

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2024

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Tuesday 17th December
St Mary's Castlemaine 6.00pm

Thursday 19th December
St Brigid's Maldon 11.00am



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December


St Mary's Castlemaine
 Carols 5.30pm
 Family Mass 6.00pm
 Carols 9.30pm
 Midnight Mass 10.00pm

St Brigid's Maldon
 Carols 7.30pm
 Family Mass 8.00pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December

St Mary's Castlemaine - Mass 9.30am

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

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St Mary's
 Primary School
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Parish Secretary
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 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 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent—Year C

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

Second Sunday of Advent—8th December

Baruch 5:1-9
 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent—15th December

Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

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

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus," which means "a coming, approach, arrival." When we expect guests to arrive at our homes, we turn the lights on; we anticipate their arrival and welcome them with joy. In Advent, we prepare our homes and churches as we joyfully anticipate His arrival, and the light also gets brighter as we near Christmas day, the day on which the Light of the World was born.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)
 During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To live Stewardship and grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

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

Volunteers Needed—ALTAR MINISTRIES.

We desperately need people to get involved in the many different Ministries at St Mary’s. In particular, **readers and sacristans** for Saturday night. Full training will be given. If you would like to be involved please see Fr. Wahid or ring Juliet on 0422 344 907 about rostering and availability. Many thanks, Juliet

Thank You

Thank you all for your great welcome back to me after my Sabbatical. I had a truly Blessed time away. Thanks to all who have kept the Parish going and especially to the Priests— Fr Bernard and Mgr Frank for their weekend supplies. May God bless our Parish and all our Community. Fr Wahid Riad. XXOO

Wedding in St Mary’s Church

Congratulations to Shaquille and Kuan-Ying on their marriage this weekend in St Mary’s Church. God Bless you both and all your families. Enjoy your celebration in our beautiful Church and later in St Mary’s Hall for the reception.

Baptism in St Mary’s Church

We Welcome very warmly the Jermyn family this weekend for the baptism of their 3rd child—FREDDIE JERMYN. May God bless the parents Klai and Chanelle and the Godparents Archie and Rachael.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -11th December

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

Combined Church’s Family Christmas Service

There will be a combined Church’s Family service in the Botanic Gardens at 4pm on the 15th December. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Maldon Hospital Ecumenical Christmas Service 11th December

A Christmas Service is scheduled for Wed 11 Dec at 11am in the Garden Room at the Maldon Hospital. All are Welcome!

Save the Date - Parish Christmas Party!

Please join us on Thursday 12 December for the Parish Christmas Party! Starts at 7pm in the Buckley Room. Bring a meal to share and BYO drinks. Let’s enjoy the festive spirit!

menAlive Meeting— This Monday 9th December

A reminder to the Men of our Parish, you are all welcome to attend the menAlive meetings held every second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on the 9th December in the Buckley Room. Meetings start at 7.30pm

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Bill Docherty, Geraldine Abrahams
Anniversary: Leon Warren, Bernard Brereton, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Bernard Righetti and Joe Ward

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 December and 8th December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva
Ext Min Com: Stephen & Jocelyn
Sacristan: Eva

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid’s

Reader: Beth Price
Ext Min Com: Geoff McClennan
10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi
Ext Min Com: Betty & Julie
Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

14th December and 15th December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette
Ext Min Com: Chris T & Trish B
Sacristan: Trish

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin
Ext Min Com: Julie & Victor
Sacristan: Christine

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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 10th December

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room
6.00pm - St Mary’s Mass

Wednesday 11th December

9.15am St Mary’s Mass - end of School and Rosary
7.00pm PPC Meeting—Presbytery

Thursday 12th December

10.30am Rosary
11.00am St. Brigid’s Mass

Friday 13th December

9.15am St. Mary’s Mass and Adoration.

Saints during the week

9th—The Immaculate Conception of The Virgin Mary
10th—Our Lady of Loreto
11th—St Damasus I,Pope
12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe
13th—St Lucy
14th—St John of the 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: \$743
Target: \$1000
2nd Collection
Parish: \$1070
Weekly Target \$2000