



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"

"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 Gottlieb
PARISH SECRETARIES: Franca Van Boxtel & Maree Walker
FINANCE OFFICER: Ms Josie Ferarro
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,

Archbishop Denis Hart is retiring in the coming days after 17 years as our Archbishop. He has been a priest in Melbourne for 51 years. He has served as an assistant priest, as Master of Ceremonies at St Patrick's Cathedral. He has been a parish priest, then the Vicar General of the Archdiocese. He then became an Auxiliary Bishop and finally Archbishop of Melbourne. He has been in recent years, the President of the Australian Bishops Conference. He has been called to Rome for consultations by different bodies there. He has done just about everything for the Church, so we salute and honour him and say thank you for his generous and dedicated service at a difficult time for the Church.

His priestly life springs from a deep spiritual life—from a unity with Christ Himself, day in and day out. He has needed to be strong because our Church has been shown to be full of sinners and corruption. This has always been so, but now it is public. Constantly God has been purifying his Church as He is doing now. It is still the Church He founded, and He is still with it. The motto of Archbishop Hart is "Constant in Faith". He has lived up to that.

My first contact with Fr. Denis Hart was when he was Master of Ceremonies at my ordination 45 years ago. We have been fellow ministers of the gospel all those years. However, it has been in recent years that I have had much closer contact with him when I was in the seminary. I used to report to him and discuss important matters with him. He is a wonderful chairman of meetings. He grasps the important issues, and gives them the right amount of time for discussion. But he keeps the meeting moving. He has had to make major decisions on a daily basis, and he has developed great judgement. He works very hard, and is readily available to attend functions as well as his sacramental ministry of masses, confirmations, reconciliation, and ordinations.

He has also offered me the hand of friendship, and given me gracious hospitality at his home, and when he has been on holiday in Dromana. I have always felt supported by him and had clear guidance as to what he expected in the seminary. He gave excellent leadership, and trusted that I would do my job in the way he expected.

But underneath it all, he was a simple, good priest with an interest in his flock. He was always looking for ways to lead people to God. We wish him a well deserved retirement from the heavy responsibility of being Archbishop. But I am sure that he will continue to find ways to serve God and his Church.

May God's blessings go with Archbishop Hart as he leaves his post of the last 17 years but I am sure he will always remain "Constant in Faith".

Sincerely,

Fr. Brendan

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
31st July (Tues)	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
8th August	Reconciliation Information Evening
14th August	Baptism Meeting

MASS OF WELCOME

For Archbishop-Elect Most Rev Peter Comensoli will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 1 August at 7pm.

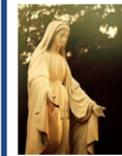
All parishioners are welcome to attend this mass.

Hearts in Action (young adults aged 25 to 49) is hosting a talk by Father Elio Capra Sdb on 'Personal Identity and Self Esteem in The Light of Spirituality'.

Venue: St Francis' Pastoral Centre, Melbourne CBD.

Date: Saturday 11th August (2pm-4.45 pm) **Cost:** \$10 donation

Contact: Cathy Gill (Mob: 0408 013 397)



Mary's Garden

Following the restoration of Mary's Statue, some of our parishioners have offered to contribute to further restoration including lighting, as well as regular maintenance of the garden. If you are interested in making a donation towards this there are envelopes on the table in the foyer. These can be either placed in the collection, or handed in at the office.

"Service One Another"

- ◆ Jesus has asked us to follow him and to service one another.
- ◆ One way we can serve each other at St Mary's is -through a
- ◆ hospitality group. We already have some generous people
- ◆ who serve the cuppas on the first Sunday of the month for us
- ◆ all. There are other occasions when we would need help. If
- ◆ you are interested please let the office know and then we will
- ◆ organise a meeting.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*

2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation /all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0403 569 079

Email: vichookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

Divine Mercy Congress—August 24-26 2018

at Divine Mercy Shrine, 337-343 Greens Rd, Keysborough

Speakers: Cardinal Mafi—from Tonga
Archbishop Alapati—from Apia, Samoa
Fr Dariux—from El Salvador Phillipines
Gary Pinto—Melbourne singer
and many others

'Light the fire of mercy on earth'

Brochures in the Church foyer

St Mary's Dinner Dance

Please put in your diary this special date Cup Eve Monday 5th November ask your friends and neighbours, fellow parishioners start thinking about getting a table together let's make it another successful night.

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

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

*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, Romeo & Olive Netto, Guido & Hazel Collins, Arthur & Norma Collins, David Kelly, Leslie Perera

Sick: Bernadine Anthony, Melissa Warren, Hayley Pearson, Faye Cronin, Michael Kelly, Lemisio Nepa, Rosa Maria Santos, Mohammed Zohan, Kosmas Stefanidis, 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 Niupululeo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Peter Hendricks, Sharon Fonceca

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: \$ 1756.90

Presbytery: \$ 370.30

Loose: \$ 1639.30



John's Gospel Workshop

Join us as 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 safe space to discuss its meaning in our everyday lives.

When: Monday 6th August 4.30-5.30pm.

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

A gold coin is welcome

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