

Feast of St. Patrick's Celebration

We invite very warmly all St. Mary's School families and all parishioners to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Sunday 17th March at 10:30 am Mass in St. Mary's Church, Castlemaine. At this mass, we will commission the Parish Pastoral Council and share Lunch together in the Buckley room. Please bring a plate to share and dress in Green of course!! All Welcome.

Mercy Melbourne on the Feast of St. Joseph

We have been invited with 30 other Parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to open our church of St. Mary's of Castlemaine on Tuesday the 19th of March between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. A special Mass of St. Joseph's feast will be celebrated at 6:00pm. After the Mass, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until 9:00pm. Please invite everyone to this special Mercy evening in Castlemaine and celebrate God's forgiveness and healing!! All Welcome.

Cuppa in the Buckley Room After Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to share a cuppa after the 10:30am Mass in the Buckley Room. A great opportunity to build community and connect with each other. All Welcome.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE



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

CONTACT DETAILS

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 Primary School
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Parish Secretary
Eva Jansen
 10 am to 4pm - Tuesday to Thursday
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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

25th February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent—Year B

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

<p><u>25th Feb 2024—Second Sunday of Lent</u> Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10</p>	<p><u>3rd March 2024—Third Sunday of Lent</u> Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25</p>
<p><u>Responsorial Psalm</u> I will walk in the presence of the Lord, In the land of the living.</p>	<p><u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p><u>Prayer to St Joseph</u> <i>O glorious St Joseph, you have power to render possible, things that are, for us impossible. Come to our aid in our present troubles and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under your particular protection that it may end happily. O dear St Joseph, all our confidence is in you. Let it not be said that we would invoke you in vain, and since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that your goodness equals your power AMEN.</i></p>	<p><u>Reflection</u> <i>"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11</i> It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbour needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable</p>

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

33 Days of Consecration to St. Joseph

Our Parish would like to take up the 33 Days of Consecration to St Joseph which will begin on the 16th February and end on the Feast Day of St Joseph the 19th March.

While the Consecration can be prayed individually every day, we will come together as a Community during Lent at our week day Masses in St Mary’s and St Brigid’s, and weekend Masses in Castlemaine, and Maldon, Newstead and Sandon. Consecration Books may be ordered in Parishioners would like to do this, \$25.00 each. Please contact Marie McCallum 0434 678 765.

We invite everyone to join in the Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, as we embark on our journey together.

Pieta Lenten Program

We invite all Parishioners to join a small group to journey together during the Lenten season. Please sign up today and share the Blessings of the Pieta Lenten program. Thursdays 7.00pm in the Buckley room. All Welcome.

Offertory Giving

Dear Parishioners, thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelopes last weekend. However, we kindly remind those who have yet to retrieve theirs to do so this weekend. Additionally, for those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, you have several convenient options: you may place them in either the first or second collections during Mass, drop them off at the Parish Office, or deposit them into the designated box located in the foyer.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and generosity.

World Day Of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024 at 10.00am at Holy Trinity Church Maldon. Bring a plate to share. All Welcome. Contact Anne Fitzpatrick on 54751128.

Stations of the Cross

A very special devotion and practice during Lent, begins on Friday 23rd February after the 9.15am Mass in St Mary’s Church. All Welcome

Rosary at the Grotto

Our next gathering at the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes will be on Saturday 2nd March at 10:00am to pray the Rosary together. All Welcome.

Masses with Anointing of the Sick Sacrament

All are welcome to receive the Healing grace of the Sacraments on the 2nd & 3rd of March at all the Parish Masses.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

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

24th Feb and 25th Feb

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva

Ext Min Com: Trish B & Chris T

Sacristan: Eva

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid’s

Reader: Joannie Tolley

Special Min: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

**Ministers for Next Week 2nd Mar
3rd Mar 2024**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David

Ext Min Com: Vin C & Bernadette

Sacristan: Trish

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster

March: 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 27th February

4.15pm Legion of Mary

6.00pm St Mary’s - Mass

Wednesday 28th February

9.15am St Mary’s Mass & Rosary

Thursday 29th February

10.30am Rosary - Brigid’s

11.00am St Brigid’s Mass

Friday 1st March

9.15am St Mary’s Mass and
Stations of the Cross

Saints of the week

27th - St. Gregory of Narek

1st March- Ember Day

Caritas - Project Compassion

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia’s partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. **Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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: \$1297

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1085

Weekly Target \$2000