



Newsletter

Term 1, Week 3

Thursday February 11th, 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.

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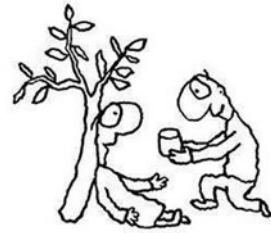
TERM DATES

FEBRUARY Friday, 12th 9:15am	Gr. 5/6 Class Mass	MARCH Wednesday, 3rd	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday, 17th Wednesday, 24th	Prep Rest Days	Friday, 5th	Gr. 1/2 Class Mass
		Friday, 12th	Gr. Prep Class Mass
		Friday, 19th	Gr's 3/4 & 5/6 Class Mass
Wednesday, 17th 9:15am	Ash Wednesday Mass	Monday, 8th	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday, 22nd	Assembly - 2:45-3:10pm	Monday, 22nd Tuesday, 23rd Wednesday, 24th	Gr. 5/6 Camp - Campaspe Downs
Thursday, 25th 9:30am	P & F Meeting - School Library	Friday, 26th	Interschool Cross Country - Gr's 3-6
			End of Term Mass - 9:15am
Friday, 26th 9:15am	Gr. 3/4 Class Mass	Wednesday, 31st	School Photos
Sunday, 28th 10:30-11:30am	1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass	APRIL Thursday, 1st	End of Term 1
		Monday, 19th	Beginning of Term 2

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Mk 1:12-15

*Love one another and you will be happy.
It's as simple and difficult as that.
There is no other way.*



Dear families,

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time to consider how we might respond to the pain of the world and of its inhabitants. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into “the wilderness” and for grappling with the mysteries of life. It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith.

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the church’s season of Lent. Lent lasts a period of forty days where we prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter mystery. Almsgiving and fasting and prayer are honoured ways to do this, and we are all invited to do this in 3 traditional ways:

Thank God for our existence as earthlings with a fantastic destiny. This expression of gratitude to the Creator is itself Prayer, the first of the tripods of Lent. Live a little more simply for the traditional forty days in imitation of Our Lord’s fasting before embarking on his public ministry: Fasting, the second tripod of Lent. Be generous during Project Compassion, for we share the same genesis as every other human being. Our common humanity obliges to sharing what we can: Almsgiving, the third tripod of Lent.

Parent Information Session

Thank you for engaging with our parent information session whether in person or via SeeSaw. It was a valued opportunity for our school staff to express the current focus of our learning & teaching at St. Mary’s as well as some of the day-to-day operations. We would greatly value any feedback regarding this session to ensure that what we share best fits the needs of our community. We see enormous potential for our school to move into the future as a place that offers the best contemporary learning and teaching, with an environment that both supports and reflects this and look forward to working with you throughout 2021 and beyond.

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Mass

Unfortunately, I’m going to have to bring up COVID Safe regulations yet again in a newsletter. After a lengthy discussion as a staff group, we have decided that cooking and sharing of pancakes in class groups as well as having a pancake breakfast, even with hygienic practices in place, is an unnecessary risk. We will still explore the important historical significance and modern day commitments associated with the beginning of Lent.

On a brighter note, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass together at 9:15am and would love to invite all members of our school community to join us.

Reiterating an important point

The pick-up area in Templeton Street, as mentioned at the information session, is problematic. From tomorrow, I ask that anyone collecting their child/ren in this area, that does not need to come onsite, remains in their car and proceeds through the pick-up loop. The pick-up loop **is not** a place to park. Children will be collected where the current disabled carparks are marked. I'll take all the students for a walk of this area in the morning and explain the process so that they are ready to get straight in to maintain the traffic flow. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Thomas Edwards	:	February 12th
Lucas Davis	:	February 14th
Chayce Rakos	:	February 16th
Scarlett Boyd	:	February 18th



CSEF APPLICATIONS

Any parent who holds a current Health Care Card is eligible to receive a rebate on their child's excursion/camp costs.

If you received this rebate last year, and your circumstances have not changed (you still hold a current Health Care Card), then you do not need to do anything.

If, however, you have not long received a Health Care Card, please see Karen in the office to apply.

If you received this rebate last year and you no longer hold a current Health Care Card, could you please let Karen know. Many thanks.



CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

You are eligible to apply for this government allowance if you live more than 4.8kms from the nearest bus stop (whether you choose to use the bus or not). Please see Karen in the office to find out more details.



As part of 2021 Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 9 February**, eSafety has released new research and resources for schools to provide an opportunity for students to participate in classroom discussions about online issues and the best strategies for staying safe.

The eSafety Commissioner is encouraging students, families, schools and communities to 'start the chat' about online safety through provision of a range of resources and activities.

Parents and carers can also learn more about eSafety and stay informed through Termly Webinars as listed below.

Parent Webinars

- New webinars for **parents/carers** are being offered each Term. Term 1 Webinar: [eSafety's parent guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#).

S U S T A I N A B I L I T Y



Sustainability is our SUPER POWER!

A water-efficient showerhead uses approximately 9 litres per minute. An older style showerhead uses approximately 19 litres per minute - that's 10 litres more! Consider popping to your local hardware store to pick up a shower head – Miss Crane did! If she can change a showerhead, anyone can (really!). Perhaps also consider saving your Australian Idol performance for a time when the water isn't running, and keep those showers short.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS



It's here! School Lunch Online is supplying an online ordering system to get fresh, healthy lunches starting on **Thursday February 11.**

You can now register at <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au>, choose from the lunch options and pay online – all without the last minute morning hassle.

Who is supplying the food?

Lunchbox Sushi, is providing and delivering the food using the best quality ingredients. Yumi welcomes phone calls with any questions about the food and can be contacted on 0484 625 339(Tue-Fri).

When will I have to order?

The Cut Off Time: Orders MUST be placed by 5pm the day before delivery.

How do I place my order?

Visit <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/>, register your family and then follow the prompts to choose your lunch selection and place your order. You will need to register before you can view the menu. It only takes a minute or two to register and is very simple. Simply click on the calendar on Wednesday to view the menu.

What if I encounter a problem?

School Lunch Online has conducted extensive testing to ensure the website and system are fully functional from day one. However, if you do encounter a problem, or simply need a little help with getting started, please contact them for help at hello@schoollunchonline.com.au.

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(Updated)

Dates to remember . . .

- Friday, 12th February - 9:15am
Gr. 5/6 Class Mass
- Wednesday, 17th February, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am
Ash Wednesday Mass
- Friday, 26th February - 9:15am
Gr. 3/4 Class Mass
- Sunday, 28th February, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am
First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- Friday, 5th March - 9:15am
Gr. 1/2 Class Mass
- Friday, 12th March - 9:15am
Gr. Prep Class Mass
- Friday, 19th March - 9:15am
Gr's 3/4 & 5/6 Class Mass
- Friday, 26th March, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am
End of Term Mass
- Friday, 23rd April, 2021 - 9:15am-10:15am
Beginning of Term 2 Mass
- Wednesday, 28th April, 2021 - 7:00-8:30pm
First Reconciliation Celebration
- Sunday, 25th July, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am
First Holy Communion Commitment Mass
- Sunday, 15th August, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am
Feast of the Assumption Mass
- Sunday, 29th August, 2021 - 10:30-12:30pm
First Holy Communion Celebration
- Sunday, 12th September, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am
Holy Name of Mary Feast Day Mass
- Sunday, 10th October, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am
Confirmation Commitment Mass



CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS FC
ALL GIRLS TEAMS

**PLAYERS AGED 10-15 THIS YEAR JOIN
AN AWESOME ALL GIRLS TEAMS IN 2021**

EMAIL CGFCSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

 [FACEBOOK.COM/CASTLEMAINEGOLDFIELDSFC](https://www.facebook.com/castlemainegoldfieldsfc)



CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS FC
JUNIOR PRE SEASON 2021

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STARTS FIRST WEEK OF MARCH
AGE GROUPS AND SESSION TIMES ANNOUNCED SOON

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**GO Girls is a fun, social, football program for 12-14 year old girls.
Specifically designed for any and every girl, no matter their skill level.
GO Girls is non-competitive and you will learn skills whilst having a lot of fun!
Come alone or bring a friend and get a taste for the game!**



GO Girls - Castlemaine Goldfields F.C.

Location: Wesley Hill Recreation Area

Time: 5:45pm - 7:00pm

Dates: Wednesday February 10, 2021
Wednesday February 17, 2021
Wednesday February 24, 2021
Wednesday March 3, 2021

Cost: \$5.00 per session



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
INFO@GOFOOTBALL.COM.AU | GOFOOTBALL.COM.AU





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CASTLEMAINE BLUE LIGHT

POOL PARTY

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

4-7PM | 5 TO 14 YEARS | \$6 ENTRY

CHEWTON SWIMMING POOL | POOL RULES APPLY!

CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

BBQ, ICE CREAM, MUSIC AND PRIZES! COVID RULES WILL BE IN PLACE

CONTACT: JO WILLEN JWILLEN@BIGPOND.NET.AU



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PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13



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CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

SUNDAY 7th February 2021 – Year B
5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street/PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE 3450

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

Web: www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

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

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

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.**

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Saturday
Reconciliation 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
Castlemaine 6.00pm

Wednesday
Castlemaine 9.15am
Rosary is prayed after Mass

Thursday
Maldon 11.00am.

Friday
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

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left
and went off to a deserted place, where
he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on
to the nearby villages that I may preach
there also. For this purpose have I
come.'"*

1 Corinthians 7:32

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect
example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time
to do all that God wishes – healing the sick
and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus
makes time to be alone with God in prayer.
It is through prayer, spending time with God,
that we find the strength to do that He
wishes us to do. Be sure to find some time
every day to be with God.

Today's Readings:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
And endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Prayer to St Joseph cont....

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 snares 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.

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: David Broad

Anniversaries: Michael John Hayes

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:	\$837
Weekly Target:	\$1000
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$1122
Weekly Target:	\$2000

•Stewardship Programme

To contribute to our Thanksgiving by Direct Debit, our Catholic Development Fund Bank account details are as follows:

•CHURCH

BSB: 083 347
Account No: 636 421 759

Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Church,Account

•PRESBYTERY

BSB: 083 347
Account No: 635 910 163

Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Presbytery Account

Please put your surname or Envelope Number as a reference. Thank-you.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Now available.
Please take home a copy.

A special Invitation to

all Parishioners

I wish to invite all my dear parishioners to come back to Church especially to the Sunday Masses, as we can now have up to 159 people (due to density quotient) in St Mary's Church. I would love to gather the whole community to come together and pray for peace and healing for everyone.

Parish Diary

Tuesday 9th February
4:30pm Legion of Mary – Buckley Room
6:00pm Mass – St Mary's

Wednesday 10th February
9:15am Mass & Rosary – St Mary's

Thursday 11th February
11:00am Mass – St Brigid's

Friday 12th February
9:15am Mass & Adoration – St Mary's

Parish Pastoral Council

Our first meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday 10th February at 7:30pm in the Buckley Room**. We are looking for new members to join the Parish Council. I invite you to prayerfully consider your involvement in the Parish as we start a new year with new possibilities. Please contact Fr. Wahid for further information and discernment.

Parish Finance Council

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24th February** at 1:00pm in the Presbytery.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

14th February, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

6:00pm

Reader:

Ann Coffey

Ext Min Com:

Tricia Barrett

8:30am

Reader:

As arranged

Ext Min Com:

10:30am

Reader:

Pauline Kennedy

Ext Min Com:

Mary Heine

LINEN ROSTER

MARCH Trish Barrett

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

St Brigid's: Sunday 7th February at 8.30am Mass

St Mary's: Sunday 7th February at 10.30am Mass

NB. Powerful Masses of healing for everyone. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross

A very powerful devotion, especially during the Lenten Season – starting on **Friday 19th February** after 9.15am Mass In St Mary's Church, Castlemaine at 9.45am. All welcome.

If anybody is interested in walking from Portland to Penola (200+kms) as part of a pilgrimage, see Fr. Wahid or Juliet (0422 344 907).

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meeting will commence again on Tuesday 2nd February at 4:30pm in the Buckley Room. We invite and welcome all in our Parish to this special group. See Fr. Wahid if you are interested in joining us.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday this year will be on **Wednesday 17th February** – the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. A day of fast and abstinence. Everyone is invited to one of our Masses on this special day.

St Mary's Church: **9.15am Mass**
(includes school families)

7.00pm Mass

St Brigid's Church: **11.00am Mass**

We hope to run our weekly **Lenten Program** on Thursday evenings from **7pm** in the Buckley Room starting **18th February**. Books are available for \$10. Let Fr. Wahid or Juliet know if you would like to attend a

Baptism at St. Mary's Church

We welcome with great joy this weekend the Baptism of baby Lexi Jessie Jermyn in St. Mary's Church. God bless her and her parents Klai and Chancelle Jermyn and Godparents Lisa Coles and Shawn Rixon. Congratulations and welcome to God's family. Fr. Wahid.