

Melbourne Synod—Corner.

6. Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church’s mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

7. Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

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 **6.00pm**

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



12th April 2026

Divine Mercy 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday -12th April 2026

Acts 2:42-47
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31



Third Sunday —19th April 2026

Acts 2:14, 22-33
 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Luke 24:13-35



Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Sunday

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19
 Are you a good steward by making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

THANK YOU!



Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of St. Mary’s Parish Castlemaine for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Together, your community raised an incredible [TBA], helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what’s possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

The Catholic Parish of Castlemaine is committed to the safety, wellbeing and

DIVINE MERCY – Sunday 12th April

St Mary's:



**Adoration, Confession, Rosary
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mass**

**2:00pm
3:00pm
3:15pm**

**All are welcome to attend a
BBQ after mass.**

How to Prepare for the Feast of Mercy

To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday, we should proceed the Feast by a nine-day novena of chaplets to the Divine Mercy, beginning on Good Friday (privately said) and:

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on the first Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely **repent** of all our sins;
3. Place our **complete trust** in Jesus;
4. Go to **Confession** on that Sunday or within seven days before or after the Feast;
5. Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast;
6. **Venerate the Image** of The Divine Mercy;
7. **Be merciful** to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf.

Permanent Diaconate Session 2nd May 2026

The annual May information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is Open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

If you are interested contact Decon Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

Date: Sat. 2nd May 10:30 to 11:30am .

Venue: Catholic Theological College. 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne.

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: Kathleen Gleeson

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

11th & 12th April 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David

Sacristan:

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Jacqui Wiltshire

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Cathrine

Sacristan: Christine

Ministers 18th & 19th April 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Eva

Sacristan: Liz

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Justin

Sacristan: Betty

Linen Roster

April: Anne Applebee

Good Friday Collection

We receive \$762.30 in donations on Good Friday. The Parish sincerely thanks ALL our wonderful Parishioners for their generosity.

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 14th April

4.15pm: Legion of Mary

5.00pm: Adoration

6.00pm : Mass -Castlemaine

▪ Wednesday 15th April

8.00am: Confession, Adoration and Benediction

9.15am: Mass - Castlemaine

▪ Thursday 16th April

10:00am: Adoration and Benediction

11:00am: Mass—St. Brigid's Maldon

▪ Friday 17th April

9:15am: Mass—St. Mary's Castlemaine
Adoration and Benediction

Saints of the week

13th—St. Martin 1, Pope

St Vincent de Paul

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



Men Alive Monday 13th April

Men Alive meetings are held every second Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Buckley room. All men in the parish are welcome. Contact Justin Shortal 0437 002 945

THANKSGIVING

Thank you for your generous Offerings and every blessing for your Contribution.

Breakdown of Collections 4th & 5th April

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
St. Mary's	\$1419	\$644
St. Brigid's	\$ 464	\$284
Online:	\$ 275	\$608
Quest Tap n Go		\$ 94
Total Collection	\$ 2158	\$1630