



Newsletter

Term 4, Issue 2

Thursday October 17th, 2019

TERM DATES

October Thursday, 17th Thursday, 24th Thursday, 31st Thursday, 7th Nov	Gecko Sports - Students to wear sports uniform each of these Thursdays in addition to your normal class sports day	Tuesday, 12th	Prep 2020 Transition - 9:00-11:00am <hr/> Gr. 3/4 Blast Cricket
Tuesday, 22nd	Confirmation Information Evening with Denise Arnel - 7:00pm	Tuesday, 19th	Prep 2020 Transition - 11:30am-1:30pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Sustainability Summit - Casual working clothes for all - Lunch available	Sunday, 24th	Confirmation - 10:30am
Friday, 25th	St. Mary's Grazing Platter Night & Photo Exhibition Launch - 5:30pm	Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th	Swimming
Saturday, 26th - Monday, 28th	Photo Exhibition - Sat, Sun, Mon - 10:00am - 1:00pm	December Sunday, 1st	Vision Portraits Fundraiser
Tuesday, 29th	SHC Transition - 9:00am - 11:30am	Tuesday, 3rd	Prep 2020 Transition - 1:15pm - 3:15pm
Thursday, 31st	Walk, Scoot, Ride to School - Breakfast 8:15am	Tuesday, 10th	CSC, SHC & CMC Orientation Day - 9:00am - 3:00pm <hr/> Whole School Transition Morning - 9:00am-11:00am
November Friday, 1st	Prep/1 Kickball	Monday, 16th	Year 6 Day Out <hr/> Whole School Graduation Mass - 6:00pm-7:30pm
Monday, 4th	School Closure - Report Writing Day	Tuesday, 17th	Final Day of Classes <hr/> Family Picnic - 1:00pm
Tuesday, 5th	MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY	Wednesday, 18th Thursday, 19th	Student Numeracy Testing by appointment times
Monday, 11th	Gr. 5/6 Blast Cricket	Friday, 20th	Staff Meeting - EOY for Staff



We acknowledge and respect the past and present Elders, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and custodians of this land the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Thank you for protecting and preserving our land Australia in the past, for sharing it now and educating us for the future. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.



Give us, O Lord, the perception we need to look within ourselves and discover the beauty and gifts we possess.

Give us the courage to show others the talents they have. Help us serve others in the community and in doing so contribute to creating a kind and compassionate world. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



Our School Vision

We are an empowered and sustainable learning community, centred in faith and united in our respect and responsibility for all of creation; we strive for excellence; actively living, learning, caring and growing together.

Introducing our Term 4 Captains:



Isabella Lizzul

My name is Izzy and as a leader of this school I would like to make a fundraiser towards more sports equipment such as soccer goalie gloves and new basketball nets etc.



Billy Lister

My name is Billy and I am one of your school captains for this term. I enjoy being in the garden and doing art and one of the things I want to do this term is to do a fundraiser for the families who can't have Christmas.



Katiana Blake-Zboril

My name is Katiana, and as a school captain I would like to make a time capsule for St. Mary's. The time capsule would involve pictures of students.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

We are thrilled to introduce our school captains for this term! They are Isabella Lizzul, Katiana Blake-Zboril and Billy Lister. We are very much looking forward to working with them in their role. They have great enthusiasm as well as many ideas. Thank-you to Thomas Davis, Quinn McMahon and Maddie Drohan for doing such a fine job as leaders last term.

Last Sunday's Confirmation Commitment and Sacrament of the Eucharist Mass was a wonderful celebration with our community. Thank you for your attendance and contributions to morning tea.

We look forward to supporting our children to further prepare for their sacrament of Confirmation at next Tuesday's workshop at 7pm with Denise Arnel. We hope that you can make it.



Next week is Children's Week and to celebrate we are having our sustainability summit on Wednesday.

In doing this we are recognising all the talents of our children throughout the varied activities as well as allowing the time to work co-operatively together in caring for our planet. Our goal is to develop habits of working collaboratively and to gain the necessary knowledge and skills which will contribute to the regeneration of the earth. What better way to celebrate what our children are capable of than working with our community to further embed such life giving practices! We invite you all to take part on this day. We also need some assistance with the sausage sizzle and you may also join in and assist with some of the activities as outlined below:

Summit Timetable. October 23rd:

- This is a casual clothes day – work clothes and shoes.
- Parents and younger siblings welcome – we would love the help.
- Produce Stall on the day. (Children may bring gold coins to purchase from the stall)

Lunch will be available –

\$2 for a sausage, bread and coleslaw
\$2 for a muffin

9.15 – Gather in Library to form groups

9.30-10.10 Session 1

10.15-10.50 Session 2

Recess 11.00-11.30

11.30-1.00 –Session 3 - Presentations about Energy Conservation & Bee Keeping.

Lunch 1.00-1.45

1.45-2.30 – Session 4

2.30-3.10 – Session 5

Activities will include:

- Cameras/notepads – reporters for each group
- Sweeping
- Weeding and mulching of gardens around the blue sails
- Rubbish count
- Embankment- cleaning, weeding and mulching
- Biodiversity Audit
- Website
- Outdoor Classroom - sketching



Session 1 9.30-10.10	Session 2 10.15-10.50	Session 3 11.30-1.00	Session 4 1.45-2.30	Session 5 2.30-3.10
Harvest and prepare produce for sale	Insect Hotel audit	Whole School Presentations – Energy - factor in breaks Bee Keeping Green Team	Insect Hotel audit	Pumpkin Garden – add soil, plant seeds
Water Detectives	Water Detectives		Water Detectives	Water Detectives
Worm Towers	Worm Towers		Plant tomato seedlings into pots	Plant broad beans
Bird Boxes	Meditation Garden pots		Outdoor classroom pots	Bird Survey
Tank gardens	Tank Gardens		Tank Gardens	Tank Gardens
Frog Pond	Bird survey		Paint Bird Boxes	Frog Pond
Worm Farm- collect castings and worm juice and package for sale	Planting – chook house		Weed & Mulch Gardens	Weed & Mulch Gardens
Paint seats	Cow Garden – weed		Paint seats – 2nd coat	Cow Garden – plant and mulch

Calling for bottles to store our worm juice!

We will be bottling this highly nutritious plant fertiliser to sell at our summit. If you have bottles that you can donate can you bring them in to the office. Thank you.

Marist Bendigo Visit our School

Staff from Marist Bendigo gained further insights from our earth work on Monday morning as they were guided through our school environment and informed about our work in sustainability.

Congratulations to all of our children on their collective efforts in living sustainably here at St. Mary's. Thank you to members of our green team who did a thorough job of leading our visitors through what we have achieved.



YOUR PHOTOS are WANTED ASAP

We are inviting you to share a photo or two of your family's experiences preparing to leave the house. Whether it be getting ready for school, kinder or crèche, the park, supermarket or the family holiday. It could be funny or crazy or it might be just short of complete chaos. We want to capture it all!

Our P&F have put a great deal of time into preparing for what will be a most memorable event. We would like all of our families represented in the photo exhibition so we hope that you can submit a photo.

We also need volunteers to sell raffle tickets outside IGA between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Oct 23rd. You can add your name to the roster in the front foyer or let Kari know if you are available. We would also welcome further donations for raffle prizes. Thank you for your support.

If you can help set up on Thursday October 24th from 8pm in St. Mary's Hall, please let Kari or Donna know. We need assistance.

SAVE THE DATE - EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT 25th OCTOBER 6-9PM!



Twilight Exhibition Raffle

Our sincere thanks to you all who are being so generous with your time to assist in preparation for our exhibition weekend. Your support will contribute to a successful event as well as help fund our interactive play area which will start to take shape in the next few weeks. You can still purchase tickets, assist over the weekend and attend any of the exhibitions. Pictured are Indi and Liana who will be joining us in Prep next year helping sell raffle tickets at IGA on Wednesday. We thank you for getting your raffle tickets in early - additional raffle tickets are available from the office if you require extra.

Gecko Sports: Softball

We have received another funded program through sporting schools. Alana from Gecko Sports will facilitate softball clinics at our school for the next four Thursdays starting this week on October 17th. We are very much looking forward to these clinics. Children may wear their sports uniform on Thursdays as well as on their scheduled PE day.



Orienteering

Mr. O has been teaching the skill of orienteering in physical education lessons this term. Unfortunately, the inter-school orienteering day has been cancelled this year so the children won't be participating on Friday October 25th at the Botanic Gardens.



Castlemaine Show

Your children have completed outstanding art works in Mrs. Byrne's class which we are entering in this year's show. You may view your child's work at the show over the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Each child has had one piece submitted by our school. If you would like to enter further artworks, you may do so yourself.

Prep Interviews

Fr. Wahid and myself were delighted to speak with our 2020 prep children and their parents this week. We have numerous new families who are looking forward to joining our community in 2020. If you know anyone else who is interested in sending their children to our school in 2020 let them know that they need to submit their forms ASAP.

School Nurse

Our visiting school nurse Trina Douglas is currently doing assessments on our Prep children according to the paperwork that you submitted. You will be informed about these when they are completed.

Reading

Your children are now beginning their day with 15 minutes of quiet reading on Tuesdays - Fridays. It is no surprise that research indicates that competent readers read often. Our Naplan results show that our children's reading capabilities are well over the state average.

We invite you to read with your children after you drop off in the morning if you would like to.

Sunhats, Sunscreen & Uniform

With the warmer weather approaching we remind you of our Sunsmart Policy. All children need to wear their school hat when playing outside. We ask that children apply sunscreen on exposed skin prior to coming to school. We have some sunscreen in the classrooms if children need to reapply. If your child is sensitive to sunscreen it is best that you provide sunscreen which your child can keep in their bag for when needed. We ask that you also respect our school uniform policy. All of our students should wear the correct uniform at school. Thank you.



Walk to School Month

Our children were inspired by Darren from the shire whose motivational talk at this week's assembly has given us extra incentive to take every opportunity to walk during this walk to school month. We hope to continue this habit which will support our overall health and well-being. Every step counts! Our aim is to clock up enough distance to satisfy our virtual walk goal of reaching Canberra which is 662 kms. We may even exceed this! We encourage you to walk with your children ei-

ther from home or from different points in the town. If this is not possible your children may walk the perimeter of our playground as many times as they can before the bell. In order to reach our target, we are aiming for 6kms each per week. Many will go beyond this. For every third walk by a parent or carer to school you will receive a free coffee voucher! Ready, set, go!!!



Walk to School Breakfast - Thursday, 31st October

Breakfast of muffins and fruit will be available as you arrive from 8:15am Thursday, 31st October.



Road Safety

The council has contacted me to say that some adults are crossing the road without using the school crossing outside the police station. We don't know who they are however a friendly reminder that if the flags are up, we are required by law to use the crossing unless we cross more than 20 metres from the crossing. If you are walking to school with your children be sure to use the opportunity to reinforce road safety.

Speech Pathologist Hayley Millard

Unfortunately, Hayley is now unable to see children here at St. Mary's as she hasn't had enough people book in. You may contact Hayley directly on **0490460429** if you would like to arrange an appointment outside of school.

Second hand Uniform – Calling for Donations

If you have any of our **current** uniform items that you no longer need you may donate them to our second hand uniform cupboard. We can then pass these items on to those who need them. Thank you to those of you who have already given us unwanted items.



If what you see by the eye doesn't please you, then close your eyes and see from the heart. Because the heart can see beauty and love more than the eyes can ever wonder.

Kind regards,
Bronwyn Phillips,
Principal.



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ST. MARY'S SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

- WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER -

- casual clothes (working clothes and shoes) for all students & staff
- parents & siblings welcome
- all help appreciated
- produce available for sale on the day
 - lunch available for students
 - \$2.00 for sausage, bread & coleslaw
 - \$2.00 for muffin

Range of information sessions and hands on activities.

Please see the grid earlier in the Newsletter which outlines the sessions.

YOUR PHOTOS WANTED!

Have you ever had one of *those* mornings getting the kids to school?

St. Mary's Primary School are inviting you to share a photo or two of your family's experiences preparing to leave the house. Whether it be getting ready for school, kinder or crèche, the park, supermarket or the family holiday. It could be funny or crazy or it might be just short of complete chaos. We want to capture it all!

Our goal is to bring people together in recognition of the moments that test us as parents and carers. In these moments may we make time to stop, laugh and discover gratitude for what is, finding solace in that we are not alone.

Your photos will be included in a community photo exhibition called 'Whimsical Mornings – Hanging by a Thread'.

The event can be found on Facebook.

The exhibition will be launched at St Mary's Hall on Friday 25th October, and will be on display through to Monday 28th October.

Funds raised will go towards a new interactive outdoor play area for the children of St. Mary's Primary School.

Find the P&F private group on Facebook – “Ladies of St Mary’s PS”

Calendar Dates:-

- Friday 25th October - Launch Photo Exhibition launch, see flyer that was sent home & Next **LADIES NIGHT** at the launch!!
- Sunday 1st December - Vision Portraits Fundraiser, St Mary's School

Raffle Tickets have gone home to families for our upcoming fundraiser - additional tickets are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

YOUR HELP NEEDED!

If you can help in any way on the weekend of the Photo Exhibition Launch. Please let Kari know via email ckaldridge@bigpond.com or text mob: 0402-076-340
Anytime you can give, even an hour will be greatly appreciated!!!

- ***Thursday 24th Oct SET UP** St Mary’s Hall from **8pm** - (moving pews, furniture & hanging photos/lights)
- * **Friday 25th Oct SET UP** from **9am** and **Help on the night 6pm-9pm**
- * **Saturday 26th Oct 10am-4pm** – Sell raffle tickets and take entry fee at door
- * **Sunday 27th Oct 11am-4pm** – Sell raffle tickets and take entry fee at door
- * **Monday 28th Oct 9am-2pm** –take entry fee at door & **PACKING UP**

A roster will be drawn up prior to the event and shown in the main foyer.

Request for Donations

With the upcoming photo exhibition we would be grateful for families to donate **HAMPER** items for raffle and lucky door prizes on the exhibition launch night on Friday 25th October 2019

Ideas for items may include, **Pamper** items such as;

- Hand creams
- Soaps
- Candles
- Beauty products
- Sweets
- Cosmetics
- Vouchers

Indulgent items such as;

- Wine
- Chocolate
- Preserves
- Vouchers
- Biscuits
- Sweets
- Tea/Coffee

A basket will be left in the foyer for collection. Thank you!

If anyone has any flowers in their garden they would like to donate for vases around the room please bring next Friday to school! Thank you!



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SAVE THE DATE
EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT
25th OCTOBER 6-9PM



SEE FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW TO GO INTO EARLY BIRD DRAW
<https://www.trybooking.com/bfpcz>

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

PHOTO EXHIBITION

WHIMSICAL MORNINGS

- HANGING BY A THREAD



EXHIBITION LAUNCH

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH 6-9PM
ST MARY'S HALL CASTLEMAINE
\$15 PER HEAD

GOURMET GRAZING TABLE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
COMPLIMENTARY DRINK
MINI GAMES - BRING YOUR COINS!
RAFFLES & LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

EXHIBITION LAUNCH TICKETS
<https://www.trybooking.com/BFPCZ>
OR AT THE ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE
PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE OCTOBER 19TH TO
GO IN OUR EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW

LEAVE THE KIDS AT HOME!

GETTING READY FOR THE DAY IS
SOMETHING WE ALL HAVE TO DO.
DOING THIS WITH CHILDREN IN TOW
CAN BE A CHALLENGING AND
WHIMSICAL TIME.
THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO HAVE
PARENTS AND CARERS RECOGNISE
THAT WE ALL HAVE THE SAME
CHALLENGES IN THE MORNING.
THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE.



FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS
A NEW INTERACTIVE OUTDOOR
PLAY AREA FOR THE CHILDREN OF
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Find us on 

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE LAUNCH?

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN OVER THE WEEKEND

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH 10AM-4PM
\$2 ENTRY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH 11AM-4PM
\$5 ENTRY - MORNING / AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

MONDAY OCTOBER 28TH 9AM-2PM
\$2 ENTRY
DROP THE KIDS AT SCHOOL, THEN COME AND ENJOY
THE EXHIBITION OVER A COFFEE

TEA & COFFEE FACILITIES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE EXHIBITION

BRING THE KIDS!





Vision Portraits



Help your School raise funds this year and book your \$15 family photo today! Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place.

Family and Kids Photo Fundraiser
Go to the booking link below:
<https://www.visionportraits.com.au/family>
Password: **fundraise2019**

\$15

Your photoshoot will be held at your school & includes one 10" x 13" photo and frame.

100% of your booking fee is fundraised for your School.

  @visionportraits

Community News . . .

Starts October 7th, Day 1 of Term 4

Walk to School 2019

Walk, ride or scoot and build healthy habits for life.



Free Breakfast
Thursday 31st October

Find out more at walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Official community partner



ADHD & Demand Avoidance Seminar

INFORMATION & STRATEGIES FOR ADHD, DEMAND AVOIDANCE (PDA) & OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOUR

Wangaratta - 17/08/19. Traralgon - 07/09/19.
Bendigo - 19/10/19.

The Seminar will focus on a range of topics:

- Anxiety
- Behaviour
- Learning and Educational Strategies
- Strategies for the home
- Meltdowns
- Diagnosis
- Emotional Regulation
- Understanding ADHD & Demand Avoidance
- Anger

Your speakers are:

Rebecca Perkins
Founder of My Special Child

Christina Keeble
Founder of Neuro-Divergent Mum

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HOWZAT!

IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO CRICKET TIME AGAIN

Castlemaine United Cricket Club will again have a side in the Under 13's competition this year. Training will commence at Camp Reserve nets soon.

COME AND PLAY!

Under 13's train on Wednesdays and play on Friday nights
For more information contact Mark McKimmie on 0417 436 821

ALL CRICKET GEAR IS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB SO ALL WE NEED IS YOU



Learn to Sail



An introduction to sailing for absolute beginners - any age*

We think sailing is fun and exhilarating. Our training program has been developed to provide beginners with a safe introduction to dinghy sailing with family, friends and members.

Commencing
9am Saturday 26 October 2019
8 x 3 hour sessions.

Register via club website, or email training@ccsc.org.au
www.ccsc.org.au

Winters Flat Primary School

Twilight Fair

Friday 6th December 5 - 8pm

MUSIC
FOOD
MARKET STALLS
ENTERTAINMENT
BOUNCY CASTLE
DRINKS
FAMILY FUN





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

SUNDAY 13th October 2019 – Year C
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street, CASTLEMAINE, 3450
 Postal Address: PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, VIC, 3450

Phone: (03) 5472 1900
 Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au
 Web: <http://stmaryscastlemaine.com>

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST
 Rev Wahid Riad PP
 Phone: (03) 5472 1900
 Mobile: 0419 511 064

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Principal: Bronwyn Phillips
 Phone: (03) 5472 2270

Parish Office Manager
 Doreen Heagney
 Mon: 12-4pm, Wed: 10-4pm,
 Thurs: 10.30-3.30pm.
 Phone: (03) 5472-1900

**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 are to be made
 through Elaine Lacey on 0448 009 945.**

**ST. MARY'S HALL, – Bookings for
 St. Mary's Hall are to be made through
 the Parish Office on 5472-1900.**

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH
 OF CASTLEMAINE IS COMMITTED
 TO THE SAFETY, WELLBEING AND
 DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN AND
 VULNERABLE ADULTS.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC
 The Spring Issue is now available:
 "Family Life"
 Please take home your **FREE** copy today.

Free SOUP KITCHEN
 Every Wednesday from
 5pm-6.30pm in the Buckley Room.
 All help is welcome.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Saturday
 Reconciliation Castlemaine 5.15pm
 Vigil Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

Sunday
 Reconciliation: Maldon 8.15am
 Mass: Maldon 8.30am
 Mass: Castlemaine 10.30am

Tuesday
 Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

Wednesday
 Mass: Castlemaine 9.15am

Thursday
 Mass: Maldon 6.00pm.

Friday
 Mass: Castlemaine 9.15am
 Followed by Adoration

Second Sunday of the Month
 Mass: Newstead 6.00pm

Fourth Sunday of the Month
 Mass: Sandon 6.00pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Has none but this foreigner
 returned to give thanks to God?"*
 Luke 17:18

Most of us live 'easy' lives.
 We have food, shelter, and clothing.
 We go on vacation every year
 and own a car or two.

Most of us take this all for granted.
 Did you ever notice that people
 with the least amount of
 possessions are usually the
 most grateful?

Shouldn't this be the other
 way around?
 Take time every day and thank
 God for all He has given you.

Today's readings:

2 Kings 5: 14-17
 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
 Luke 17: 11-19

Responsorial Psalm

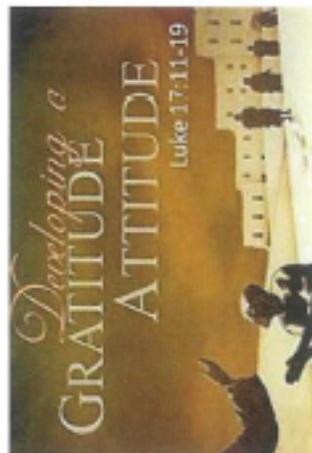
The Lord has revealed to
 the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 For all things give thanks
 to God, because this is what
 he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
 Alleluia!

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
 O God, bless and unite all your people in
 Australia and guide us on the pilgrim
 way of the Plenary Council.*
*Give us the grace to see your face in one
 another and to recognize Jesus,
 our companion on the road.*
*Give us the courage to tell our stories
 and to speak boldly of your truth.*
*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
 and a discerning heart to hear what you are
 saying. Lead your Church into a
 hope-filled future, that we may
 live the joy of the Gospel.*
*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the
 journey from age to age. AMEN.*
*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
 St. Mary McKillop, pray for us.*



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Wendy Iskov, Gerald O'Sullivan, Antoinette Bedrossian.

Anniversaries: Samia Batman, Kit Chapman.

Please pray also for all those who are sick and suffering serious illness and their families and loved ones who care for them. If you would like prayers for the sick included in Masses please give the names to the office or Fr Wahid.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you and every blessing for your contributions last weekend

1st Collection –Presbytery: \$1519
2nd Collection – Parish: \$1444
Direct Debit & Credit cards: \$569
Weekly Target: \$2000

Special Collection

NEXT weekend

Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to support the Eden Gardens Children's Home in

Nagaland, north-eastern India. The goal of Fr Rajesh Lobo who runs the home, is to give the children opportunities to fulfil their dreams.

As an act of mission for October 2019, Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Missionary Month, you will be offered the opportunity to support this work – please come prepared to give generously.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

*CONFIRMATION

(For children in Grade 6 and upwards)

*Commitment Mass

Sunday 13th October: 10.30am Mass,
St Mary's

*Parent/Child Information Night

Tuesday 22nd October: 7pm, school library

*Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 24th November: 10.30am Mass,
St Mary's

Registrations forms for Sacraments are available from the Parish Office.

A donation of \$50 to cover costs of books, medals & certificates. Please contact the Parish office on 5472-1900.

Stewardship Letter from Fr Wahid

Dear Parishioners,

Greeting & Blessings to you all.

I wish to thank you all for your generous giving and support of the Parish. It is truly appreciated!

Our giving is not just in money but also in time and talent shared in our Parish life. I thank you so much. You are all wonderful parishioners and I am proud to be your Parish Priest. We have achieved a lot in the past 5 years and there is still much to do. We are about to do some minor touch up on the Church in Castlemaine (roof and painting areas needed). There is always ongoing maintenance around the parish with 4 Churches and 3 Halls.

In these challenging times in our Church history, we need your support and love more than ever. To meet our Parish needs in our weekly giving, our target is \$1,000 in the first collection (Presbytery Envelopes) and \$2,000 in the second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes).

May God Bless You All Abundantly and give you back a hundredfold for your generosity and love. Fr Wahid.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

* Tuesday 15th October

4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Presbytery
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's

* Wednesday 16th October

9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's
7.30pm: Charismatic Healing Mass

* Thursday 17th October

6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's

* Friday 18th October

9.15am: Mass & Adoration, St Mary's

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS AND FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION

All are welcome to this special Mass of Confirmation Commitment and First Holy Communion of our children TODAY
Sunday 13th October at 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Jesus heals today!

Come and see the power of the Holy Spirit working in our Church today.

There is power in the name of Jesus.
All welcome!

Our next Healing Mass is on

Wednesday 16th October at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Castlemaine.

DVD Movie Nights at St. Mary's

We plan to have Monthly Movie Nights for all parishioners in the Buckley Room. Our first showing is on

Friday 8th November at 7.00pm:

“The Rosary – Spiritual Sword of

Our Lady.”

Supper will be provided after the DVD.

All welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

20th October 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm

Reader: Trish Bowles

Ext Min Com: Kathleen Tobin

Anne McGibbon

Chris Turley

8.30am

Reader: Geoff McLennan

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am

Reader: Bernadette Mayne

Ext Min Com: Jorg Winkels

Julie Farrell

Mary Hein

LINEN ROSTER

Ros Brennand

OCTOBER:

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday 14th October: St Callistus 1

Tuesday 15th October: St Teresa of Jesus

Thursday 17th October: St Hedwig,

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Friday 18th October:

Saint Luke, Evangelist

Saturday 19th October

Sts John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues &

Companions, St Paul of the Cross

School Photo Exhibition

Parishioners are invited to provide

cakes/slices/sandwiches for

Sunday 27th October 2019.

Food can be dropped in at

St Mary's Hall after 11.30am.

Please contact Marie McCallum on

0434-678-765 for further details.