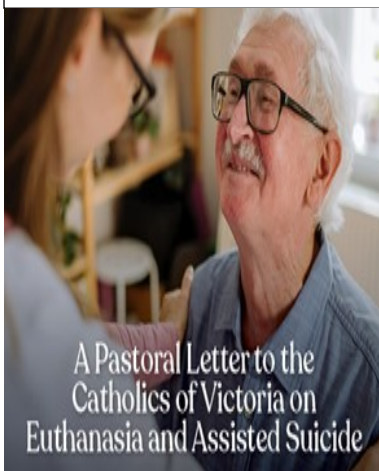


Priests on Call in Emergency

Fr Declan O'Brien—0457708586 - Parish Priest—Kyneton and Castlemaine:
Fr John Healey— 0439033750 - Parish Priest—Woodend Mission



The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



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 O'TOOLE, SANDON

19 October 2025

29th 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

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 Oct 25

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 -4:2

Luke 18:1-8



Thirtieth Sun in Ordinary Time—26 Oct 25

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..."

2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good Steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable!

Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

Confirmation 2025

Confirmation will be held on Sunday October 26th At St Mary's Church. Confirmation will take place in alternate years.

We have 11 young people being Confirmed next week 26th October. Please keep them in prayer!

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.

This Sunday—World Mission Sunday Collections—19th October 2025

Collections will be taken up on this weekend of 19th October—for World Mission Sunday.

Let's celebrate World Mission Month!

This October, Catholic Mission and the broader Catholic community will come together to celebrate World Mission Month, guided by the theme "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."

Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers.

Communion Mass—ARCARE—5th November 2025

There will be a Communion Service at Arcare the first week of the month on Wednesday 5th November at 1.30pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

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. Please bring tools, equipment and any safety gear you may need.

THE BETHANY WAY—INTRODUCTORY RETREAT

At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

On 8 November, all are invited to go 'on retreat with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus'. This free retreat will be a contemplative experience that renews your relationship with Jesus Christ, containing reflective talks and time for personal prayer.

The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way – an immersive formation experience for all who wish to grow in Christ and discover their place in the Church's mission.

Registration is essential. Bookings close Monday 3 November. - proclaim@cam.org.au

Event Date

Saturday 8 November 2025
12.00pm–4.00pm

Details

Optional Mass at 11.30am

Lunch included.

NB: The Bethany Way unlocks the true breadth of the Church's mission and how each one of us, no matter our circumstances, has a unique contribution to make.

God's Word—2026

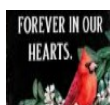
Trish Sharkey will be bulk ordering God's Word 2026. The book has the daily mass readings and a short reflection on each of the gospel readings. Price is likely to be approximately \$20. The final price will depend on the bulk order size. Please contact Trish, preferably by text, on: ph 0414 937 357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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Lorraine Burgess

Anniversary: Mary O'Shannassy

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

18th and 19th October 2025

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Bernadette

Sacristan: Liz

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Anne Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Catherine Young

Ext Min Com: Betty

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

25th and 26th October 2025

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Brennand

Ext Min Com: Marie Mc

Sacristan: David

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny Howe

Ext Min Com: Mary H

Sacristan: Betty

Linen Roster

October: Anne Applebee

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 21st October**

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

▪ **Wednesday 22nd October**

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Rosary

▪ **Thursday 23rd October**

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Com Service

▪ **Friday 25th October**

9.15am Mass—St Mary's.

Saints of the Week

22nd—St John Paul II, Pope

23rd—St John of Capistrano

24th—St Anthony Mary Claret

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: \$917

Target: \$1000

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

Parish: \$1200

Weekly Target \$2000