

**Melbourne Synod—Corner.**

**15. A listening Church is a credible Church**

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

**16. Synodality and the margins**

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

**Happy Mother's Day!**

May this Mother's Day be filled with gratitude, peace, and cherished memories. To all mothers and those who mother in faith and love—we thank you, we honor you, and we pray for you today and always.



**WORSHIP TIMETABLE**



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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE**



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



**10th May 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter- Year A**



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

**Priest:** Fr. Aurelio Fragapane **Email:** aurelio.fragapane@cam.org.au

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

**Sixth Sunday —10th May 2026**

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



**The Ascension of the Lord —17th May 2026**

Acts 1:11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Matthew 28:16-20



**Responsorial Psalm**

**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**John 14: 15-21**

*At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

As I read this Gospel, it might help to imagine myself sitting with the disciples listening to Jesus. I bring all that is going on my life into this scene, and lay whatever is weighing me down at Jesus's feet.

As I hear his words, I reflect on how faithful am I to the Lord's commandments. How do I receive and express love in my everyday life?

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

**Solemnity of our Lady Help of Christians/Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026**

As we approach Pentecost and the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians in May this year, it is important for us to prepare to come together to celebrate these two important feast days in a Church Calendar. These two important feast days remind us not only of our identity as Catholics, but also of our dependence on Our Lady's intercession in Australia and also the beginnings of the Universal Church which we are all part of. Just as the branch cut off from the vine cannot continue to live on it's own, we too as a community must draw life from Christ in this parish of Holy Name that was founded here in Castlemaine in 1854. St Marys Primary School ( staff, parents and children) , St Brigid's parish (no 8.30am Mass that morning), St Anne's and St Lawrence parishes ( No 6pm mass that evening) are all invited to celebrate together on Sunday the 24th of May at 10.30am . Mass & Lunch. (Please bring a plate of food from your culture to share. This can be dropped off in St Mary's hall before or after mass )

**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](http://palms.org.au/events) or call: (02) 9560 5333  
Contact [palms.org.au/events](http://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](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au).

**A Saint who was also a mother!**

'The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what he sends us each day.' This wise insight seems like something a good mother would say—and in this case, one did. It's a gem from St Gianna Molla, a Catholic wife, physician and mother.

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal—This Weekend 10 May 2026**

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](http://catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.  
All gifts \$2 and over are tax deductible.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Recent Deaths:  
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  
9th & 10th May 2026**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Liz  
Sacristan: Liz

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Joannie Tolley  
Sacristan: Michael

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Jenny  
Sacristan: Christine

**Ministers 16th & 17th May 2026**

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David  
Sacristan: Marie

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader Catherine  
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 12th May**  
4.15pm: Legion of Mary  
(NO MASS)
- **Wednesday 13th May**  
(NO MASS)
- **Thursday 14th May**  
(NO MASS)
- **Friday 15th 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.

**Donation Made to Harcourt Fires**

We would like to acknowledge one of our Hall Hirers "Moving Essence Dance Company" (David & Meredith) who very kindly donated \$2000 to the Harcourt Fires. Our parish assisted by providing one free day use of St Mary's Hall.

**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 2nd and 3rd May**

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
St. Mary's	\$ 390	\$ 360
St. Brigid's	\$ 215	\$ 189
St. Laurence	\$	\$
Online:	\$ 195	\$ 385
Quest Tap n Go		\$ 49
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$983</b>