

**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 Father Declan: 54221261 or Fr John Monaghan on 0466451984. 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](mailto:stmaryspastoral@hotmail.com)


**Columban Calendar 2025.**

2025 Columban Calendars are now available at \$10 each. Contact the Presbytery if you wish to purchase a calendar—5472 1900 (Tues to Thursday 10 am to 4pm)

**Garabandal Meeting**

The next Garabandal Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November in the Buckley Room. 1.30pm to 3.00pm. All Welcome. Contact Trish:0419873693

**WORSHIP TIMETABLE**

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

**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

**3 November 2024**

**31st 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.*

**31st Sun in Ordinary Time—Year B –3 Nov**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 12:28-34

**32nd Sun in Ordinary Time—Year B –10 Nov**

1 Kings 17:10-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**Responsorial Psalm**

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. 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**

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33) Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Living Stewardship in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.*

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

**Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry Sunday -10th Nov 2024**

Next Sunday 10th November we will be taking up the Pastoral Care Appeal collection. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**The prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great**

St Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. This prayer releases many souls from Purgatory each time it is said. ***O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere- for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home, and for those within my family. Amen.***

**Book of the Names of the Dead - Displayed in front of the Altar at St Mary's**

For the month of November, the Book of the Names of the Dead will be available for parishioners to write the names of their beloved family members and friends who have passed away. Their names are a reminder of who they are in our minds and hearts. And when we see their names, we pray for them.

**Confirmation—17th November 2024**

Please continue to pray for our children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for: Quinn, Akul, Sullivan, Adam, Charlotte and Samuel as they enter into this special time of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Caritas Australia —60 Years - 1964 –2024**

Lorenz Worthmann began Caritas in 1897, in Germany. Caritas Australia was founded in Australia in 1964 as the Catholic Overseas Relief Committee. Parishioners in the diocese of Sydney, Adelaide and Wagga Wagga were holding local Lenten appeals to fund missionary work and poverty relief projects overseas; now known as Project Compassion. For 60 years, Caritas Australia has worked hand-in-hand with the most marginalised and remote communities in Australia and overseas, to confront the challenges of poverty.

**Women's Retreats**

The Sandhurst Diocese of the Catholic Women's League is running a few Women's Retreats in October and November. If you would like to attend one of the retreats you can Book through: [www.trybooking.com/CTOIQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CTOIQ)  
Sat 9 November –Heathcote—10am to 3pm—Mary Help of Christians Church—61 Ebdon Street, Heathcote. All retreats commencing 10am with Holy Mass and concluding at 3pm. Lunch (BYO), Tea, coffee, drinks provided. All Welcome

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversary:** Maureen Daniels

*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**

**2nd November and 3rd November**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva

Ext Min Com: Jocelyn & Stephen

Sacristan: Eva

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

Ext Min Com: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie F

Sacristan: Betty

**Ministers for Next Week**

**9th November and 10th November**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Trish B

Sacristan: Trish

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Betty & Pauline

Sacristan: Christine

**Linen Roster**

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 5th November**

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

**Wednesday 6th November**

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service And Rosary

**Thursday 7th November**

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

**Friday 8th November**

9.15am St. Mary's Communion Service and Adoration

**Saints during the week**

1st—All Saints

2nd—All Souls

4th—St Charles Borromeo

**menAlive—Second Monday of the Month.**

The next menAlive meeting will be on 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Buckley Room. All Men Welcome!

**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: \$687

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$986

Weekly Target \$2000