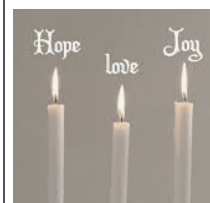


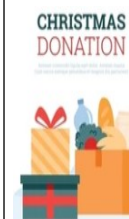
Chair Exercises

Chair Exercises will continue in the Buckley Room throughout the Holiday period.
Contact: Christine Adams— 0419 006 591



Third Week of Advent – Prayer of Joy

Loving God,
as we light the rose candle of joy, our hearts rejoice in the nearness of
Your coming. Fill us with gratitude and gladness, even amid the
challenges of life. May we find joy in serving others and in sharing Your
love with all we meet. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 Aurelio Fragapane

Phone: (03) 54721900

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



14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent — Year A

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

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

Third Sunday of Advent - 14 Dec

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11



Fourth Sunday of Advent –21 Dec

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come and save us..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

““You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. **Stewards** are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own. (camdendiocese.org)

Fr Aurelio Fragapane

Last week we welcomed Fr Aurelio as our new Parish Priest. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves as he settles in. He has already led us in some beautiful Masses in his first week here, please show him your appreciation by attending Mass as often as you can and encourage your family and friends to come and meet him too. Mostly be patient as he settles in and makes his home among us. Offer him your hospitality and pray for him as he gets to know you and the community and let us not be afraid to change and learn new things from him and with him. We thank you Fr Aurelio for coming to minister to us!

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



Portrait of the Divine Mercy

Thank you Jorg Winkels for replacing the Divine Mercy Portrait at St Mary's Church Castlemaine, we the parishioners are extremely grateful to you for doing this , it is lovely to have the space filled again!

2025 Christmas Timetable

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Tuesday 16th December:

St Mary's, Castlemaine

6.00pm

Thursday 18th December:

St Brigid's, Maldon

11.00am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th December

St Mary's, Castlemaine:

Carols
Family Mass
Carols
Vigil Mass



5.30pm
6.00pm
9.30pm
10.00pm

St Brigid's, Maldon:

Carols
Family Mass

7.30pm
8.00pm

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December

St Mary's, Castlemaine:

Mass

9.30am



Anointing Masses at St Mary's Parish Castlemaine –This weekend

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 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.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Betty Murphy

Anniversary: Darunee (Bernie) Sudharm,

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 December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T

Sacristan: Marie

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 December

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Vin

Sacristan: Liz

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Julie

Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster

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 16th December

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

Wednesday 17th December

9.15am St Mary's Communion Service

Thursday 18th December

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Communion Service

Friday 19th December

9.15am Mass and Adoration —St Mary's .

Saints of the Week

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: \$766

Target: \$1000

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

Parish: \$ 992

Weekly Target \$2000