

Project Compassion 2026 : -

Pope Leo XIV has reminded us that the vulnerable are great teachers. In Dilexi Te he writes: Christians must not abandon almsgiving... It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts... for our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the the suffering flesh of the poor.

Prayer of Intercession: For those experiencing poverty and marginalisation, that our support for Project Compassion during Lent will be a sign to them of the love of God for all people.

Friday 6th March World Day of Prayer for Nigeria

St. Brigid's Maldon will host an ecumenical service on Friday 6th March at 10.30am with a focus on Nigeria where Christians are being persecuted daily. All welcome and morning tea provided in the hall afterwards. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Saturday

Reconciliation Castlemaine **5.30pm**
Vigil Mass: Castlemaine **6.00pm**

Rosary is prayed before Mass

Sunday

Reconciliation: Maldon **8.15am**
Mass: Maldon **8.30am**
Mass: Castlemaine **10.30am**

Tuesday: Castlemaine

Adoration **5.00pm**
Mass **6.00pm**

Wednesday Castlemaine

Adoration **8.00am**
Mass **9.15am**

Rosary after Mass

Thursday Maldon

Adoration **10.00am**
Rosary **10.30am**
Mass: **11.00am**

Friday Castlemaine

Adoration: **8.00am**
Mass: **9.15am**

Rosary after Mass

Second Sunday of the Month

Adoration, Rosary & Benediction **5.00pm**
Mass: Newstead **6.00pm**

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Adoration, Rosary & Benediction **5.00pm**
Mass: Sandon



CONTACT DETAILS

Priest

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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



22 February 2026

First Sunday of Lent — Year A

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

Priest: Fr. Aurelio Fragapane **Web:** www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

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

1st Sun of Lent—22nd Feb 2026

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11



2nd Sun of Lent—1st March 2026

Genesis 12:1-4
 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Matthew 17:1-9



Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O lord, for we have sinned!

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives by bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"
 MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

Holy Name of Mary Church (St Mary's) Castlemaine

Stations of the Cross at St Mary's—Friday 20th February 2026

During the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 9.45am after the Friday morning Mass starting on Friday 20th February.



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

PARISH LUNCH -22nd FEBRUARY 2026

ALL Parishioners are cordially invited to a Parish Lunch/Meeting on Sunday 22nd February in St Mary's Hall at 11.30am to 1.30pm. This is an opportunity for Parishioners to become reacquainted and share ideas for revitalising our Parish.. If you can please bring a plate to share.

R.C.I.A Program—24h February 2026

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 Tuesday evening from 6.45pm-8.15pm from the 24th February, 3rd March and 10th of March 2026. Free Pizza and Drinks will be served on the last day. For catering purposes please RSVP before the 10th March. It will be a good opportunity to share your faith and for others to get to know you. Aurelio.Fragapane@cam.org.au or ring/text 0432797844

Mary Magdalene – The Musical

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by COG Theatre Group and directed by Beth Mondragon Williams, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope.

When:

Fri & Sat 13–14 March, 7:00 pm

Sat & Sun 14–15 March, 1:00 pm

Where: Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew

Tickets: trybooking.com/DHZPD

Fr Aurelio would like to take a group to this show, please RSVP as soon as possible if you would like to join him: 0432797844

54th International Eucharistic Congress 2028—to be hosted in Sydney

In preparation for this Congress our Catholic Community in Australia are invited to enter into a time of personal and communal reflection and prayer by focusing our attention on the Congress Theme: “This is My Body, Given for you”. On the 1st March 2026, every Parish in the country is invited to celebrate Holy Hour after Mass. On that Second Sunday of Lent we are invited to be united in prayer, asking the Lord to transform our hearts through the Eucharist, that his will may be done in our lives and in the life of the Church. Prayer cards are available in the Church .

ECUMENICAL HARCOURT PRAYER SERVICE

The Churches of Harcourt and Castlemaine will come together in prayer to support the residents and families impacted by the recent fires in Harcourt, Ravenswood, Walmer and Sutton Grange, on Sunday 22 Feb 2pm to 3pm at St James Park Harcourt. All the Ministers of the Ecumenical Fraternity will participate in this service, with Fr Aurelio saying the prayer and the blessing.

Funerals at Holy Name of Mary Castlemaine

24th February—Burial of Carmel Berry

5th March—Funeral of Alex Zammit at 12.30pm

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Carmel Berry, Alex Zammit

Anniversary: Margaret Jones, Paul Holland, Robert Brewer

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

21st Feb and 22nd Feb 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva

Ext Min Com: Bernadette

Sacristan: Marie

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Victor

Ext Min Com: Mary

Sacristan: Betty

Ministers for Next Week

28th Feb and 1st March

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill

Ext Min Com: Marie

Sacristan:

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Jenny

Ext Min Com: Christine

Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster

March: Hazel

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 24th February

Holy Name of Mary Church (St Mary's)

4.15pm: Legion of Mary

5.00pm: Adoration

6.00pm : Mass

Wednesday 25th February

Holy Name of Mary Church (St Mary's)

Castlemaine

8.00am: Confession, Adoration and Benediction

9.15am: Mass

Thursday 26th February

St Brigid's Maldon

10.00am: Adoration and Rosary— Maldon

11.00am : Mass - St Brigid's Maldon

Friday 27th February

Holy Name of Mary Church (St Mary's)

9.15am: Mass - St Mary's Castlemaine

9.45am: Stations of the Cross

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember to leave your donation for SVDP in the basket provided in the church. Thank you and God Bless!



Lenten Programs—have started.

IN PERSON: Buckley Room at St Mary's—2pm or 7pm

ON LINE: .Garratt Publishing
<sales@garrattpublishing.com.au> /-(03) 85452911

7.00pm—8pm Tuesdays 17th February to 24th March.

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.

First Collection: \$623.00

Online: \$230.00

Total \$853.00

Second Collection: \$675.00

Online: \$135.00

Total \$810.00