

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 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.



The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love.

Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)

Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)

Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)

Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

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

Parish Priest

Rev Wahid Riad PP

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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 10 DECEMBER 2023

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

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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 40:1-5,9-11

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8



Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Stewardship Reflection

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

A Gift in Your Will

Think about the part you want to play in your church's future. Naming your church as a beneficiary in your estate plan to create an endowment can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future.

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

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—Thank You

Thank you everyone for taking the time to complete the Census. It is much appreciated, and extremely helpful to our Parish!
Details on the follow up of the Census will be provided early next year!

St Mary's School End of Year Mass

All are very welcome to celebrate St Mary's School End of Year Mass to give thanks to God on Friday 15th December at 12noon in St Mary's Church.

REMINDER!! St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Giving Tree

For those who have very generously taken an ornament off the tree and given your gifts, a heartfelt Thank You! For those who have not yet given your gifts, you have this weekend and the ensuing week up until Thursday 14th to place your gifts in the basket provided. To you also do we give a heartfelt Thank You!. May the joy of Christmas be with you always!



Ecumenical Christmas Service at Maldon

A special combined service at Maldon Hospital will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 11.00am. All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2023

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Tuesday 19th December

St Mary's Castlemaine 6.00pm

Thursday 21st December

St Brigid's Maldon 11.00am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th December

St Mary's Castlemaine:

Carols 5.30pm

Family Mass 6.00pm

Carols 9.30pm

Midnight Mass 10.00pm

Christmas Day: Monday 25th December

St Mary's Castlemaine

Mass 9.30am



St Brigid's Maldon

Carols 7.30pm

Family Mass 8.00pm

A Blessed Christmas and New Year to everyone from Father Wahid and the Catholic Parish of Castlemaine.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversary: Bernard Brereton, Darunee Sudharm

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 9th Dec and Sun 10th Dec 2023

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva Jansen

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Trish B

Sacristan: Eva

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Beth Price

Special Min: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor Steiner

Ext Min Com: Betty & Mary Heine

Sacristan: Juliet

Ministers for Next Week 16th Dec and 17th Dec

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill Chapman

Ext Min Com: Dennis & Mercy

Sacristan: Trish

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi Munyawara

Ext Min Com: Pauline & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster

December: Marie

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 12th December

6.00pm St Mary's - Mass

Wednesday 13th December

9.15am St Mary's Mass & Rosary

Thursday 14th December

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Mass

Friday 15th December

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

12 Noon End of Year School Mass

Melbourne Overseas Mission Collection

This weekend 9th and 10th December.

Saints during the Week.

10th—St Damasus I

11th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th—St Lucy

14th—St John of the Cross

Rental Accommodation Needed

Do you have a house, flat or room to rent? Many from the Filipino and Pacific Islander community are in need of accommodation in Castlemaine, Kyneton and surrounding areas. Please contact Mary on 0402 853 566.

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: \$1033

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1155

Weekly Target \$2000