

Live Your Best Life in Love... Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We offer 2 further weekends in 2025. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: October 3-5: Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill) October 10-12: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm Information/Bookings: **Please phone Mercy & James** 0409 183 676 or **Email:** vicbookings@wwme.org.au **Website:** wwme.org.au

Father Kevin Burke—Books

These are the Books recommended by Fr Kevin Burke at Masses last Weekend: The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr - \$36, The Afternoon of Christianity by Tomas Halik - \$50 and Jesus: An Historical Approximation by Joseph Pagala - \$100 Please call the office if you are interested in obtaining any of these books. 54721900

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

Fr Declan O'Brien
 Phone: (03) 54221261/ 0457708586

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



14 September 2025

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross — Year C

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Parish Priest: Fr. Declan O'Brien **Web:** www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

Ph: (03) 5472 1900

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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 Sept 25

Numbers 21:4-9
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 Sept 25

Amos 8:4-7
 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Luke 16:1-13



Responsorial Psalm

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. This core message is the basis for the **Stewardship** of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily 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.



Ecumenical—ALPHA COURSE - at Church of Christ Castlemaine

The Ecumenical group of Churches in our community started the Alpha course at Church of Christ started on the 8th at 6.30pm and is well attended.

All Parishioners are invited to come on this journey with us to discover and build a truly wonderful relationship with Jesus and each other. This is a 14 week journey and parishioners are more than welcome to still come and join.
Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be a part of this amazing Alpha experience! (03) 54721900



St Mary's School—Crochet Club

The School is looking for any donations of unwanted crochet supplies (yarn, hooks and tapestry needles), for the newly formed Crochet Club.

Donations must be clean and in good shape. The donations will go to the children learning to crochet, who will eventually make crocheted goods for donation to the community. Donations can be dropped at the Presbytery Office.

Discover Palms Volunteering



Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!
Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



Monthly Rosary and Working Bee at St Mary's

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.

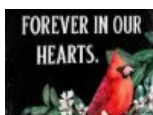


MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversary: Kathleen Tobin

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

13th and 14th September 2025

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Christ T

Sacristan: David

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Jane Waycott

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Victor

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

20th and 21st September 2025

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Vin

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Julie

Sacristan: Christine

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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 16th September

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm Communion Service

Wednesday 17th September

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Rosary

Thursday 18th September

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Com Service

Friday 19th September

9.15am Mass—St Mary's.

Saints of the Week

15th—Our Lady of Sorrows

16th—Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

17th—Sts Robert Bellarmine & St Hildegard of Bingen

19th—St Januarius

20th—Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions.

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



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: \$843

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1218

Weekly Target \$2000