

Safeguarding Sunday 8th—Sept 2024


The Parish of St Mary’s Castlemaine and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have Meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at:
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Accommodation Urgently Needed.

The Mount Alexander Refugee Support Group are seeking accommodation for a family of 5 who have been granted immigration status to Australia. They will be based in Castlemaine and are looking to rent suitable accommodation within walking distance of town. Please contact Jenny Howe for further information if you are able to assist. 0408 599 801

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Saturday	
Reconciliation Castlemaine	5.15pm
Vigil Mass: Castlemaine	6.00pm
<i>Rosary is prayed before Mass</i>	
Sunday	
Reconciliation: Maldon	8.15am
Mass: Maldon	8.30am
Mass: Castlemaine	10.30am
Tuesday	
Mass: Castlemaine	6.00pm
Wednesday	
Mass: Castlemaine	9.15am
<i>Rosary is prayed after Mass</i>	
Thursday	
Rosary before Mass	
Mass: Maldon	11.00am.
Friday	
Mass: Castlemaine	9.15am
<i>Followed by Adoration.</i>	
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 1900/0413940216

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

8th September 2024

Twenty Third 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

Ph: (03) 5472 1900

Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au

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

23rd Sun in Ordinary Time—Year B –8 Sept

Isaiah 35:4-7
 James 2:1-5
 Mark 7:31-37

24th Sun in Ordinary Time—Year B –15 Sept

Isaiah 50:5-9
 James 2:14-18
 Mark 8:27-35

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Celebrating Sacraments at St. Mary’s 2024

We invite all parish families to register their children to receive the wonderful sacraments of the church in 2024. These are the dates for this year:-

Confirmation: Sunday 17th November at 10:30am

Please register **NOW** for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion (Grade 4 and upwards) by contacting the Parish Office on 5472 1900. This Sacramental Program is for the children **not** attending St. Mary’s School. We ask the parents to bring the children to Mass on the weekends.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches us **Stewardship**. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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

Priest for cases of emergency (19 August to 1 Dec)

For any emergencies in need of a priest (Last Rites etc) while Fr Wahid is on leave please contact Fr John Healy, parish priest of Woodend, on 0439 033 750. For all other needs (not emergencies) such as Anointing of the Sick etc please contact the St Mary's parish office on 5472 1900.

Parish Pastoral Council - Contact

Got a pastoral query or request for assistance? You can contact the Parish Pastoral Council President (Mary) and Vice President (Bernadette) anytime at stmaryspastoral@hotmail.com

Funeral—Father Desmond Magennis—Monday 16th September at 11.30am

It is with sadness that we wish to advise of the passing of Father Des Magennis. Father Des was Parish Priest at St Mary's Castlemaine from 1999 to 2009. Father Des wanted to be buried from St Mary's Church and interred at Sandon Cemetery. Parishioners are welcome to attend the service at 11.30am on Monday 16th September. Refreshments to be served in St Mary's Hall.

Apologies from—Msgr Michael Kalka

Dear Parishioners, I begin annual leave on Sunday 15th September and cannot be in Castlemaine for Fr Des's funeral. However, I will be at the Vigil Mass on Sunday 15th September in Melbourne. God Bless you all. Archdeacon Msgr Michael Kalka.

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm We are also offering a weekend in Trafalgar, Gippsland on November 16 -17th, 2024. **Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au**

Defibrillator— Sunday Volunteers Needed.

We still have online training courses available from St Johns Ambulance for the Defibrillator which is installed in the foyer of St Mary's Church. We have two Parishioners attending the Saturday evening Mass undertake the online training and would appreciate volunteers from Sunday Masses taking the training too. Please contact the Presbytery if you can assist.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Fr Des Magennis

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
7th September & 8th September

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva

Ext Min Com: Stephen & Jocelyn

Sacristan: Eva

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Joan Tolley

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Betty & Pauline

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week
14th September & 15th September

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David

Ext Min Com: Trish B & Chris T

Sacristan: Trish

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Pauline

Ext Min Com: Julie & Victor

Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster
September: Julie Farrell

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 10th September

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

Wednesday 11th September

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service
And Rosary

Thursday 12th September

10.30am Rosary
11.00am St. Brigid's Communion Service

Friday 13th September

9.15am St. Mary's Communion Service
and Adoration

Saints during the week

9th—St Peter Claver

12th—The Most Holy Name of Mary

13th—St John Chrysostom

14th—Exaltation of the Holy Cross

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember to leave your donation for SVDP in the basket provided in the church. Thank you and God Bless!



Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home! If you would like to have her with you for two weeks, please contact Bernadette on 0412578748 to arrange her visit!

THANKSGIVING

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

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

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$802

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$916

Weekly Target \$2000