



### Sunday Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be served regularly every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Castlemaine. All Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.



### Monthly—Working Bee—St Mary's Castlemaine

The Working Bee will begin again in February 2026—on Saturday —14th February 2026.

We will start at 10.30 am. Please bring any tools and protective gear you may need. A Barbeque lunch will be provided in the Presbytery garden. For catering purposes please RSVP by 7th February.

### Mount Alexander Shire—Fire Assistance

The Castlemaine Town Hall is open every day from 11am to 5pm (until further notice) for donations to the fires in and around our area.

#### WORSHIP TIMETABLE



<u>CONTACT DETAILS</u>		
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Priest</b>
Reconciliation	Castlemaine	5.30pm
Vigil Mass:	Castlemaine	6.00pm
<b>Rosary is prayed before Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>		
Reconciliation:	Maldon	8.15am
Mass:	Maldon	8.30am
Mass:	Castlemaine	10.30am
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<u>Castlemaine</u>	
Adoration		5.00pm
Mass		6.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>Castlemaine</u>	
Adoration		8.00am
Mass		9.15am
<b>Rosary after Mass</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<u>Maldon</u>	
Adoration		10.00am
Rosary		10.30am
Mass:		11.00am
<b>Friday</b>	<u>Castlemaine</u>	
Adoration:		8.00am
Mass:		9.15am
<b>Rosary after Mass</b>		
<b>Second Sunday of the Month</b>		
Mass:	Newstead	6.00pm
<b>Fourth Sunday of the Month</b>		
Mass:	Sandon	6.00pm

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

- HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE • ST BRIGID'S, MALDON
- ST ANNE'S, NEWSTEAD • ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE, SANDON



**25th January 2026**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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 Sun in Ordinary Time—25 th Jan 2026

Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
Matthew 4:12-23



#### Fourth Sun in Ordinary Time—1st Feb 2026

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12



#### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord is my light and my salvation..**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
**Alleluia!**

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."*  
MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

#### The Pope's January intention 2026

##### For Prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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

### R.C.I.A Program

There is an opportunity for those who would like to deepen their faith to come and support two adults who are discerning to join the Catholic Church from the Anglican Church on Every Tuesday evening from 7pm-830pm from the 3rd of February 2026 - 10th of March 2026. It will be a good opportunity to share your faith and for others to get to know you.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is

the Catholic Church's process for welcoming adults (and older children) into full communion, involving learning faith, spiritual formation, and receiving Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil, guided by a parish community over several stages of inquiry, learning, and reflection

**What it is:**

- **A Journey:** More than a course, it's a gradual, personal journey of faith formation and spiritual growth.
- **For Everyone:** Open to the unbaptized, baptized Christians from other faiths, and even Catholics wanting a deeper understanding.

**Process (Stages):**

1. **Pre-catechumenate** (Inquiry): Exploring the faith with no pressure.
2. **Catechumenate:** Deeper learning of Church teachings, history, and traditions, leading to the Rite of Acceptance.
3. **Purification & Enlightenment:** Intense spiritual reflection, leading to the Easter Sacraments.
4. **Mystagogy:** Post-initiation reflection and integration into parish life.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be please email :

Aurelio.Fragapane@cam.or.au or ring/text 0432797844

### Weekday special Monthly Masses

Until further notice regular "Special Masses" will be held as follows:

- Every FIRST Wednesday of the month there will be Mass at Arcare at 10.00am.
- Family and friends are welcome to attend.
- - Anointing Masses will be held on the FIRST Friday of the month at 9.15am at St Mary's Church. All are Welcome.

### LEGION OF MARY—2026

The Legion of Mary will begin meeting again at 4.15pm in the Buckley room on Tuesday 3rd February 2026. New Members are most welcome!



### 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!

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversary:** William Brereton, John Jones, John Kenny

*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

#### 24th and 25th January 2026

##### 6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Liz

Ext Min Com: Marie

Sacristan: Liz

##### 8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

##### 10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Jenny

Ext Min Com: Victor

Sacristan: Betty

### Ministers for Next Week

#### 31st Jan and 1st Feb 2026

##### 6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Bernadette

Sacristan: Marie

##### 10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Catherine

Ext Min Com: Christine

Sacristan: Christine

### 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 27th January

5.00pm Adoration

6.00pm Mass

#### Wednesday 28th January

8.00am Adoration—St Mary's

9.15am Mass

#### Thursday 29th January 2026

10.00am Adoration and Rosary— Maldon

11am Mass - St Brigid's Maldon

#### Friday 30th January 2026

No Mass

### Saints of the Week

27th—Sts Timothy & Titus

27th—St Angela Merici

28th—St Thomas Aquinas

31st—St John Bosco

### 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.*

**Presbytery:**

1st Collection: . \$1191.00

**Parish:**

2nd Collection: \$1560.00

Included are direct receipts from 14th January to 20th January.