



**New Alpha Experience Starting!!!! Come and Join Us!!!**  
**When:** 4 October (Wed): 7pm to 9pm  
**Where:** The Buckley Room, St Mary's Church,  
 76 Hargraves St, Castlemaine.  
**Contact:** Eva: 03 5472 1900 or 0413 940 216  
 Pauline: 0411 044 988

### Parish Annual General Meeting.

On the 11th October at 7.30pm the AGM will be held in the Buckley Room. We humbly request that **ALL** our Parishioners, young, old and new, attend the AGM. We need your input to make our Parish relevant to each and every one of us and our communities! Join us for a cuppa afterwards and continue the discussions!

### Baptism at St Mary's

This weekend we welcome very warmly in baptism, BONNIE CASSIDY, in St Mary's Church. We ask God's blessing on her parents Ashley and Natasha Cassidy, and her Godparents.

### Baptisms at St Brigid's

Also this weekend at St Brigid's Church we welcome very warmly in Baptism, OLIVIA ROSSI and WALTER LYONS. The children are first cousins. What a Joy!!, May God Bless their parents Daniel and Gabrielle Rossi and Troy and Genevieve Lyons. Also a special blessing for all their Godparents.

### WORSHIP TIMETABLE



<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Castlemaine	<b>5.15pm</b>
<b>Vigil Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>6.00pm</b>
<i>Rosary is prayed before Mass</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>		
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Maldon	<b>8.15am</b>
<b>Mass:</b>	Maldon	<b>8.30am</b>
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>9.15am</b>
<i>Rosary is prayed after Mass</i>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Rosary before Mass</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Maldon	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>9.15am</b>
<i>Followed by Adoration.</i>		
<b>Second Sunday of the Month</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Newstead	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday of the Month</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Sandon	<b>6.00pm</b>

### CONTACT DETAILS

#### Parish Priest

**Rev Wahid Riad PP**  
 Phone: (03) 5472 1900  
 Mobile: 0419 511 064

#### St Mary's

Primary School  
 Principal: John Doherty  
 Phone: (03) 5472 2270

#### Parish Secretary

**Eva Jansen**  
 10 am to 4pm - Tuesday to Thursday  
 Phone: (03) 5472 1900

#### Baptisms, Marriages

Pastoral Care of the Sick  
 For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Priest.

#### St Brigid's Hall

Bookings for St. Brigid's Hall through  
**Elaine Lacey** on:- 0448 009 945.

#### St Mary's Hall

Bookings for St. Mary's Hall through  
**Parish Office** on: 5472 1900

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE



- HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE • ST BRIGID'S, MALDON
- ST ANNE'S, NEWSTEAD • ST LAURENCE'S SANDON

**SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**25th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A**

**Presbytery:** 76 Hargraves Street / PO Box 151, Castlemaine 3450

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr. Wahid Riad **Web:** [www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au](http://www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au)

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*We are proud to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people  
 as the traditional owners of this land.*

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9  
 Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  
 Matthew 20:1-16



### Next Week's Readings

Ezekial 18:25-28  
 Philippians 2: 1-11  
 Matthew 21:28-32



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Open our hearts, O Lord to listen to the words of  
 your Son. Alleluia!**

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - Matthew 20:16*  
 You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

On Saturday 7th October at 10.00am, the first Saturday of the month, on this great feast, we are beginning a Novena Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help—in St Mary's Church. A very powerful Novena for Help and Healing! All Welcome.

### Sacraments at St Mary's for 2023

**PLEASE NOTE** the dates for the Sacraments at St Mary's This year:-  
Confirmation: Grade 6 and upwards: on Sunday 12th November at 10.30am Mass  
 We welcome all the children and their families to celebrate these Sacraments with us this year!  
 Please ring the Parish Office on 5472 1900 to register your children and start preparing by coming to Mass regularly and attending the preparation to follow. **All Welcome**

**The Catholic Parish of Castlemaine is committed to the safety, wellbeing and  
 dignity of all children and the vulnerable.**

### **Bendigo Marian Festival Mass and Devotions**

The 49th Annual Marian Festival will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on Sunday 15 October, 2023, beginning with 11am Mass and concluding at 3:40pm. The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima of the Diocese of Sandhurst joyfully invites all members of the faithful to come and join the celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, and as she requested, to pray for world peace. The festival has the Blessing of the Most Rev. Bishop Shane Mackinlay. Website and program: [bendigofatima.com](http://bendigofatima.com)  
For all queries, email [info@bendigofatima.com](mailto:info@bendigofatima.com)

### **A Cuppa after 10.30am Mass at St Mary's**

Join us for a Cuppa after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday morning in the Buckley Room. All Welcome!

### **Masses with Anointing of The Sick**

Every Mass is a Healing Mass, with great power to heal because of the real presence of Jesus at Mass. Combined with the Healing Sacrament of Anointing of The Sick—everything is possible with God and His great power to Heal and set us free. Our next celebrations are on the first weekend of the Month—30th September and 1st October at all the Parish Masses. All Welcome

### **Mass at Thompson House**

Our next Mass will be on Wednesday 4th October at 11.00am. Parishioners are welcome to attend to pray for all the residents and especially for their family members.

### **Communion Service at Arcare**

Our next gathering for a Communion Service will be on Wednesday 4th October at 1.30pm at Arcare. All Welcome to join us and connect with the residents.

### **Garabandal Meeting**

The next Garabandal meeting will be held on the 2nd October 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Buckley Room. All Welcome. Enquiries: Trish 0419873693

It is **National Migrant and Refugee week**. Let us pray for all people forced to flee their homes and families in search of safety and a basic right to life!

### **Feast of St Francis—Blessing of the Animals**

Father Wahid will celebrate the Feast of St Francis by blessing all animals at all Masses on the 7th and 8th of October. All Pets and owners Welcome for a Blessing!

### **God's Word 2024—"ORDER NOW"**

Trish Sharkey is now taking orders for copies of 'God's Word, 2024'. 'God's Word' has the daily church Readings for each day of the week and a reflection for these readings. Trish will be placing the bulk order on Monday 25th September. Please text Trish on 0414 937 357 before 25th September with your order and your name. **Books are \$20 each.**

### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Recent Deaths:** Kath Tobin, Margaret Cain

**Anniversary:**

**Let us pray for all those who are sick and suffering serious illness, and for their families and loved ones who care for them.**



### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**Sat 23rd Sep and 24th Sep 2023**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette Mayne

Ext Min Com: AnneMc & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Trish

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

Special Min: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Pauline Kennedy

Ext Min Com: Betty and Victor

Sacristan: Christine

### **Ministers for Next Week 30th Sep and 1st Oct**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Brennand

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Trish B

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi Munyawara

Ext Min Com: Christine and Julie

Sacristan: Betty

### **ONLINE GIVING**

To contribute to our Thanksgiving by Direct Debit, our Catholic Development Fund account details are as follows:

#### **CHURCH**

**BSB** 083-347

**Account No.** 636 421 759

**Acc. Name** Castlemaine Parish  
Church Account

#### **PRESBYTERY**

**BSB** 083-347

**Account No.** 635 910 163

**Acc. Name** Castlemaine Parish  
Presbytery Account

### **PARISH DIARY**

#### **Tuesday 26th September**

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's—Mass

#### **Wednesday 27th September**

9.15am St Mary's School Mass and Rosary

#### **Thursday 28th September**

10.30am Rosary - Maldon

11.00am St Brigid's—Communion Service

#### **Friday 29th September**

9.15am St Mary's Mass and Adoration till 11.00am.

### **Daylight Savings**

On the 1st October we put the clock one hour forward. Please let others know especially those who live alone and forget to change the time. Don't be late to Church!

### **Saints during the Week.**

26th—Sts Cosmas & Damian

27th—St Vincent de Paul

28th—St Wenceslaus, Sts Lawrence Ruiz & companions

29th—Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

30th—St Jerome

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Please remember to leave your food donation for SVDP in the basket provided in the church.

Thank you and God Bless!



### **THANKSGIVING**

Thank you for your generous Offerings and every blessing for your Contribution.

***Please put your surname or number on the envelope as a reference. This will help us keep our records up to date! Many Thanks.***

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1004

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$961

Weekly Target \$2000