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 vunerable 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 Gottliebsen
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 (11am Cardinal Knox)
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.

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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,
Some people have stopped attending church, and some Catholics have never been mass attenders. Does it matter? Does it make any difference whether we go to mass or not" From my experience, we seem to go alright for a while when we stop going to mass, but over time, problems can arise that people have not had before. We can get further and further away from Jesus.

If we want to find Jesus, we find Him in His church. The church is needed, for Jesus lives in His church. We see this particularly in St. Paul's conversation on the road to Damascus. Paul had been trying to get rid of Christianity. "Suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you Lord?' he asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you persecute,' the voice said." (Acts 9 3-5) Paul was confused, because he hadn't persecuted Jesus, but only the followers of Jesus.

As he thought about this, Paul realised that Jesus and His followers were one. Jesus was the Head, and the followers made up the Body. Later Paul wrote that "Jesus is the head of His body, the church; He is the source of the body's life. (Colossians 1 1-8) So the church is not just a building, but a people who gather to pray. 'Where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them. (Mt 18 20) So it is important to be part of the gathering of the people of God if we are to meet Jesus. We meet Him in the people gathered. We meet Him as the Word of God is proclaimed and explained. Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever listens to you, listens to me". (Lk 10 16) And Jesus is present in the Eucharist, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, lives in me and I live in Him." (Jn 6 56) So Jesus unites himself with us when we gather, listen to Him and share in His Body and Blood. These we do as the church. So we do need the church, and cut off from it, leaves us without the spiritual nourishment that Jesus gives us.

God bless you all,
Fr. Brendan

DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

Date: *Thurs 17th May 2018*
6.30pm for 6.45pm start
Venue: *Graduates Restaurant*
St John's Regional College, Dandenong
Cost: *$35 (single) or $65 (double)*
3 course meal wine & beer
Guest Speaker: ***Brian Martin (Cyber Safety)***
RSVP: ***By Friday 11th May 2018—booking forms in church foyer***

WHAT IS LOVE? TEACHING TEENAGERS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday 16 May, 3.30–5pm
Nazareth College, Manning Drive, Noble Park North

What are teenagers really looking for in relationships? How can we present the Catholic Church's teaching in the most positive and compelling way? How do we help young people seek relationships that will fulfill them? Jason Evert has spoken to over one million young people about relationships at over 1000 schools on six continents. He has proven to be one of the foremost communicators with youth in the Catholic Church today. In this seminar he will explain how he engages teenagers with a positive and attractive vision of relationships built on truth and love and how Catholic educators can do the same.
Cost: $55
Details and registration: www.parousiamedia.com/events

PRAYER (YEAR OF THE YOUTH)

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland
Inspire our entire faith community,
as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy
in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth
Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ;
enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth;
guide us together, as we strive to offer God's mercy
to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith
Empower our community to be courageous;
unite your people as witnesses of love.
Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship;
accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation
Stir within young people an awareness of God's call;
reveal to us the graces of young people;
guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices
To build a civilisation of love.

Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 24th May
9.00am-1.00pm
Where: Marian Room
Entry: Gold Coin for cancer research

Bring your family and friends anytime during the morning and enjoy a cuppa for a good cause.

Please sign up in the foyer if you intend to come.

Please Stay for a Cuppa
after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses this weekend

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Date	Event
9th May	Parish Council
13th May	Mother's Day
15th May	Baptism Meeting
17th May	Deanery Dinner
24th May	Biggest Morning Tea
12th June	Baptism Meeting
13th June	Confirmation
20th June	Parish Council

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
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

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This weekend we pray for

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Kevin McCabe, Anastasia McCabe, Maria Cardamone, Joseph Clency Duchenne, Rosauro R. Querijero, Rita Perera, Andrew Lago

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, Jenny, Makerita Niupulusuleo, Norma Gray, Don Cantwell, Rita Sly, Leti Luki, Long Phan, Cheryl Barthelot, Aviannah Hunt

The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed in the Marian.

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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.

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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: $1729.50
Presbytery: $ 420.00
Loose: $1508.00

Catechetics Classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Classes will commence on Wednesday 30th May at 4pm in Parish Centre. Enrolment forms available in Parish Office.

Inquiry Time For Adults Wishing to Become Catholic

If you know of anyone who is interested in knowing about the catholic faith, or thinking of becoming a catholic our inquiry time is commencing and you are asked to ring the parish office and make an appointment with Deacon George.
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