

24 Hours for The Lord



The “24 Hours for the Lord” was introduced by Pope Francis in 2014 and has been held every year since. It is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation. It is celebrated on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Its intention is to put the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church. Parishes and communities can implement this initiative taking care to adapt it according to local needs and customs.

Prayer

Gracious God, we come before you with open hearts to be healed by your love and mercy. Look with compassion on us as we acknowledge our failures; Heal our wounds and stretch out your hand of love to save us and raise us up. Keep us free from harm as members of Christ’s body, as sheep of your flock, as children of your family. Hear the prayer we offer you O God. Lead us back to the way of holiness, and protect us now and always. May we ever keep safe in all its fullness the gift of your love given us and your mercy now restores. We pray in Jesus’ name, he who live with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE



<u>Saturday</u>		
Reconciliation	Castlemaine	5.15pm
Vigil Mass:	Castlemaine	6.00pm
<i>Rosary is prayed before Mass</i>		
<u>Sunday</u>		
Reconciliation:	Maldon	8.15am
Mass:	Maldon	8.30am
Mass:	Castlemaine	10.30am
<u>Tuesday</u>		
Mass:	Castlemaine	6.00pm
<u>Wednesday</u>		
Mass:	Castlemaine	9.15am
<i>Rosary is prayed after Mass</i>		
<u>Thursday</u>		
Rosary before Mass		
Mass:	Maldon	11.00am.
<u>Friday</u>		
Mass:	Castlemaine	9.15am
<i>Followed by Adoration.</i>		
<u>Second Sunday of the Month</u>		
Mass:	Newstead	6.00pm
<u>Fourth Sunday of the Month</u>		
Mass:	Sandon	6.00pm

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<u>Baptisms, Marriages</u>
Pastoral Care of the Sick
For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Priest.
<u>St Brigid’s Hall</u>
Bookings for St. Brigid’s Hall through Elaine Lacey on:- 0448 009 945.
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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

23rd February 2025

7th 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>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>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—2nd March</u> Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45
<u>Responsorial Psalm</u>	
The Lord is kind and merciful.	
<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>	
Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!	
<u>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</u>	
<i>“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” - LUKE 6:35</i>	
Easier said than done, right? But, in Stewardship, we are to imitate Christ. Most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn’t change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.	
<u>RCIA for 2025</u>	
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 began on <u>Thursday 6th February at 7.00pm</u> in the <u>Buckley Room</u> . <u>All Welcome</u>	

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

Ash Wednesday Masses

All Parishioners are invited to receive the Ashes at the beginning of Lent on Wednesday 5th March at all the Parish Masses:-

9.15am Mass—St Mary's

11.00am Mass—St Brigid's

7.00pm Mass—St Mary's

Rosary at the Grotto

Our Monthly Rosary at the Grotto will be prayed on Saturday 1st March at 10.00am. We invite everyone to join in a powerful prayer time at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes for the conversion of all in our community. All Welcome

Blessing of the Grotto after the Renovation

We invite the whole Community to join us on Sunday 9th March after the 10.30am Mass to bless our beautifully renovated Grotto and afterwards a cuppa will be served in the Buckley Room.

Stations of the Cross at St Mary's

A great devotion during the Season of Lent will be on Fridays after the Morning Mass at 9.45am. We start on Friday 7th March in St Mary's Church Castlemaine. All Welcome.

Masses with Anointing the Sick

Our Monthly Masses with the Anointing of the Sick will be on 1st/2nd March at ALL the Parish Masses. These are Healing Masses with the Power of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick and needy. All Welcome

Monthly Working Bee at St Mary's

We need your help in keeping St Mary's Parish complex looking beautiful and tidy. We plan to have a monthly Working Bee on the 1st Saturday of the Month after the Rosary at the Grotto from 10.30am to noon. We begin on the 1st March at 10.30am. Please bring any tools of the trade with you. Many Thanks in anticipation. We finish with refreshments in the Presbytery.

Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd March 2025

This Lent we are called to **Unite Against Poverty** through Caritas Australia Project Compassion. Boxes and Envelopes will be available in the Churches from this Sunday. Caritas Australia thanks you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent!

Fr Wahid on Local Radio Station

Please tune in on 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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Nick Byrne, Primrose Krasicki

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

22nd February and 23rd February

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Marie

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Beth Price

Ext Min Com: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny Howe

Ext Min Com: Betty & Mary H

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

1st March and 2nd March

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: Liz

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

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March: TBA

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 25th February

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

Wednesday 26th February

9.15am St Mary's Mass & Rosary

Thursday 27th February

10.30am Rosary - Brigid's

11.00am St Brigid's - Communion Service

7.00pm RCIA—Buckley Room

Friday 28th February

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

Saints during the week

27th—St Gregory of Narek Order

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: \$920

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$917

Weekly Target \$2000