

Being pilgrims of hope in the world

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used to say: 'We are but travellers here.' For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope: a people who are not only travellers here but walking in joyful anticipation of 'the heavenly goal to which we have been called' (SNC §25).


Pope Francis believes that, in today's world, hope suffers; that too many people have been robbed by cynicism and despair. During Jubilee 2025, he wants everyone to have 'an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ' (SNC §6). Only this hope—born from knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love (Rom 8:35-39)—can breathe life back into weary souls.

This hope is not optimism. It is not a forced positivity in the face of hardship and evil. It is a grace from God, a trust in the Lord's promises: that he is good, that he is merciful, and that we are journeying towards the one who says, 'Look, I am making everything new' (Rev 21:5).



(extracted from Melbourne Catholic Org—Jubilee Pack)

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

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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

19th January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th Jan

Isaiah 62:1-5
 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 John 2:1-11

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th Jan

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."
 - 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the Stewardship life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



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

RCIA for 2025

RCIA stands for Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.

We have so many young adults that God has brought to us who would love to join the Catholic Community here at St Mary's. We welcome them very warmly and any others searching for a faith community. We need sponsors to join us on the journey and parishioners who would love to share their faith with them. We begin on Thursday 6th February at 7.00pm in the Buckley Room. All Welcome

Masses at Newstead and Sandon in January

Fr Wahid will celebrate Mass during the month of January at Newstead and Sandon—at 6.00pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Newstead and the 4th Sunday at Sandon. All Welcome! After the Masses, we share dinner together.

Auxiliary Bishops

Ordination of 2 new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be on Saturday 1st Feb at 10.00am in St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. All Welcome

Social Dancing with Marlene

Saturdays —6.30pm till 10.00 starting 8th February, Dancing at St Mary's Hall Lyttleton St, with Marlene! Join the fun and dance the night away. Young and Old all Welcome! Entrance \$15.00 for two hours of fun! Sms 0423324918 to register.

Garabandal Meeting

The 2025 Garabandal Meetings will start soon. The First Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 5th February 2025 - 1.30pm to 3pm in the Buckley Room. Enquiries: Trish Bowles 0419873693 All Welcome

Online Liturgical Training—Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This is a quick note to remind you about our online training programs for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion which start in late February - see www.acu.edu.au/pastoral.

Lent is fast approaching and having well-formed ministers who can serve the community well during the Holy Week and Easter liturgies in particular, can enhance everyone's participation and give confidence to those preparing and ministering in these important ceremonies.

The process for registration in the programs starts with nomination by their parish priest. This can be done online here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training/otp-pastor-nomination>.

ACU Centre for Liturgy, Australian Catholic University

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Wendy Blume, Leanne Thomas, Fr Bruno Carrera and Fr Denis Carabott M SSP.

Anniversary: Betty Keogh, Riad Hanna, William Brereton
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

18th January and 19th January

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: David

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

Ext Min Com: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

25th January and 26th January

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny Howe

Ext Min Com: Betty & Mary H

Sacristan: Betty

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

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PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 21st January

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

9.15am St Mary's Mass & Rosary

Thursday 23rd January

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Mass

Friday 24th January

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

Saints during the week

20th—St Fabian Pope and St Sebastian

21st—St Agnes

22nd—St Vincent

24th—St Francis de Sales

25th—The Conversion of St Paul The Apostle

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.

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Presbytery: \$n/a

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$n/a

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