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THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
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2025



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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.



CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest

Fr Declan O'Brien

Phone: (03) 5472 1900

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



God Gives Us A Fresh
Start Every Day!

- 24 August 2025
- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street / PO Box 151, Castlemaine 3450

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad **Web:** www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

Ph: (03) 5472 1900

Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th Aug 25

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st Aug 25

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1,7-14



Responsorial Psalm

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond? How have you lived Stewardship?

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.

Confirmation: 26th October at 10.30am Mass

Confirmation 2025

Families with children in Yr 5 or Yr 6 in 2025 are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Confirmation will be held on Sunday October 26th At St Mary's Church. Confirmation will take place in alternate years. Please contact the parish for information regarding preparation for the sacrament.

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

Welcome to Father Declan O'Brien

The Parish of Castlemaine warmly welcomes Father Declan O'Brien as he takes up the post of Parish Priest/Administrator to the Castlemaine Parish. Father Declan will also remain as Parish Priest to the Kyneton Parish, while being our spiritual guide. We also welcome all the Supply priests who will be assisting us with Masses at various times while we are in the transition period. Frs. Kevin Burke, Vinoth Santiago, Aurelio Fragapane and Rev Dr Trevor Tibbertsma.



Safeguarding Sunday 14th September 2025

In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



Ecumenical—ALPHA COURSE

The Ecumenical group of Churches in our community will hold a joint Alpha Course at the Church of Christ starting on the 6th September. All Parishioners are invited to join in and, each church can have its own table and group, or join in with other churches if they so wish. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience Alpha and grow in faith and an understanding of Jesus Christ and how he changed the world. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be a part of this amazing Alpha experience! (03) 54721900

Bishop Ramirez and ALPHA!

What are some of the most effective methods of evangelisation that you have seen?
In my Australian experience, **ALPHA** was effective. I initially misunderstood it, thinking it was a content delivery program. It's not. It creates an opportunity for people to listen and then vulnerably share their thoughts on the topics of the ALPHA video series, where different people respond to the same question, which does not necessarily have to align with Christian beliefs. In the end, any tool might be useful aside from the ALPHA video series, like 'Search' or 'Sycamore', but the objective must be clear. The series should aim to foster meaningful connections between the organisers and participants and among the participants themselves. It is through these connections that trust is built, which, in my opinion, is vital to the work of evangelisation.

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

23rd and 24th August

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Brennand

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: David

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Jane Waycott

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny Howe

Ext Min Com: Betty & Mary H

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

30th and 31st August

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Catherine Young

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:

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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 26th August

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's Communion Service

Wednesday 27th August

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Rosary

Thursday 28th August

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Communion Service

Friday 29th August

9.15am Communion Serv & Adoration at St

Saints of the Week

25th—Sts Louis and St Joseph Calasanz

27th—St Monica

28th—St Augustine

29th—The Passion of St John the Baptist

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

Please remember to leave your donation for SVDP in the basket provided in the church. 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: \$1319

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1353

Weekly Target \$2000