



## Newsletter

Term 3, Week 1

Thursday July 15th, 2021



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.

*Wonder • Persevere • Believe • Create*  
*Respect • Responsibility • Resilience*

### TERM DATES

<b>JULY</b> Friday, 16th	Whole School Mass CANCELLED	Friday, 13th	Gr. 5/6 Mass - 9:15am
Friday, 23rd	Prep Class Mass - 9:15am	Sunday, 15th	Feast of the Assumption Mass - 10:30am Mt. Alexander Bushwalk following Mass - pls see P & F
Sunday, 25th	1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass - 10:30am Grandparents' Morning Tea - 11:30-12:30pm	Friday, 20th	Prep Class Mass - 9:15am Kryal Castle Chess Tournament
Friday, 30th	Gr. 1/2 Mass - 9:15am	Monday, 23rd to Friday, 27th	Book Week & Book Fair
<b>AUGUST</b> Monday, 2nd	Highview Band Performance	Sunday, 29th	1st Holy Communion - 10:30am
Wednesday, 4th	Gr. 3/4 Mass - 9:15am First Communion Preparation Evening - with Denise Arnel - 7:00pm	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Friday, 3rd	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Staff Professional Development

## *Christ in All*

*I arise today  
Through the strength of heaven;  
Light of the sun,  
Splendor of fire,  
Speed of lightning,  
Swiftness of the wind,  
Depth of the sea,  
Stability of the earth,  
Firmness of the rock.*

*I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me ...*

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

*I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through a belief in the Threeness,  
Through a confession of the Oneness  
Of the Creator of creation.  
Attributed to St Patrick*



Dear families,

A warm welcome back to term 3, and I hope you have all enjoyed a restful holiday in the company of family and friends. It has certainly been a chilly start to the term and not surprisingly a number of children (and staff) have been absent due to illness. Please make sure you let the office know if your child is away for the day either by phone or via PAM.

As always term 3 will be a busy term (When is a term ever not busy?) so I encourage you to monitor the school calendar available on the website and also to keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for important events and notices.

I am looking forward to a term of learning and enjoyment as we continue to work positively together as a community for the good of all our children. A particular focus for this term will be our School Review.

### **COVID Restrictions**

There are currently restrictions in place again for our school under the guidance of CECV. The restrictions include:

- Cancellation/postponement of all non-essential meetings (including parent teacher interviews)
- Restricted access to buildings and grounds for visitors (including parents/carers).

*Access only for a scheduled essential appointment*

I apologise for again having to be uninviting. Hopefully the measures put in place as a state will assist in returning to normal daily processes quickly.

### **Prep Enrolments for 2022**

If you or anyone you know is looking to enrol a child for 2022, please spread the word that we are trying to finalise our numbers as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available online or at the office.

### **Our Commitment to Sustainability**

Last term I wrote extensively about our ongoing commitment to sustainability and how that being responsible citizens and stewards of the Earth are deeply embedded within our religious education at St Mary's.

Raising and maintaining community awareness in sustainable practices is a hallmark of our commitment to the ResourceSmart Schools accreditation. We highly recommend the following for all students at St Mary's:

- Reusable drink bottles (named)
- Reusable lunch boxes (named)
- Nude Food – compostable waste (i.e. fruit scraps), no wrappers/packaging

We will continue to provide updates in the newsletter about our current focus areas in sustainability.

### **A Concept-based Approach**

This semester staff and students will be exploring an overarching concept of 'Influence' throughout the classroom programs. The purpose of a concept-based approach is to develop a common language across the school in response to the particular focus. We refer to this as a through-line to explore curriculum areas. For example, a focus reading session would likely include direct reference to how and why characters' influence each other.

A key component of a concept-based approach is to have a focus provocation. For this semester, our accompanying provocation is: 'Why me? It's not my problem!'



There are endless possibilities for embedding this throughout our daily practice including wellbeing, sustainability, inquiry, religion – everything really!

This may be a great conversation starter at home to discuss your child/ren's current learning at school and assist in developing their understanding of influence in a variety of contexts.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent-teacher interviews give parents a great opportunity to:

- learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development
- meet and get to know your child's teachers
- help your child's teachers understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child
- build a relationship with the school.

If you don't have any particular concerns, you might wonder whether it's worth going to parent-teacher interviews. But going along is one way to show your child that you're interested in his or her learning needs and what's happening for him or her at school.

Thank you to the parents and families who have supported the parent teacher meetings this week and to the teachers who willingly give of their time to be available for these meetings.

### **Homework Policy**

Thank you for the feedback received regarding our updated homework policy. If you haven't had a chance to explore this yet, the policy has been shared via SeeSaw or is accessible on the school website.

### **Future Newsletters**

Thank you again for the feedback! As part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, we understand the role of timely, relevant and accessible information. There has been a request for further images of students and learning to be included within the newsletter. We are still awaiting a significant number of permission forms for photographs, media and marketing. If you haven't done so already, can the completed form please be sent to the office ASAP.

### **Closure Day – Science of Learning Professional Development**

Advanced notice is given that Friday 3rd September is a Pupil Free Day to enable staff to continue their professional development in educational neuroscience. We are very excited to be welcoming Dr Jared Cooney-Horvath back to St Mary's as our facilitator for the day.

### **Condolences**

On behalf of the St Mary's community, I would like to send our condolences to Allison Freeman (mother of Molly) and her family on the recent passing of her mother. May we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards,  
Ben Shields.

# Term 3:



## St Mary's Music Hall

### School Production

**\*WHEN it's on:** We are aiming to have our P – 6 school production called “St Mary’s Music Hall” in the last week of term 3 at St Mary’s Hall. There will be two shows on the day, a matinee and evening show.

**\*WHAT it's about:** The production is about the history of “Music Hall” entertainment that occurred in Australia from 1890 to 1930. The shows were based on a variety of entertainment including singing, dancing, circus acts, joke telling, poetry recitals, magic and playing musical instruments.

**\*COSTUMES – WHAT to wear: For all students:**

- All costumes will be worn to school on production day. There will be no changing of costumes required.
- White short or long-sleeved buttoned shirt or blouse. (No patterns)
- Black or navy long shorts (to the knees) or pants or skirt or dress. (No patterns).
- Students wearing a skirt or dress will need to wear black or navy bike shorts (monkey bar shorts) underneath.
- Black clean, polished school shoes.
- Optional black or navy jacket, blazer, vest, waistcoat.
- White, black or navy long socks. If wearing long pants can wear white, black or navy short socks.
- All students will be provided with a hairband, bow tie or long tie for the shows.





## ***‘Sustainability is our SUPER POWER!’***

Plastic Free July is a key initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation that allows us to work towards our vision of seeing a world free of plastic waste.

### **Take the challenge**

Ready to take the Plastic Free July challenge? Participants tell us that the tips and tricks in our weekly emails during July help them to keep motivated during the challenge. People also enjoy reading stories from our participants and other news from our global movement.

Plastic Free July participants:

- reduce their household waste and recycling by 21kg per person per year (almost 5%)
- contribute to a total saving of 940 million kg of plastic waste each year
- 8.5 out of 10 people made changes that have become habits/a way of life

**<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/>**



## Resource Smart Schools of the Future Competition

Congratulations to Grades Foundation, Five and Six, who worked hard to enter the Resource Smart Schools of the Future Competition in Term Two. As a group, we created a plan for an Aquaponics system, which was voted as a sustainability resource we would like to see at St. Mary's. It is with great pride and pleasure I can advise that St. Mary's was selected as one of the winning entries - WELL DONE everyone! We hope that this win will assist us in seeing Sustainability at St. Mary's continue to thrive.

Miss Crane.



# LET'S GET COLLECTING!



*Thank you to all families who have contributed to our fundraiser. What a great outcome!*

*Please note that FINAL drops of bags and tags is this Friday; they will be posted off on Friday afternoon.*

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday for the next two weeks:

Anabelle Lewis : 19th July  
Will McQuatter : 19th July



## P & F News . . .

**LADIES NIGHT:** Further information to follow.

**SUSHI LUNCH ORDER DAY:**

A reminder that sushi lunch order day remains on a Friday for Term 3. Please order before 5pm each Thursday to ensure your order is placed *and please remember to put your child's grade, as orders are going to other classes.* Thank you!

**BREAKFAST CLUB:**

**Further information regarding Breakfast Club will be given when we hear more on the current Covid situation.**

Thank you to those who have kindly volunteered their time - more helpers would be great if you could kindly volunteer for a half hour or so.

If you would like to assist one morning per week please email Clare at [c-majella@hotmail.com](mailto:c-majella@hotmail.com) and you can be added to the roster.

**STUDENT SPECIAL LUNCH DAY:**

We have a fish and chip day coming up on Tuesday, 14th September, when students also get the opportunity to wear their favourite football colours (in readiness for the footy finals). Details of ordering TBA.

**TERM 3 SOCIAL EVENT - Sunday 15th August:**

Join with our school community for 10:30am mass followed by a bush walk and campfire at Leanganook, Mt Alexander. BYO picnic lunch. Marshmallows provided! (Subject to COVID restrictions).

**NEXT MEETING:**

Today's meeting has been postponed until we know more about the current Covid restrictions. New date TBA.







## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

SUNDAY 11th JULY 2021—Year B

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

**Ph:** (03) 5472 1900, **Email:** castlemaine@cam.org.au

**Web:** www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

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

#### Today's Readings

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

And grant us your salvation.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,

That we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

#### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God

and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we

humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has

purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our

necessities. O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen

children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of

error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and

from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As you rescued

the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the

snarles of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your

constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be

able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen

#### CONTACT DETAILS

##### Parish Priest

Rev Wahid Riad PP

Phone: (03) 5472 1900

Mobile: 0419 511 064

##### St Mary's

Primary School

**Principal: Ben Shields**

Phone: (03) 5472 2270

##### Parish Secretary

**Sarah Kate Kenny**

9-5pm Wednesday and Thursdays

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 **Parish Office** on :-

5472-1900

The Catholic Parish of Castlemaine is

committed to the safety, wellbeing and

dignity of all children and the vulnerable.

#### WORSHIP TIMETABLE

##### Saturday

**Reconciliation** Castlemaine 5.15pm

**Vigil Mass:** Castlemaine 6.00pm

*Rosary is prayed before Mass*

##### Sunday

**Reconciliation:** Maldon 8.15am

**Mass:** Maldon 8.30am

**Mass:** Castlemaine 10.30am

##### Tuesday

**Mass:** Castlemaine 6.00pm

##### Wednesday

**Mass:** Castlemaine 9.15am

*Rosary is prayed after Mass*

##### Thursday

**Mass:** Maldon 11.00am.

##### Friday

**Mass:** Castlemaine 9.15am

##### Second Sunday of the Month

**Mass:** Newstead 6.00pm

##### Fourth Sunday of the Month

**Mass:** Sandon 6.00pm

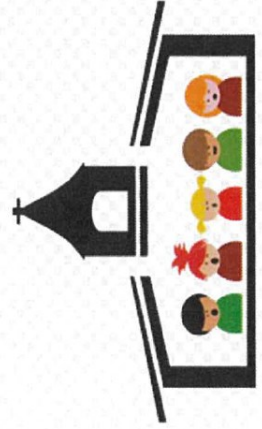
#### GARABANDAL MEETING

*Meeting : 7:30pm—9:00pm at 19A Duke St.*

*Enquiries: Trish Ph: 0419 873 693*

**Monday: 02 August**

Then on Monday 6th September





## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME

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

Please put your surname or number on the envelope as a reference. Thankyou.



### STEWARDSHIP

Thank you and every blessing for your contributions last weekend

1st Collection—Presbytery:	\$838
Weekly Target:	\$1000
2nd Collection:- Parish	\$1079
Weekly Target	\$2000

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Deaths:** Denis McGuire  
 Roy Wallin  
**Anniversary:** Sharee Tolley

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 the Masses please give the names to the office or Fr. Wahid.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

All parishioners are warmly invited to our Bible Study Group held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Buckley Room. Our next gathering is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**— All welcome.



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is on the Wednesday **14th July at 7:30pm** in the Buckley Room

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL— 28 July

Our next meeting of the Finance Council will be on Wednesday 28th July at 1:00pm in the Presbytery. **Please note change of day** from 21st to 28th July.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Saturday 17th July to Sunday 18th July

**6:00PM Saturday Night—Castlemaine**  
**Reader:** Trish Bowles  
**Ext Min Com:** Chris Turley  
**Sacristan:** Trish Bowles

**8:30AM—Sunday—Maldon - St Bridget's**  
**Reader:** Beth Price

**10:30 AM Sunday—Castlemaine**  
**Reader:** Annie O'Shannassy  
**Ext Min Com:** Betty Morris  
**Sacristan:** Juliet Guy

## CHARISMATIC

### HEALING MASS

Our next monthly healing mass will be on Wednesday

21st July in St. Mary's Church, Castlemaine.

All are very welcome to celebrate God's Healing power in the name of Jesus and pray for Fr. Wahid on his 64th Birthday.



## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**First Communion: Commitment Mass:**  
 Sunday 25th July, 10.30am.

**First Communion preparation evening:**  
 Wednesday 4th August 7 pm school.

**First Communion Sacrament:**  
 Sunday 29th August, 10.30am.

**Confirmation Commitment Mass:**  
 Sunday 10th October, 10.30am.

**Confirmation Preparation Evening:**  
 Wednesday 20th October 7pm

**Confirmation Sacrament:**  
 Sunday 14th November, 10.30am.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul are having there annual Winter Appeal collection this weekend. Please indicate on the envelope if you would like a tax receipt.

People can also make a donation online at:

**Commonwealth Bank**

**BSB: 063 000**

**Account No: 1031 7778**

**Ref No: 754**

Many thanks for all your ongoing generosity and support.



## PARISH DIARY

Just a reminder...



### Saturday—July 10<sup>th</sup>

• 6:00pm—Mass St Mary's, Castlemaine.

### Sunday—July 11<sup>th</sup>

• St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal  
 • 8:30am—Mass St Brigid's, Maldon.  
 • 10:30am—Mass St. Mary's, Castlemaine.  
 • 6:00pm— Mass St Annes's, Newstead.

### Tuesday—July 13<sup>th</sup>

• 4:30pm— Legion of Mary, Buckley Room.  
 • 6:00pm— Mass St Mary's, Castlemaine.

### Wednesday—July 14<sup>th</sup>

• 9:15am— Mass & Rosary, St Mary's.  
 • 7:30pm—Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

### Thursday—July 15<sup>th</sup>

• 10:30am—Rosary St Brigids, Maldon.  
 • 11:00am—Mass St Brigids, Maldon.

### Friday—July 16<sup>th</sup>

• 9:15 am— Mass & Adoration

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick— no food, no sack, no money in their belts."*

**Mark 6:8**

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.