

### Lenten Program 2024

The Parish Lenten Program will be starting soon. There are lists in the front of the church with the names and details of the Parishioners who have kindly agreed to host the program in the homes. Write your name and details on any of the lists and you will be contacted by the host with further details. Alternately please call the Parish office on. Tel: 5472 1900. 1) If you are able to Host a group. 2) If you would prefer to join the program in another venue other than someone's home.

### Invite Us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God,  
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.  
May this time be one of outward focus;  
seeking you in those we often ignore.  
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.  
Give us hearts hungry to serve you  
and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown

### 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**

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

**28th January 2024**

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

**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.*

### 28th January 2024

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

### 4th February 2024

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

### Responsorial Psalm

**If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
The people in darkness have seen a  
great light, a radiant dawn shines on  
those lost in death. Alleluia!**

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

### Hand Examen by Sister Kathryn Kingsley (Summit Online—Melbourne Catholic Org)

#### Thumb: breathe

The thumb, our opposable digit, reminds us of what is fundamental. Before all else, prayer is a soaking in the love of God. Spend some time noticing your breathing, with each breath a sign of your dependence on and relationship with God. Allow yourself to be present to God, and to yourself. Open up your heart to God's love, and let it seep into the very depths of you. (to be continued .....)



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

### Masses with Anointing of the Sick

At ALL the Parish Masses on the 1st weekend of the Month. On the 3rd/4th of February is our next celebration of Healing and Forgiveness. All Welcome

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

A Novena will be held every month on the 1st Saturday at 10.00am in St Mary's Church Castlemaine. Our next gathering is on 3rd February. A powerful Devotion with The Rosary included and veneration of the Icon of Mary. All Welcome

### Welcome to Thomas Smith

Who will be fully initiated this weekend in St Mary's Church, Castlemaine. We warmly welcome you—a lovely young man—into the wonderful Catholic Church. Thomas will be baptized and confirmed and receive Holy Communion. May God bless you and your family Thomas as you embark on this journey of faith.

### Stuffing Needed for Trauma Teddies

The Red cross is in need of stuffing for the Trauma Teddies they make. If you have any batting at home and would like to donate it, please call Trish Sharkey—0414 937 357

### Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat on Saturday 17th February 2024 (10am to 3.15pm) at Mary Help of Christians Church, 61 Ebden St, Heathcote. Spiritual reflections by Fr Peter Ferwerda. Lunch (BYO), Tea, Coffee, drinks provided. Hosted by the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga.

### ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

### Men Alive

All men in our Parish are welcome to join Men Alive every second Monday of the month (except public holidays). First meeting for the year will be held on 12 February at 7.30pm in the Buckley Room.

### Garabandal Meeting—Thursday 8th February

Garabandal Meetings will now take place on the first Thursday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Buckley Room. All are Welcome. Contact Trish 0419 873 693

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Deaths:** Betty Keogh

**Anniversary:** William Brereton, Riad Hanna

**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 27th Jan and Sun 28th Jan 2024

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Trish & Chris T

Sacristan: Trish

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Joannie Tolley

Special Min: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Pauline

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Christine

### Ministers for Next Week 3rd Feb

4th Feb 2024

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Trish B

Ext Min Com: Vin C & Bernadette

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Betty

### Linen Roster

January: Mary Bishop

### 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 30th January

6.00pm St Mary's - Mass

#### Wednesday 31st January

9.15am St Mary's Mass & Rosary

#### Thursday 1st February

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Mass

#### Friday 2nd February

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

### Saints during the Week.

31st—St John Bosco

### Save the Date—Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat on Saturday 20th April.  
Celebrant Father Wahid Riad. Guest Speaker  
Fr Dean Mathieson. Details to come.

### 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: \$970

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1462

Weekly Target \$2000