


### Archbishops Campaign—2025

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign and play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve all in our faith community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired priests, and important care and evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese. More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

### Council Members Needed

Our Parish is currently looking for suitably qualified Parishioners to join the Finance Council as well as members to form a New Parish Pastoral Council. The Finance Council assists the priest in maintaining the Parish finances and decision making around the care and maintenance of its properties and resources. The Pastoral Council assists in the creation of evangelization opportunities, maintaining and growing the faith of the Parishioners. All members are required to be in possession of a Working with Children Check, must undergo Safeguarding Essential Training and Sign a Code of Conduct Declaration. Members of the Finance Council are also required to have Police Clearance. If you can assist the Parish with this please call the Office for further information.

### WORSHIP TIMETABLE

<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Castlemaine	<b>5.15pm</b>
<b>Vigil Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>6.00pm</b>
<i>Rosary is prayed before Mass</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>		
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Maldon	<b>8.15am</b>
<b>Mass:</b>	Maldon	<b>8.30am</b>
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>9.15am</b>
<i>Rosary is prayed after Mass</i>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Rosary before Mass</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Maldon	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Mass:</b>	Castlemaine	<b>9.15am</b>
<i>Followed by Adoration.</i>		

### CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Declan O'Brien</b>
	Phone: (03) 54221261/ 0457708586
<b>St Mary's</b>	Primary School
	Principal: Anushka Vaz
	Phone: (03) 5472 2270
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	<b>Eva Jansen</b>
	10 am to 4pm - Tuesday to Thursday
	Phone: (03) 5472 1900/0413940216
<b>Baptisms, Marriages</b>	Pastoral Care of the Sick
	For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Priest.
<b>St Brigid's Hall</b>	Bookings for St. Brigid's Hall through <b>Elaine Lacey</b> on:- 0448 009 945.
<b>St Mary's Hall</b>	Bookings for St. Mary's Hall through <b>Parish Office</b> on: 5472 1900

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

- HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE
- ST BRIGID'S, MALDON
- ST ANNE'S, NEWSTEAD
- ST LAURENCE'S SANDON



**31 August 2025**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C**

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Declan O'Brien **Web:** [www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au](http://www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au)

**Ph:** (03) 5472 1900

**Email:** [castlemaine@cam.org.au](mailto:castlemaine@cam.org.au)

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

### 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



### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th Sept 25

Wisdom 9:13-18  
Philemon 89:3-6,12-14, 17  
Luke 14:25-33



### Responsorial Psalm

**God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**  
**Alleluia!**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14*  
One of the main principles of living a Stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

### 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.  
Office: 54721900.

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

### **Anointing Mass weekend of 6th and 7th September**

Father Kevin Burke will be performing the Sacrament of Anointing on the weekend of the 6th and 7th of September at all Masses at St Mary's Castlemaine and St Brigid's Maldon. All Parishioners are warmly invited to come and receive God's grace.

### **Social Justice Sunday—31st August**

Every Christian is called to step into the lives of those who are suffering, to befriend them, advocate for them, and journey alongside them.

"The Eucharist commits us to the poor... you have tasted the blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother."— St John Chrysostom

As we enter the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis reminded us that we are all "Pilgrims of Hope." Let us be a Church that brings healing, dignity, and hope. Let us walk with those who are homeless and mentally unwell, not just as service providers, but as neighbours and friends.

### **Feast Day—Holy Name of Mary—12th September 2025**

St Mary's School will be holding a special Mass to celebrate The Feast Day of The Holy Name of Mary on Friday 12th September at 9.15am at St Mary's Church in Castlemaine. All Parents and Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **Caritas Australia: Gaza Pledge (closes this Sunday 31 August 2025)**

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. While Caritas Australia's locally embedded partners remain unaffected, Caritas Australia has launched a pledge to acknowledge the devastating impact of any further reduction in aid to Gaza. To learn more and sign the pledge: [caritas.org.au/gaza](https://caritas.org.au/gaza).



### **Ecumenical—ALPHA COURSE - Monday 8th September**

The Ecumenical group of Churches in our community will hold a joint Alpha Course at the Church of Christ starting on the 8th September at 6.30pm. 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

### **Monthly Working Bee at St Mary's—6th September**

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:** Louis Curran

**Anniversary:** Annie Gleeson, Tim Donnelly

*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**

#### **30th and 31st August**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Marie Mc

Sacristan: Marie

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Ann Fitzpatrick

Ext Min Com: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Catherine Young

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

#### **Ministers for Next Week 6th and 7th September 2025**

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

#### **Linen Roster**

September: Julie Farrell

#### **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 2nd September**

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

#### **Wednesday 3rd September**

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Rosary

#### **Thursday 4th September**

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Communion Service

#### **Friday 5th September**

9.15am Mass & Adoration at St Mary's

#### **Saints of the Week**

3rd—St Gregory the Great, Pope

5th—St Theresa of Calcutta

#### **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.

#### **Grabandal Meeting—4th September**

The next Garabandal Meeting will be held in the Buckley room on the 4th September.

1.30pm to 3pm. Contact Trish Bowles: 0419873693

#### **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: \$762

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$967

Weekly Target \$2000