuesday 4th December — 10.30am Rosary, 11am Funeral.

John's Gospel

We follow scripture theologian Mary Coloe's book 'A friendly guide to John's Gospel'.

The 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.

Join us for the last workshop of the year on: Monday 5th December at 4.30-5.30pm

A Gold Coin is welcome

Lead by the Open Door Team

110 Ann Street, Dandenong

9791-8664



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Run

Christmas is on the radar along with turkey and pudding. But there will be many families who won't be able to afford presents for their children and feed their family. For your generosity this Christmas, please wrap presents that can be accepted to all genders under the Christmas tree in Church. If you would like to help us visit people with hampers and gifts and put a smile on their faces during this festive time, please contact Justin on 0413961816. And they shall see Jesus through you.

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: Santo Ferro, Jean Brown, William Alcandara, Antonio Cappello, Viviano Tombi

Anniversaries: Domenic Caruso, Yolanda Tacuboy, Diamante Ricci

Sick: Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Janet Murray, Max Warner, Lorraine Wishart, Joyce Pieris, Michael Pieris, Bella Allan, Ushan, Henry Bangkal, Lili Tsim, Fleur Armstrong, Lidia Longo, Jim Wade, Venessa Lawrence, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Nissi Nunkoo, Patricia Cahill, Denise Nowakowski, Josephine Thomas, Michael Guinan, Neil Kirpalani, Yolanda Tacuboy.

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.

Collections

Weekly Thanksgiving: \$ 1903.00

Presbytery: \$ 327.50

Loose : \$ 1592.50



Accommodation needed for international student (female). Please contact Deacon George.

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
5th December	Parish Council Meeting
8th/9th December	Parish Feast Day BBQ
12th December	Seniors Christmas Lunch 11am