

Discernment


In the words of St Ignatius, discernment happens by either receiving or rejecting the soul’s movements depending on their connection to the good spirit who encourages and consoles or the enemy who places obstacles on our spiritual path, and uses states of spiritual desolation to lead us away from God and what is truly human.

While not exhaustive, the Ignatian Rules of Discernment are a very practical how-to-guide, calling for actions to be taken. While there is no shame in the heaviness of heart resulting from desolation and it is not advisable to make any changes in this state, there are various ways to act against a desolation itself – most effectively with an energetic response, and spiritual acts of resistance such as prayer, meditation, examination and penance.

The jubilee year, Pope Francis has opened this Christmas season, calls us to be ‘pilgrims of hope,’ who ever anew seek a renewal in their spiritual lives acknowledging their need for conversion and penance. Whatever the storms each of our soul’s is facing at present and throughout our lives, God guides us with his Spirit in our discernment to walk towards him on our pilgrim journey. (taken from The eRecord Edition #514 - 08 January 2025)

CFE’s 2025 offerings are already live on the website www.cfe.org.au. Use this opportunity of learning about your faith to grow closer to God during this holy year 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

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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

12 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord—Year C

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

The Baptism of the Lord 12th Jan

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 19th Jan

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

Responsorial Psalm

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics Stewards, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



As you travel through 2025, may the Lord our God guide and protect you.

May your troubles be small ones and your blessings be many.

Have a Happy & Blessed New Year!

Fr Wahid

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.



The Baptism of Jesus

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of a new unity with the Holy Trinity. We also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven. (extract from -https://mycatholic.life/)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.

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

11th January and 12th January

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Volunteer

Sacristan: Marie

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Beth Price

Ext Min Com: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

18th January and 19th January

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: David

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

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 14th January

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

Wednesday 15th January

9.15am St Mary's Mass & Rosary

Thursday 16th January

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Communion Service

Friday 17th January

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

Saints during the week

13th—St Hilary

17th—St Anthony

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: \$1585

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1343

Weekly Target \$2000