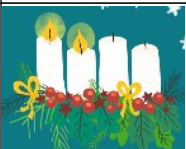


Priests on Call in Emergency

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



Second Week of Advent – Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace, come into our world and still the storms of our hearts. As we light the second candle of Advent, grant us the peace that only You can give. Make us instruments of Your peace in our homes, our communities, and our world. May Your peace reign in our hearts always. Amen.



ST Vincent De Paul Castlemaine—Christmas Appeal

With times being tough for so many, there are people in our community who will appreciate anything we can do to lighten their load.
To this end St Vincent de Paul are asking if Parishioners would donate IGA, K-HUB or WOOLWORTHS vouchers to the value of up to \$30 this year. Especially useful will be B.P. Petrol Vouchers to the value of \$25 to \$30. Gifts of Chocolates and Biscuits for hampers will be a great help! Thanking you in advance for your generosity we are most grateful.

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**

Wednesday

Communion Service:
Castlemaine **9.15am**

Rosary is prayed after Mass

Thursday

Rosary before Service
Communion Service:
Maldon **11.00am**

Friday

Mass: Castlemaine **9.15am**
Followed by Rosary

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 (Pro -Tem)
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



7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent — Year A

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Declan O'Brien (Pro-Tem) **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.*

Second Sunday of Advent - 7 Dec

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



Third Sunday of Advent –14 Dec

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11



Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

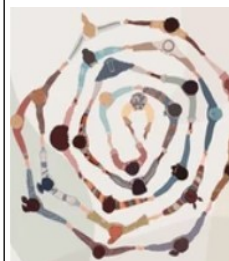
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our Stewardship time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season? (camdendiocese.org)



Our Parish Christmas Get Together is here! - Join us on Saturday

On a very special and exciting day! ALL are invited to join us in the Buckley Room at St Mary's after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 6th December for the Parish Christmas get together! Let us begin our new Christian Calendar year by sharing the love and the friendship we have so much of.

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

Special Rosary at our Parish Grotto at St Mary's Castlemaine—

Led by Fr. Aurelio

Saturday 6th December @ 5:30p.m.

Sunday 7th December @10 o'clock

All are invited to come and pray the Rosary with Fr. Aurelio before our Masses on these dates. A wonderful celebration of prayer to begin the Season of Advent.



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.

Anointing Masses at St Mary's Parish Castlemaine



Anointing Masses for the month of December will be held at ALL the Masses on the weekend of 13th and 14th of December. Start the Festive Season with a special blessing and pass on the love and joy to all you meet during this very blessed season!

St Mary's School—Graduation Mass—11th December 2025—9.15am

The Graduation Mass for the Grade 6's at St Mary's School will take place on Thursday 11th December at 9.15am in St Mary's Church Castlemaine. All are welcome to join in this wonderful celebration as we pray for the safety and success of our young people as they continue on their journey. In faith and life.

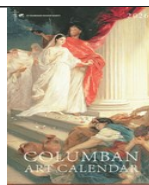
St Mary's School Nativity—15th December 2025



The children at St Mary's School will be holding their nativity play at 10.00am to 11.00am on Monday 15th December in St Mary's Church Castlemaine. All parishioners are invited to come and support, what is always a wonderful production by the children and their dedicated teachers.

Columban Art Calendar

The 2026 Columban Art Calendars are here. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase one of these..
Price - \$10.00 each. Tel: 54721900



MENALive meeting—8th December 2025

The next MENALive meeting will be held on the 8th December 2025. at 7.30pm in the Buckley Room. All men in the Parish are invited to attend what is understood to be a very informative and interesting evening.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Tony Simpson, John Vallance

Anniversary: Anthony Fitzpatrick, Bernard Brereton, Maureen Heagney
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

6th and 7th December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Bernadette

Sacristan: David

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

13th and 14th December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Victor

Sacristan: Betty

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December: Marie Mc

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 9th December

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

Wednesday 10th December

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service and Rosary

Thursday 11th December

9.30am St Mary's—School Graduation Mass

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Mass

Friday 12th December

9.15am Communion Service —St Mary's .

Saints of the Week

8th—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th—St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

10th—Our Lady of Loreto

11th—St Damasus I, Pope

12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th—St Lucy

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: \$990

Target: \$1000

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

Parish: \$ 1127

Weekly Target \$2000