

Events at St Mary's School

Holy Week: On March 30th at 9am the school will be presenting a Walking Passion Narrative. We would love parishioners to attend. St Mary's Community School Fair: Fri 27th March, 4-7pm. Bring your family and friends. Volunteers needed to help with staffing stalls for the School Fair: If you have a free hour or two and would like to help please contact Julie Zaar 0404 658 701. You will need to have a WWCC.



Melbourne Synod—Corner.

3. Synodality is not new

Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE



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

CONTACT DETAILS

Priest
Fr Aurelio Fragapane
 Phone: 0432797844

St Mary's
 Primary School
 Acting Principal: Shannon Betham
 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
29 March 2026
Palm Sunday — Year A

Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street / PO Box 151, Castlemaine 3450
Priest: Fr. Aurelio Fragapane **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.

5th Sun of Lent—22nd March 2026

Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Romans 8:8-11
 John 11:1-45



Palm Sunday—29nd March 2026

Isaiah 50:4 -7
 Philippians 2:6 -11
 Matthew 26:14 -27:66



Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?.

Gospel Acclamation

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

5th Sunday of Lent

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32
 The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

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

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday April 3rd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centers throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2026
Holy Thursday 2nd April

Castlemaine -St Mary's	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm
	•GOOD FRIDAY 3th April	
Castlemaine:	Castlemaine Way of the Cross starting at St Mary's Church	11:00am
Maldon:	Ecumenical Open-Air Service Beehive Chimney	10:30am
St Mary's:	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm
	•EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 4th April	
St Mary's:	Mass	7:30pm
	•EASTER SUNDAY 5th April	
St Brigid's:	Mass	8:30am
St Mary's:	Mass	10:30am
	<u>DIVINE MERCY – Sunday 12th April</u>	
St Mary's:	Adoration, Confession, Rosary	2:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00pm
	Mass	3:15pm



Safeguarding 2026—Information and Training Session—18 April 2026

A compulsory information and training session, for all continuing volunteers is being run by Laura Garland of the Archdiocese Safeguarding team, on Saturday 18th April. This session will start with Rosary & Mass at 11.15am. Training Session and questions 12pm, followed by a BBQ at 1.30pm. Kindly RSVP by 10th April.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversary: Frank Riggio, Maurie Dyonon

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
28th and 29th March 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Liz
Sacristan: Liz

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Victor
Sacristan: Christine

Ministers 4th & 5th April 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette
Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Jenny
Sacristan: Betty

Linen Roster

April: Anne Applebee

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 31st March**

4.15pm: Legion of Mary
5.00pm: Adoration

6.00pm : Mass -Castlemaine

▪ **Wednesday 1st April**

8.00am: Confession, Adoration and Benediction

9.15am: Mass - Castlemaine

▪ **Holy Thursday 2nd April**

7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper—St Mary's Castlemaine

▪ **Good Friday 3rd April**

10:30am Ecumenical Open Air Service—Beehive Chimney—Maldon

11:00am: Way of the Cross - St Mary's Castlemaine

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion—St Mary's Castlemaine

Saints of the week

Garabandal Meeting

The next Garabandal meeting will be from 1:30 pm to 3:00pm on Thursday 2nd April. Contact Trish on 0419 873 693.

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.

Breakdown of Collections 14th/15th March

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
St. Mary's	\$553	\$387
St. Brigid's	\$208	\$156
St Laurence O'Toole	\$ 75	\$ 130
Online:	\$ 75	\$335
Quest Tap n Go		\$ 19
Total Collection	\$ 911	\$1027