

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE



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

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A

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

Today's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-36



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Stewardship Reflection

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21
God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

A Gift in Your Will

Have you named a residual beneficiary in your will (to receive what remains when all other bequests are fulfilled)? Have you considered including your church as the residual beneficiary?
Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

November Masses

A special month to pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available in the Church and with your set of envelopes. A special Book of Remembrance will be placed in Church.

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

Alpha Film Series 2023 Buckley Room Castlemaine

Week 8 – Nov 22 – Why and how Should I tell others?

Week 9 – Nov 29 – Does God Heal today?

Week 10 – Dec 6 – What about the Church?



I HATE TO ASK YOU NICE FOLKS TO MOVE, BUT THE INN'S MARKETING DEPARTMENT FIGURES THAT IT WILL ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THIS TREE GETS BETTER RECOGNITION THAN YOUR SON

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!

Parish Lunch—3rd Sunday of the Month

All Parishioners are invited to lunch in the Buckley Room, every 3rd Sunday of the month. Please bring a plate to share! All Welcome.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA IN YOUR HOME!

The statue of Our Lady is available to visit your home for two weeks! In these trying times we need every prayer we can get and who better than Our Lady to intercede for us! If you would like to have her visit, please contact Sebastian on: 0439 847 894

WORSHIP TIMETABLE



Saturday

Reconciliation Castlemaine **5.15pm**

Vigil Mass: Castlemaine **6.00pm**

Rosary is prayed before Mass

Sunday

Reconciliation: Maldon **8.15am**

Mass: Maldon **8.30am**

Mass: Castlemaine **10.30am**

Tuesday

Mass: Castlemaine **6.00pm**

Wednesday

Mass: Castlemaine **9.15am**

Rosary is prayed after Mass

Thursday

Rosary before Mass

Mass: Maldon **11.00am.**

Friday

Mass: Castlemaine **9.15am**

Followed by Adoration.

Second Sunday of the Month

Mass: Newstead **6.00pm**

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Mass: Sandon **6.00pm**

CONTACT DETAILS

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St Mary's

Primary School

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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

Christmas in the Park!

All the Churches in Castlemaine invite You to a special Ecumenical Service on Sunday 17th December at 5.00pm in the Botanical Gardens, Castlemaine. We have booked a Rotunda and a great band for Music! BYO seats and Food to share. All Welcome!



Parish Census

On your pews you will find a census card and pencils. Father will explain the process for completing the cards. Only one per family is needed.

Cards to be completed after communion and will be collected immediately. We respectfully ask that you please do not leave church without completing the census.

This information will be kept private to the parish, and it is very helpful to us. A census allows us to know who you are and how best to contact you. All of our parishioners are very important and having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together. Thank you for your patience and co operation.

Baptism at St Mary's

We welcome very warmly baby OLIVER GOODMAN, who will be baptized after the 10.30am Mass in St Mary's Church. God bless his parents Matthew and Rochelle and his Godparents Shaun and Amanda Berryman.

Happy 100th Birthday to Betty Keogh!

Congratulations to Betty Keogh on her special birthday this Thursday 23rd November. God Bless you Betty and all your dear family!



Parish Christmas Party

For your advance notice to include in your diary. All Parishioners are warmly invited to come together on Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm in the Presbytery. All Welcome!!! Please bring a plate to share or a drink.



ALPHA almost over!

Our Alpha series has only three more sessions to go! For those who were unable to attend this year, please join us again in the new year as we start a new Alpha program and continue to build our relationship with Jesus. Alpha is our stepping stone to creating more disciples and to the renewal and revival of our Parish! Alpha for Youth is our next aim!



Catholic Deaf— **THANK YOU ALL** for your generous donations to this worthy cause! Your generosity in giving to all our collections throughout the year is greatly appreciated!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Les Rivett

Anniversary: Peter Ward, Joe Ward, Max Croft

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 18th Nov and Sun 19th Nov 2023

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Trish Bowles

Ext Min Com: Dennis & Mercy

Sacristan: Eva

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

Special Min: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi Munyawara

Ext Min Com: Pauline & Juliet

Sacristan: Juliet

Ministers for Next Week 25th Nov and 26th Nov

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette Mayne

Ext Min Com: Anne Mc & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Trish

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Pauline Kennedy

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

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November: Marvic

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 21st November

4.15pm Legion of Mary - Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's - Mass

Wednesday 22nd November

9.15am St Mary's Mass and Rosary

7.00pm ALPHA in Buckley Room

Thursday 23rd November

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Mass

Friday 24th November

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

Saints during the Week.

21st—The presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

22nd—St Cecilia

23rd—Sts Columban and Clement 1

24th—St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

25th—St Catherine of Alexandria

2024 Columban Calendars

The calendars are now available on the table in the church and cost \$10 each. Please place your money in the tin provided. Many Thanks.

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: \$1133

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1303

Weekly Target \$2000