

## Dates 2026

| Meeting Date<br>Tuesday<br>7pm | Rite of<br>Welcome<br>Weekend<br>Sunday<br>10.30am | Baptism Sunday<br>10.30 am |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                |                                                    | 25 <sup>th</sup> January   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February      | 15 <sup>th</sup> February                          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March         | 15 <sup>th</sup> March                             | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April         | 19 <sup>th</sup> April                             | 26 <sup>th</sup> April     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May           | 17 <sup>th</sup> May                               | 24 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June           | 21 <sup>st</sup> June                              | 28 <sup>th</sup> June      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July          | 19 <sup>th</sup> July                              | 26 <sup>th</sup> July      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> August        | 16 <sup>th</sup> August                            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> August    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September      | 20 <sup>th</sup> September                         | 27 <sup>th</sup> September |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October       | 18 <sup>th</sup> October                           | 25 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November      | 15 <sup>th</sup> November                          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> November  |
| <b>NO BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER</b> |                                                    |                            |

## St Mary's Church, Dandenong Parish Information

Fr Sebastian Arockia  
(Parish Priest)  
Fr Vincent Nguyen  
(Assistant Parish Priest)

### Mass Times

Monday-Saturday: 9.15am

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

Confession after Saturday 9.15am Mass and  
5.30-5.45pm before Saturday 6pm Mass

Parish Office Hours  
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

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## *St Mary's Parish Dandenong*



## *BAPTISM Information Leaflet 2026*

I will never forget you  
my child.  
I have formed you and I have  
held you in the  
palm of my hand.  
I love you and you are mine

## BAPTISMS AT ST MARY'S

If you are considering Baptism of your child at St Mary's Parish, the first step is to fill out a form at the Parish Office on a weekday between the hours of 9am and 3pm or on our parish website and return to parish office.

Should parents be residing within the boundaries of another Parish, a letter from the Parish Priest of that area, is needed for the Baptism to take place at St Mary's Church, this is in line with the requirements of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Parents will need to appoint one or two Godparents. It is necessary for one to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. The second Godparent can come from another Christian faith, but baptised into the Trinity.

Families need to decide upon the month of Baptism between January and November on the fourth Sunday, after the 10.30am Mass (11:45am).

Then we begin the formal preparation of families for the Baptism of their child or children.

Please provide the following documents

- Copy of one parent's baptism certificate.
- Copy of the child's birth certificate
- Copy of one of the godparent's baptism certificate

## ST MARY'S BAPTISMAL PROGRAM OUTLINE

### 1. **Attendance at the Baptismal Meeting**

This meeting takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Parish Meeting Room (Next to the office) It is expected that both parents will attend and if possible one or both Godparents.

### 2. **Welcoming**

There will be a Welcome Rite Mass held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass prior to the baptism of your child which we ask you to please attend. We will advise the date in the letter or email confirming the Baptism.

### 3. **Baptism Day- The fourth Sunday of the month after 10.30am Mass**

The family gathers in the front pews of the Church. The Baptismal rite takes place after the Mass. Father or the Deacon will preside over the Baptism.

### 4. **Adult Baptism**

Adults requesting Baptism are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation group, that meet weekly during the 10.30am Mass, in the months leading up to Easter.

The Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are received by the RCIA candidate at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact the Parish office from Monday to Friday to discuss the Baptism or RCIA process here at St Mary's Church on 9791-4611

We welcome your enquiry.

## **BAPTISMAL OFFERING**

A customary Baptismal Offering, according to your means, is gratefully received. An envelope is provided for this purpose. Thank you

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### **Your Dates:**

Preparation meeting is .....

Welcoming Mass is .....

Baptism is .....

### **Candle**

The family needs to provide a Baptismal Candle.