

Priests on Call in Emergency

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Parish Revival – an extract from Divine Renovations. -Father Junray Rayna | Sept.4, 2025

Not long ago, I received a letter from a parishioner that pierced me deeply. He wrote bluntly: "I don't want to be part of a moribund parish." I never heard of the word moribund, so I did not initially bother. Then later on, I deeply reflected on the word. Moribund basically means dying. He actually told me in that letter, he did not want to be part of St Kilian's because it's dying. The word hit me hard. It echoed something very real too, that I felt very incompetent to the role that I am called to serve. I was very low, drained, pastorally disheartened — and nearly at the point of despair. I did a lot of walking and praying. But grace of God has a way of finding us at our lowest. Through Divine Renovation, I found not just tools but a renewed heart for mission. I started with a kickstart program, that lead me to a series of conversations with priests in different ages who are in similar struggle. conversation with them was a healing process. ... we shifted from a maintenance mentality to a bold radical vision of radical hospitality. Today, I would say that our beloved **St Kilian's Parish** has become a magnet in the heart of **Bendigo**: a magnet where all have trying to become missionary disciples in our community. We gather, we celebrate, we proclaim and we serve!

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

Com Service 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

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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 O'TOOLE, SANDON

28 September 2025

26th 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.*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 Sept 25

Amos 6:1,4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 Oct 25

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-9



Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own Stewardship we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

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 4th and 5th October at All Masses

All Welcome to attend this special Mass of Healing and Grace at all Masse on 4th and 5th October in Castlemaine and Maldon.

Morning Tea at St Mary's This Sunday 28th September 2025

Everyone is welcome to stop over in the Buckley Room this Sunday after the 10.30 Mass at St Mary's to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat.

menALIVE Meeting and upcoming MAX25 Retreat

All men in the Parish are welcome to attend the next meeting of our MenALIVE group. We discuss the reading for the Mass of the following Sunday and pray together. We meet every second Monday of the month.

Our Next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 6th October in the Buckley room.

menALIVE is a National Men's Ministry which was founded to respond to the great need in the hearts and lives of men. Our purpose is to bring men together, to renew their faith and to encourage them to become an active force of renewal.

MAX 25 Retreat to take place at Edmund Rice Centre, Victoria on 10-12 October 2025
Visiti:www.menalivevic.au/max-25 to find out more.

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God's Word—2026

Trish Sharkey will be bulk ordering God's Word 2026. The book has the daily mass readings and a short reflection on each of the gospel readings. Price is likely to be approximately \$20. The final price will depend on the bulk order size. Please contact Trish, preferably by text, on: ph [0414 937 357](tel:0414937357) to secure your copy before the end of October.

Monthly Rosary and Working Bee at St Mary's—4th October

Please join us in saying the Rosary in our beautiful Grotto at St Mary's Castlemaine on the 1st Saturday of every month at 10.30am after which if you can, please join our working Bee when we will tidy our gardens and the Church to keep them looking beautiful and clean. We will end the day with refreshments in the Buckley Room. Please bring tools, equipment and any safety gear you may need.

Garabandal Meeting

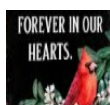
The next Garabandal Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd October in the Buckley Room. Contact Trish Bowles on 0419 873 693

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Margaret Pon

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

27th and 28th September 2025

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Brennand

Ext Min Com: Marie Mc

Sacristan: Liz

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Ann Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny Howe

Ext Min Com: Mary H

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

4th and 5th October 2025

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Chris T

Sacristan: David

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Julie

Sacristan: Christine

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October: Marie

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 30th September

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

Wednesday 1st October

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Rosary

Thursday 2nd October

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Com Service

Friday 3rd October

9.15am Mass—St Mary's.

29th—Sts Michael, Gabriel, Rafael Archangels

30th—St Jerome

1st Oct—St Therese of the Child Jesus

2nd Oct—The Holy Guardian angels

4th Oct—St Francis of Assisi

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

If you would like to have our Lady of Fatima in your home 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: Priest Living expenses, Priests retirement Fund, Priest Training and stipend.

Presbytery: \$446

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection: Upkeep & Maintenance of Parish Prop, Staff Salaries, Parish Utilities, Priest motor vehicle expenses. General Expenses

Parish: \$961

Weekly Target \$2000