

Melbourne Synod—Corner.

20. Synodality and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

21. Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

22. Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

23. Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

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

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

St Vincent de Paul

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



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE



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

24th May 2026

Ascension of the Lord- 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.

Pentecost Sunday—24th May 2026

Acts 2: 1-11
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7; 12-13
 John 20:19-23



Most Holy Trinity—31 May 2026

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 John 3:16-18



Responsorial Psalm

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Stewardship Reflection -Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

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

As the work towards the Archdiocese of Melbourne Synod continues, a new Synod Commission has been appointed. Having already met twice, it is calling on all the faithful to pray during the month of May for missionary leadership in our Archdiocese.

Prayer for the synod

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus
We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in your name.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
make yourself at home in our hearts.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder With you alone to guide us, do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal Life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Collections In June

There are a number of Collections being taken up in JUNE, and once again we appeal to our very generous Parishioners for your kind assistance:

1. 7th June— St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
2. 28th June— Peter’s Pence

THANK YOU!

Once again a great big THANK you to our parishioners who have given so generously to CARITAS (Project Compassion) and Catholic Care Victoria. We raised the following amounts:

Caritas: - Project Compassion: \$1312.60
Catholic Care: \$783.20



Garabandal—Meeting—4th June

The next Garabandal Meeting will be held in the Buckley Room from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Contact Trish Bowles: 0419873693

MenAlive Meeting—8th June 2026

The next MenAlive meeting will be held the second Monday of June in the Buckley Room at 7.30pm. Contact Justin: 0437002945

Volunteer week - 18th—24th May 2026

Some of the hardest working people in our parishes do it all for love. This sentence comes from The Vine, the Melbourne Archdiocese Intranet. We have so many parishioners in our Parish who have worked hard for this Parish 40 years and more. These are the people who allow the Masses to run smoothly; who keep the churches clean and beautiful. Let us take this opportunity to show appreciation by thanking them for the years, the tears, the sweat and the love. You are appreciated beyond measure!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Oliver Munyawarara

Anniversary:

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

23rd & 24th May 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bill
Sacristan: Marie

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid’s

Reader: Anne Fitzpatrick
Sacristan: Michael

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Justin
Sacristan: Christine

Ministers 30th & 31st May 2026

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette
Sacristan: Liz

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Tindi
Sacristan: Betty

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 26th May

4.15pm: Legion of Mary

No Mass

Wednesday 27th May

No Mass

Thursday 28th May

No Mass

Friday 29th May

No Mass

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.

Mass at Arcare—3 June 2026

There will be an anointing Mass at Arcare on the 1st Wednesday of June at 10am. Family are welcome to attend.

Supply Priest— 30th and 31st May

We welcome Fr Tony Cox next weekend, who will be with us again on 30th and 31st May.

THANKSGIVING

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

Breakdown of Collections 2nd and 3rd May

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
St. Mary’s	\$ 503	\$ 392
St. Brigid’s	\$ 274	\$ 336
Online:	\$ 165	\$ 155
Quest Tap n Go		\$ 59
Total Collection	\$942	\$ 942