



## Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2

Thursday February 4th, 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>FEBRUARY</b> Wednesday, 10th Wednesday, 17th Wednesday, 24th	Prep Rest Days	Sunday, 28th 10:30-11:30am	1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Friday, 5th 9:15-10:15am	Beginning Year Mass	<b>MARCH</b> Wednesday, 3rd	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Monday, 8th	Assembly - 2:45-3:10pm	Monday, 22nd Tuesday, 23rd Wednesday, 24th	Gr. 5/6 Camp
Tuesday, 9th 3:45pm	Parent Information Session - Library	Friday, 26th	Interschool Cross Country End of Term Mass - 9:15am
Thursday, 11th 9:30-10:30am	School Crossing Safety Talk - Grade Preps Lunch Orders Begin	Wednesday, 31st	School Photos
Tuesday, 16th 7:30am	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast	<b>APRIL</b> Thursday, 1st	End of Term 1
Wednesday, 17th 9:15am	Ash Wednesday Mass	Monday, 19th	Beginning of Term 2

***We are called to walk with those in our care.***

*As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fisherman of people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. (Mark 1:16-20)*

## Effort, Beginning and Change



### **The Journey Begins**

As we step into this new year,  
Restore our spirits.  
Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom  
And nurture our compassion  
For those in need of greater support.

Transform us as we seek to transform:  
Guide us as we seek to guide;  
Open our minds and hearts  
As we seek to open minds and hearts  
To the Good News of justice and peace.

Help us listen more deeply  
To the world and to your Word,  
So we can walk with those in our care,  
Attentive to the Wisdom that  
Calls us all to the Kingdom of God.  
*Adapted from a prayer by Jane Deren*  
(<http://www.educationforjustice.org>)

Dear families,

A very warm welcome back for 2021. I hope you were all able to have a terrific holiday break, reconnect with family and friends and recharge the batteries in readiness for a new year here at St. Mary's. We look forward to the opportunities, challenges and celebrations that the coming year will provide us.

Lord, Give us insight to see realistically "what is"; but make us dreamers and give us vision of all the possibilities for "what can be." Use us as your instruments to form, inform, reform, and transform those who come to us. We ask this in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen

I encourage you all to be actively involved in our school community and to work in partnership with us as we teach, guide, care and support your children to achieve their best. Research says that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please feel free to email them at:

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We extend a very warm welcome to the St. Mary's school community to our new foundation students, to James in Grade 1, Ryan in Grade 2 and to our new families. We look forward to formally welcoming you at our opening school Mass tomorrow.

### Opening Mass

Our Opening School Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:15am in St. Mary's Church. All families are very welcome to join us as we ask God to bless us and be with us throughout the year ahead. In alignment with the state government announcement, all adults will need to wear a mask whilst in the church.

### Staffing

It is with much delight, we welcome new staff members to St. Mary's this year. Ms Emma Burge has joined us as the Grade 1/2 teacher and Ms Bella Dowthwaite. We look forward to their journey and contributions to the St. Mary's learning community.

### Parent Information Meeting

Next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb there will be a parent information session commencing at 3:45pm. This will provide a great opportunity to meet our 2021 staff team, discuss learning and teaching at St. Mary's as well as run through some of the day-to-day operations. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions along the way.

The meeting will be held in the library, please make sure you use the QR code to sign-in upon arrive. We will be filming the session and sharing via SeeSaw for families that may not be able to attend.

### Communication

We have experienced an overwhelmingly positive response to the introduction of SeeSaw. This platform will primarily be used for reminders, classroom correspondence and sharing your child's learning experiences throughout the year. The current view is to trial this for 12 months and your ongoing feedback would be greatly appreciated to assist in tailoring our communication to your needs.

Each family has access to a PAM (parent access module) account. This platform is used for the administrative functions of our operations. This includes:

- Lodging a student absence
- Completing a medical form (**please complete ASAP**)
- Providing permission for excursions
- Signing up for Parent Teacher Interviews
- Accessing semester reports

### Uniform and Hats

All children are expected to be in full school uniform. This includes wearing a hat for all outside play during Term 1 and again in Term 4. The uniform requirements are detailed in the School Information Booklet. Please note particularly the requirements for school shoes – casual slip ons, skate shoes, multi-coloured sports shoes, etc. are not part of the school uniform.

### Sports Days

Health & Physical Education will be taught by Mark O’Sullivan each Thursday. Students will need to wear their PE uniform on this day. Any additional days for sports uniforms will be communicated directly by the classroom teacher via SeeSaw.

### Dates

Known dates for Term 1 are communicated on the front of today’s newsletter. As other dates become known they will be updated in the newsletter each week. Please record all the dates which are directly relevant for you and your children.

Please refer to our school calendar on our website which contains all these dates as well. Additionally, if you use Google Calendars, you can follow our whole school calendar by following [this link](#).

### Supervision

Parents are asked not to drop children at school before 8:30 each morning. Teachers commence yard supervision at this time and your children will not be supervised if they arrive before 8:30. This is a very important legal obligation and your cooperation would be appreciated.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,  
Ben Shields.

## 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!'

*Australians discard **23 kilograms of clothing per capita every year** and this results in six tonnes of textiles and clothing contributed to landfills in Australia **every 10 minutes**.*

Think twice before you buy new. Consider op-shops to give clothes a new life!



*This is leadership . . .*





# 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](mailto:hello@schoollunchonline.com.au).



## R.E. 2021

*Dates to remember . . .*

- Friday, 5th February, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am  
**Beginning School Year Mass**
- Wednesday, 17th February, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am  
**Ash Wednesday Mass**
- Sunday, 28th February, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**First Reconciliation Commitment 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**
- Sunday, 14th November, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**Confirmation Mass**

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

*Clancy Hendrickson : February 9th*  
*Kaira Tobin : February 10th*







## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – Year B**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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

Web: [www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au](http://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** 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  
*Followed by Adoration*

*Second Sunday of the Month*  
**Mass:** Newstead 6.00pm

*Fourth Sunday of the Month*  
**Mass:** Sandon 6.00pm

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**"Brothers and sisters: I should like you  
to be free of anxieties"**  
1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon  
ourselves by constantly worrying about  
not having enough or attaining more  
things? God won't necessarily give you  
everything you want; but he will  
provide everything you need. Try this –  
use the word "pray" instead of the word  
"worry" in the future. Then pray for  
things instead of worrying about them.

### Next Sunday readings:

**Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

**Mark 1:29-39**

### 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.

### Today's Readings:

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

**Mark 1:21-28**

### Responsorial Psalm

**If today you hear his voice, harden  
not your hearts.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A people in darkness have seen a  
great light; a radiant dawn shines on  
those lost in death.  
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



## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

### Recent Deaths:

### Anniversaries:

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:	\$799
Weekly Target:	\$1000
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$918
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 2<sup>nd</sup> February

4.30pm Legion of Mary – Buckley Room  
6.00pm Mass – St Mary's

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

9.15am Mass & Rosary – St Mary's

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February

11.00am Mass – St Brigid's

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am Mass & Adoration – St Mary's

### Parish Pastoral Council

Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February** at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

6:00pm

Reader:

Tricia Barrett

Ext Min Com: Marie McCallum

8:30am

Reader:

As arranged

Ext Min Com:

10:30am

Reader:

Annie O'Shannessy

Ext Min Com: Trish Bowles

### LINEN ROSTER

FEBRUARY Mary Bishop

### Masses of Anointing of the Sick

**St Brigid's: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am Mass**

**St Mary's: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> February** after 9.15am Mass In St Mary's Church, Castlemaine at 9.45am. All welcome.

## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meeting will commence again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Rosary at the Grotto

Our monthly Rosary at the Grotto on the first Saturday of the month will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am. A great Blessing awaits us as we pray together the Rosary at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes next to St Mary's Church, Castlemaine. All welcome.

## Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday this year will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## Wedding this weekend

Congratulations and every blessing to Bradley Male and Mikaela Adamson on their wedding this weekend at Buda Home & Garden, Castlemaine. Fr. Wahid will officiate on this special day.