



Fr Wahid's Farewell and 40th Anniversary of Ordination

All are Welcome to Farewell Fr Wahid on Sunday 17th August at the 10.30am Mass in St Mary's Church and to celebrate with him on his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. After the Mass all are invited to gather in St Mary's Hall for refreshments - starting at 1.00pm.

Masses with Anointing of the Sick

A powerful weekend of Healing on the 2nd/3rd of August at ALL the Parish Masses. Please join us and invite all who need Healing of Body, Soul and Spirit. All Welcome

Mass at Thompson House

Our next celebration of Mass at Thompson House will be on Wednesday 6th August at 11.00am. We pray for all the Houses and Castlemaine Health. All Welcome

Mass at Arcare—Castlemaine

Our next Mass at Arcare will be on Wed 6th August at 1.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend this Mass for Healing and Peace.

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
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 Mobile: 0419 511 064

St Mary's

Primary School
 Principal: Anushka Vaz
 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

27th July 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

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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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th July 25

Genesis 18:20-32
 Colossians 2:12-14
 Luke 11:1-13



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd Aug 25

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
 Luke 12:13-21



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Sacraments for the Children 2025

We invite all Parish families to register and prepare their children for the Sacraments this year. This is for the children who do not attend St Mary's School. Contact the Parish Office to register on: 54721900.

1st Holy Communion: 10th August at the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Confirmation: 26th October at 10.30am Mass

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

Father Wahid's New Appointment

The Archbishop has appointed Fr. Wahid to St Brigid's Catholic Parish in Gisborne. The address is: 64 Aitken St, Gisborne. Telephone: 54282591
Please pray for me as I will always remember you all in my prayers and in my heart.



Farewell for our loved Fr. Wahid on 17th August—Collection

Our Parish will be taking up special collections for Fr. Wahid on the weekends of the 2nd & 3rd August.

We thank Fr. Wahid for all the love, hard work and spiritual guidance, that he has given to our Parish, School, Castlemaine Community and the many Ministries he has been a part of, especially his healing Masses.

We will miss Fr. Wahid, truly a man of God, immensely, and send with him lots of prayers, Blessings and love, as God holds him in the palm of His hand, towards his next path in life. David Jones, Betty, Sandy, Eva, Marie. On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee.

1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass

All the children and their families are asked to come to this 1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass on Sunday 27th July at the 10.30am Mass in St Mary's Church Castlemaine. We ask all parishioners to pray for the children preparing for this wonderful occasion which will be celebrated on the 10th August at 10.30am Mass.

1st Holy Communion Celebrations—10th August

All Parishioners are very warmly invited to celebrate this special occasion with the children and their families on Sunday 10th August at 10.30am Mass in St Mary's Church Castlemaine.

1st Saturday of the Month Devotions

All are most welcome to pray for Peace and Healing in our world on Saturday 2nd August in St Mary's Church, Castlemaine:-

9.30am Confession

10.00am Mass

10.30am Rosary and Litany of Our Lady

11.00am Cuppa and Working Bee

Sausage Sizzle Saturday 2 August, St Brigid's Maldon

Our annual sausage sizzle and bonfire is back by popular demand! Saturday 2 August 12-3pm at St Brigid's Hall Maldon. Free! Gold coin donations welcome for church needs. Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church at 3pm. Would love to see you there!

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 11.00am - 1.00pm. Please bring any tools of the trade with you. Many Thanks in anticipation. We finish with refreshments in the Buckley Room.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Michael Rieger, Roderick Rowe

Anniversary: Beryl 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

26th and 27th July

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Brennand

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Liz

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Ann Fitzpatrick

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny Howe

Ext Min Com: Betty & Mary H

Sacristan: Betty & Catherine

Ministers for Next Week

2nd and 3rd August

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: David

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

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August: Eva

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 29th July

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

Wednesday 30th July

9.15am St Mary's Mass and Rosary

Thursday 31st July

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Mass

Friday 1st August

9.15am Mass & Adoration at St Mary's

Saints of the Week

29th—Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

30th—St Peter Chrysologus

31st—St Ignatius of Loyola

Garabandal—Meeting

The next Garabandal Meeting will be on 7th August at 1.30 in the Buckley Room.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL -BLANKETS FOR WINTER

St Vincent de Paul Castlemaine is asking for Blankets this winter. Please leave any blankets you have to give in the Church or at the Office. Thank you and God Bless!



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: \$943

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1021

Weekly Target \$2000