



Monthly—Working Bee—St Mary's Castlemaine

The Monthly Working Bee will begin again in February 2026—on the first Saturday of the month—7th February 2026. All Parishioners are asked to kindly donate and hour or two of your time to helping us maintain the gardens and buildings of the Church on the first Saturday of every month at 10.30 am. Please bring any tools and protective gear you may need. Tea and a light lunch will be served in the Buckley Room.

Monthly Rosary—St Mary's Castlemaine

The Rosary will be said every First Saturday of the Month in the Grotto at St Mary's, at 10am. Please join us in prayer for peace in the world and our community. All Welcome!



SUGGESTION BOX

Dear Parishioners we will shortly install a suggestion Box at St Mary's and St Brigid's and will welcome any suggestions you may have to help us, grow our Parish, both spiritually and financially. Together lets find a way to grow our Parish and make it a place of warmth and welcome!

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

Mass Castlemaine **9.15am**
Rosary is prayed after Mass

Thursday

Rosary before Service
Mass: Maldon **11.00am**
Pastoral Care of the Sick
For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Priest.

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: 0432797844

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



4th January 2026

Epiphany of The Lord — Year A

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

Epiphany of The Lord—4th Jan

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21



The Baptism of the Lord—11th Jan

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? We must strengthen our spiritual "senses" by spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. In the same way that we set professional goals or exercise goals, we can set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to listen intentionally to God daily.

When we establish a regular, intentional time for prayer, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the "stars" He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

Stewardship Reflections - by Rob Mueller

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. —Pius Parsch .

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

Ministers Roster 2026

There is a new Ministers Roster out for 2026—This is only a Three Month list, until we are settled into a new routine with Fr Aurelio. If anyone can volunteer for any Altar ministries please do let Fr Aurelio know by calling the office on 54721900. Please Note that training is required and volunteers must hold a current Working with Children Check, and complete the Safeguarding training.

Pastoral Letter on the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025



Below is a SUMMARY of the letter from Archbishop A.

Comensoli:

The document is a pastoral letter from Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli of Melbourne, marking the conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025 on 28 December. He expresses gratitude to God and

the people of the Archdiocese for embracing the Jubilee with faith, hope, and generosity. The Jubilee, inspired by Pope Francis' call to be "Pilgrims of Hope," encouraged Christians to live their faith through prayer, reconciliation, pilgrimage, service, and participation in the Church's sacramental life.

The Archbishop highlights the efforts of Pilgrim Places—parishes, shrines, and communities—that welcomed pilgrims and fostered spaces of prayer, reflection, and hospitality. He commends the faithfulness of ordinary people whose acts of kindness and service made hope visible in daily life.

As the Jubilee concludes, the Archbishop urges the faithful to carry its spirit forward by continuing practices such as prayer, sacraments, and generosity, and to remain attentive to God's presence and the needs of others. He concludes with blessings and encouragement for lives shaped by faith, hope, and love.

Volunteering outside the Parish

Parishioners are asked to please consider volunteering in areas outside of our Church, such as Prison Ministry and St Vincent de Paul Assistance Centre.

Please contact the Office if you can assist . 54721900

Parish Volunteers—Urgently Needed

There will be a list of volunteering opportunities handed out in the next few weeks. All parishioners are asked to please review these opportunities and if you can help please supply your details and availability on the provided forms. NB: ALL volunteers are required to submit a current Working with Children check and to undergo safeguarding training. Depending on where you volunteer you may also require a police check.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Lynette Munro, Kayleen Joy Kingwill

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

3rd and 4th January 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Vin

Sacristan: Liz

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Ann Fitzpatrick

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Justin

Ext Min Com: Christine

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers for Next Week

10th and 11th January 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris

Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Betty

Sacristan: Betty

Linen Roster

January: Trish Bowles

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 6th January

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00 Mass—St Mary's

Wednesday 7th January

11:00pm Mass & Adoration—St Mary's

Thursday 8th January 2026

9am Mass & Adoration—St Mary's

11am Mass - St Brigid's Maldon

Friday 9th January 2026

No Mass

Saints of the Week

6th—Epiphany of the Lord (Moved to closest Sunday)

7th—St Raymond of Peñafort

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: \$

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

Parish: \$