

12. Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

13. Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God’s will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

14. Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

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



3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter- Year A

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

Fifth Sunday — 3rd May 2026

Acts 6:1-7
 1 Peter 2:4-9
 John 14:1-12



Sixth Sunday — 10th May 2026

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 1 Peter 3:15-18
 John 14:15-21



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

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

Castlemaine Burial Recovery – Drop In Session

The drop in session for the Castlemaine Burial Recovery Project is happening this Saturday, 2 May at the Old Castlemaine Gaol between 10am and 12pm.
 If you would like to send a representative to the event, please ensure they use the following link to register, and for the latest information about the project: www.knowyourplace.au/CCBRP
 If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call me on 0450 889 092 or reply to this email

Palms International Volunteering

Palms International Volunteering is holding online information sessions to learn about their diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. The second session, will be on Thursday 21st May 4pm to 5:30pm. Meet past Palms volunteers to exchange skills and how they impact the communities and are changing lives in Timour Leste. To register contact: palms.org.au/events or call: (02) 9560 5333
 Contact palms.org.au/events for further information.

Invitation from Archbishop Comensoli

Bulletin board contains a letter from Archbishop Peter inviting any young men from your parishes who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood (over the age of 18) to the Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at Corpus Christi College.
 Please RSVP by Tuesday 19 May to the vocations office – vocations@cam.org.au.

Working Bee



Our Monthly working bee will held on Saturday 9th May . Please bring tools of the trade with you as needed. Start at 10.30am till 12.30pm. (Church, gardens and Hall) . BBQ will be held afterwards. All Welcome!!!

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.
 This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion insures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.
 Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.
 You can donate using the Appeal envelopes available in our parish, donate online at catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.
 All gifts \$2 and over are tax deductible.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Anthony Daley, Betty Shreck

Anniversary: Lesley 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

2nd & 3rd May 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine
 Reader: Bernadette
 Sacristan:

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's
 Reader: Geoff McLennan

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine
 Reader: Victor
 Sacristan: Betty

Ministers 9th & 10th May 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine
 Reader: Liz
 Sacristan: Liz

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine
 Reader: Jenny
 Sacristan: Christine

Linen Roster

May: Julie Farrell

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 5th May**

4.15pm: Legion of Mary
 5.00pm: Adoration
 6.00pm : Mass -Castlemaine

▪ **Wednesday 6th May**

8.00am: Confession, Adoration and Benediction
 9.15am: Mass - Castlemaine

▪ **Thursday 7th May**

10:00am: Adoration and Benediction
 11:00am: Mass—St. Brigid's Maldon

▪ **Friday 8th May**

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Church Annual Mass Count will take place in May on 4 consecutive weekends, the 2/3, 9/10, 16/7 and 23/24 May. Parishioners are kindly asked to please attend Mass whenever possible.

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 25th & 26th April

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
St. Mary's	\$ 713	\$ 451
St. Brigid's	\$ 225	\$ 200
St. Laurence	\$ 95	\$ 230
Online:	\$ 280	\$ 149
Quest Tap n Go		\$ 99
Total Collection	\$1,313	\$1,129