



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

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St Mary's

Primary School
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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

3 August 2025

18th 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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd Aug 25

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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th Aug 25

Wisdom 18:6-9
 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
 Luke 12:32-48



Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living Stewardship in a grateful and generous lifestyle. Become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

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: 66 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 and 9th & 10th 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.

MenALIVE Meeting

The next MenALIVE meeting will be on Monday 11th August in the Buckley Room at 7.30pm. The group meets every second Monday of the month. ALL men in our Parish Welcome!

1st Holy Communion Celebrations—10th August -Morning Tea Invitation

There will be a morning tea in the hall to celebrate the First Communion of the children from the parish and school. Please come and join the children and their families on Sunday 10th August after the 10:30 am Mass.

National Vocations Awareness Week—3-10th August 2025

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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

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:

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

2nd and 3rd August

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: David

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Ann Fitzpatrick

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

9th and 10th August

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Volunteer

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

Linen Roster

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 5th August

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

Wednesday 6th August

9.15am St Mary's Mass and Rosary

Thursday 7th August

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Mass

Friday 8th August

9.15am Mass & Adoration at St Mary's

Saints of the Week

4th August—St John Mary Vianney

6th—The transfiguration of The Lord

7th—Sts Dominic, St Cajetan & Sts Sixtus 11,
Pope & Companions.

8th—St Mary of the Cross, Virgin

9th—St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Garabandal Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th August, at 1.30pm to 3pm in the Buckley Room.

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!

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: \$1084

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1232

Weekly Target \$2000