

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

Parish Priest
Rev Wahid Riad PP
 Phone: (03) 5472 1900
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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

15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent—Year C

Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street / PO Box 151, Castlemaine 3450

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad **Web:** 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.

Third Sunday of Advent—15th December

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent—22nd December

Micah 5:1-4
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-44

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous Stewards sharing all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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

St Mary's School—Nativity Play Friday

What a perfectly delightful afternoon we had with the children of St Mary's School at their Nativity play. The costumes were beautiful, the singing was sublime and the children were awesome. Thank you to the teachers and the children for not only giving us a beautiful day, but to the parents, friends and family who supported the event and also gave a generous donation to St Vincent de Paul for Christmas.. Last but not least—a Hearty Congratulations to Anushka our new School Principal. God Bless!



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

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.

Community Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 25 December 2024

Hosted by Castlemaine Community House and friends

12.30pm to 2.00pm
Castlemaine Town Hall, 25 Lyttleton Street
(entry via Frederick Street)

Share a delicious meal with good company
on Christmas Day

Come alone or bring your family and friends
Enjoy music, activities and festivities

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversary: Bernadette Darunee Sudharm

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

14th December and 15th December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Trish B

Sacristan: Trish

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

Ext Min Com: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Julie & Victor

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

21st December and 22nd December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Betty & Mary H

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 17th December

6.00pm - St Mary's Reconciliation

Wednesday 18th December

9.15am St Mary's Mass And Rosary

Thursday 19th December

10.30am Rosary

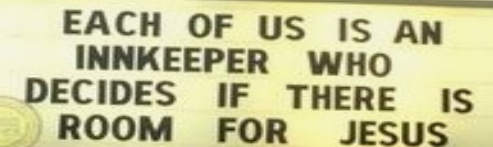
11.00am St. Brigid's Reconciliation

Friday 20th December

9.15am St. Mary's Mass
and Adoration.

Saints during the week

21st—St Peter Canisius



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: \$916

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1247

Weekly Target \$2000