


What is the Jubilee?

A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world. The word "jubilee" is derived from the Hebrew word jobel, which means "ram's horn"; since it was precisely that horn which was used as a trumpet, whose sound indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus, in the code of holiness, is the source which tells us of the significance of the jubilee year, a year of liberation "par excellence," which is at the end of seven weeks of years, the fiftieth year.

(taken from: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>)



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

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St Mary's
 Primary School
 Principal: Anushka Vaz
 Phone: (03) 5472 2270

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

29 December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Year C

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

<p><u>The Holy Family of Joseph and Mary 29/12</u> Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52</p>	<p><u>The Epiphany of the Lord 5 Jan</u> Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</p>
<p><u>Responsorial Psalm</u> How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.</p>	
<p><u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Alleluia! Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!</p>	
	<p><u>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</u> "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)</p> <p>During this Stewardship season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.</p>

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

Please see a list and details of VOLUNTEER requirements on the BULLETIN BOARD in the foyer.

Many of our older volunteers are needing to step down and will be happy to assist and train new volunteers,

Many thanks, Juliet

New Year’s Day Mass

A special Mass to honor the feast of Mary—the Mother of God—on Wednesday 1st January at 10.30am in St Mary’s Church, Castlemaine. All Welcome to begin the New Year with God’s special blessing..



We are pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop’s Campaign and sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese raised **\$811,178** including **\$2,200** contributed by St Mary’s Catholic Parish, Castlemaine. These funds will support vital mission areas such as the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop’s Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for being part of this important campaign and for living out your faith with action.

Rosary at the Grotto

For the month of January 2025 we will gather at the Grotto on Saturday 4th January at 10.00am to pray The Rosary for World Peace and Blessings for the New Year. All Welcome

Masses with Anointing The Sick

On the 1st weekend of the Month at ALL the Parish Masses—4/5th January 2025. Come with expectant faith and invite all who need God’s healing touch in the power of the sacraments. All Welcome!

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

28th December and 29th December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Trish

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid’s

Reader: Jacqui Wiltshire

Ext Min Com: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Christine & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

4th January and 5th January

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: Fr Wahid

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster

January: Trish Bowles

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 7th January

6.00pm St Mary’s Mass

Wednesday 8th January

9.15am St Mary’s Mass & Rosary

Thursday 9th January

10.30am Rosary - Brigid’s

11.00am St Brigid’s - Mass

Friday 10th January

9.15am St Mary’s Mass and Adoration till 11.00am.

Saints during the week

31st—Sylvester 1, Pope

1st Jan—Mary the Holy Mother of God (Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)

2nd Jan—Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

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: \$1025

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1086

Weekly Target \$2000