

Jubilee 2025 - Initiatives for Parishes.

Prayer initiatives

The most significant way people can celebrate Jubilee 2025 is prayer. 'According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays' (CCC §2562).

Authentic prayer, no matter what form it takes, is an overflow of the heart. Whether it is an experience of deep need, abundant gratitude, or intense love, it is our hearts that move us towards God in prayer.

Prayer is, in some sense, a pilgrimage of the heart.


Here are some ideas for entering more deeply into the jubilee spirit of prayer:

- Take part in Fiat: The annual prayer event Fiat, where parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne host evenings of prayer across the weekend of the feast of the Annunciation, is a perfect way to grow as a people of prayer this jubilee year. Here are the details:

Fiat will be taking place from 28-30 March 2025.



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
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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

16th February 2025

6th 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.

<u>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—16th Feb</u> Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17,20-26	<u>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—23rd Feb</u> 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38
<u>Responsorial Psalm</u>	
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.	
<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>	
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!	
<u>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</u>	
<p><i>"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22</i></p> <p>All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.</p>	
<u>RCIA for 2025</u>	
<p>RCIA stands for <i>Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults</i>. 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 <u>Thursday 6th February at 7.00pm</u> in the <u>Buckley Room</u>. <u>All Welcome</u></p>	

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

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A **Marriage Encounter weekend** is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 25-27 April 2025 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au **Website:** wwme.org.au

St Mary's Faith & Family -EXTRACT from St Mary's School NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to a new year. In speaking with families over the last few weeks, it is evident that most had a wonderful break but are also looking forward to a promising year ahead, filled with making connections and Hope. The theme for the school this year is 'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you (Is 60: 1)'

First Term is always a busy term with Opening Mass, Ash Wednesday, Lent and Catholic Education Week. Holy Week falls during the school holidays this year, however as a school, we will observe this during the last week of the term. Please mark the following dates in your family calendar and we look forward to celebrating with you, with our families and our community.

Tuesday March 04 - Shrove Tuesday. At St Mary's School, we will launch our Lenten program - Project Compassion with a pancake morning tea. All money raised will help the work of Caritas Australia. A gold coin donation is welcomed for 3 pancakes to enjoy for morning tea.

Wednesday March 05 - Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:15am. All families are welcome to join the school community as we observe the start of Lent with our Catholic community.

Fr Wahid on Local Radio Station

Please tune in one Friday 21st February from 9.30am if you are able. Please pray for me and for all the listeners on the day. 94.9 Main FM

A Formation Day for Parish Leadership

On Saturday 22nd February 2025, 10.30am to 3.15pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. The Parish will cover the cost of \$30 per person. Please let Parish Secretary know on 5472 1900 as soon as possible.

Parish Finance Council

Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th Feb at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Br Brian Hamilton, Anne Dale, Fr. John O'Reilly, Simon Ramsay

Anniversary: Bob Hamilton

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

15th February and 16th February

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: David

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Joannie Tolley

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

22nd February and 23rd February

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

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February: Mary Bishop

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 18th February**

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

▪ **Wednesday 19th February**

9.15am St Mary's Mass & Rosary

1.00pm Parish Finance Council—Presbytery

▪ **Thursday 20th February**

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Mass

7.00pm RCIA—Buckley Room

▪ **Friday 21st February**

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Adoration till 11.00am.

Saints during the week

17th—The Seven Holy Founders of the Service Order

21st—St Peter Damian

22nd—The Chair of St Peter, 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 Sebastian on 0439 847 894

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: \$1000

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1076

Weekly Target \$2000