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Newsletter

Term 1, Week 7

Thursday March 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.

Wonder

Persevere

Believe

Create

Respect

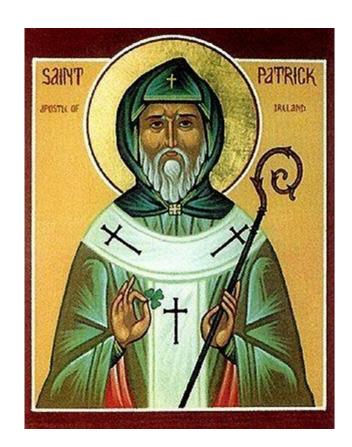
Responsibility

Resilience

TERM DATES			
MARCH Friday, 12th	Gr. Prep Class Mass	Monday, 22nd Tuesday, 23rd Wednesday, 24th	Gr. 5/6 Camp - Campaspe Downs
Monday, 15th	Assembly - Gr. 3/4 - 2:45pm	Friday, 26th	Interschool Cross Country - Gr's 3-6
			End of Term Mass - 9:15am
			Easter Egg Raffle Drawn
Tuesday, 16th	Gr. 5 Visit to Sacred Heart	Monday, 29th	Lunch Day - Hot Dogs (Provided by P & F)
Wednesday, 17th Thursday, 18th	Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations - (Book Online)	Wednesday, 31st	School Photos
			Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation Evening (Gr's 3 & 4) - 7:00pm
Thursday, 18th	P & F Meeting - 9:30am - School Library	APRIL Thursday, 1st	End of Term 1 - 2:30 Finish
Friday, 19th	Ride 2 School Day	Monday, 19th	Beginning of Term 2
	Gr's 3/4 & 5/6 Class Mass		

St Patrick's Prayer

As I arise today, may the strength of God direct me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. the way of God lie before me. May Christ shield me today. 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. Christ when I stand. Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Attributed to St Patrick



Dear families,

Next Wednesday we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick, one of the most well-known of all the saints. Amidst the legends of snakes and shamrocks lies the story of a missionary whose way of living and words touched the souls of the people in Ireland. He spoke simply of God's beauty and love. He spoke of a God so close to us that there is a very thin membrane between the divine and the human. The people of Ireland had long known this through their own experience and appreciation of the winds, the trees, the rivers, the glens, the greening earth. Patrick brought a name to their experience – Jesus, the living Word of God made flesh, now risen and whose radiance fills the earth – for those with eyes to see.

We celebrate the ancestry of our living faith. The readings of the upcoming week remind us that we have our origins in the people of Israel, in Judaism through the preaching of Jeremiah, Jesus, Barnabas and Paul. Then, through Patrick, their story reached the shores of Ireland where it developed its own flavour. From Ireland it crossed the seas to Australia and many other countries.

As we celebrate and give thanks for the faith of Patrick, we celebrate and give thanks for the rich heritage of all our ancestors in the faith, the many in our families and schools and parishes who lived and spoke the good news of Jesus. May we continue to be the messengers of this Good News so that we too can be a 'light for the nations'. (Mary Coloe)

The Power of a Growth Mindset (Did you know???)

St Mary's is actively teaching and referencing learning about 'mindset'. It is important for you to be aware of what it is, why it's important, and how you can support it.

Mindset is a simple idea researched extensively by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success—a simple idea that makes all the difference. Dr. Dweck realized that there are two mindsets: a fixed mindset and a growth mindset.

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. They're wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all people who achieved top performance had these qualities. Research shows that people with this view reach higher levels of success than people with fixed mindset beliefs.

Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education, and sports. It enhances relationships, and increases achievement. (adapted from Mindset Works, Inc.)

3 Way Chats

Next Wednesday and Thursday we will be holding our 3-way conferences. If you haven't already, we encourage you to make an appointment to either meet face-to-face or have a phone conversation with your child/ren's classroom teacher. Appointments can be made through the parent teacher interview button on PAM.

Clean Up Australia Day

A huge thanks to Danielle Crane for organising the Clean Up Australia Day initiative. The students had a great time and this provided an important context to revisit our waste module from our ResourceSmart Schools program. It was amazing to witness the joy on the faces of the local residents as a school group walked by!



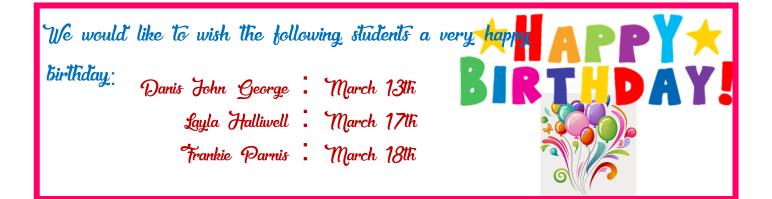
Volunteers

It's nice to finally be able to regularly welcome back volunteers into our school community. This is such an important part of our school culture and we'd really like to acknowledge and thank the dedication of volunteers in supporting St Mary's previously, currently and into the future. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Harry Poulton has returned to St Mary's to work with the 3-6 students. Next week Marian will be joining the F-2 students to engage with them in music. We also welcome Pauline Kennedy who will be facilitating the re-introduction of the Mini-Vinnies initiative which is incredibly exciting.



I hope you've all had an amazing long weekend. It's hard to believe another week has passed us by. There's a lot to look forward to in the weeks ahead: a special lunch day, Gr 5/6 camp, cross country, Responsible Pet Ownership sessions. I shouldn't say it, but it's feeling like a return to consistent school life and we're loving it!

All the best, Ben Shields.





Our Grade 3 -6 students have been training and are either, very excited or dreading our impending Castlemaine and District Schools Cross Country event. Parents are welcome to spectate at the Wesley Hill Sporting Precinct on Friday 26th of March. It should be a great day of exercise, fun and racing. It is also the first opportunity for our district schools to get together in quite a while.

Further details and permission forms will be available on PAM shortly.





On Friday 26th of March the Castlemaine and District Interschool Cross Country will be held at the Wesley Hill Sporting Complex.

St Mary's and Winters Flat are organising this event for the district and as such, are responsible for providing some marshals and helpers. The event runs from about 9.30am - 1.30pm. If you are interested in helping out for some or all of the time could you please email Mark O'Sullivan,

mark.osullivan@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au or contact the front office?

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Wednesday, 31st March, 2021

THERE IS NO NEED TO RETURN ANY FORMS OR MONEY TO SCHOOL.

A unique image code will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop. Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.







'Sustainability is our SUPER POWER!'

It's time to talk about **recycling symbol number 4!**This little guy is special, because it can't go in your kerbside recycle bin! Packages with a recycling number 4 can be recycled in the '**REDcycle'** program, available at Coles and Woolworths.

I like to collect all my number 4 (soft) plastics, and every few weeks take them to Coles or Woolworths to deposit them in the REDcycle bins (usually located near the service desk at the front of the store).

There are so many soft plastics that can be recycled! Some number 4's include:

Bread bags (without the tie), Bubble Wrap, Cereal box liners, frozen food bags, and document sleeves (remove the white reinforcement strip along the holes), just to name a few.

When a package says "return to store" for recycling, that means REDcycle!

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.

Please make sure that you put your child's correct Grade when you place your order to enable the Sushi to be delivered to the correct classroom. Many thanks.

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Dates to remember . . .

- 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
- Wednesday, 31st March 7:00pm Gr's 3 & 4
 Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation Evening
- Friday, 23rd April, 2021 9:15am-10:15am
 Beginning of Term 2 Mass
- Wednesday, 28th April, 2021 7:00-8:30pm
 First Reconciliation Celebration
- Friday, 30th April- 9:15am
 Gr. Prep & Gr. 1/2 Class Mass
- Friday, 7th May 9:15am
 Gr, 5/6 Class Mass
- Friday, 14th May- 9:15am
 Gr. 3/4 Class Mass
- Wednesday, 26th May 9:15am
 Gr. 3/4 Class Mass
- Friday, 4th June 9:15am
 Gr. 1/2 Class Mass
- Friday, 11th June 9:15am
 Gr. Prep Class Mass
- Friday, 25th June 9:15am
 Whole School Mass
- Sunday, 25th July, 2021 10:30-11:30am
 First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

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- Wednesday, 4th August 7:00pm Gr's 4 & 5
 First Holy Communion Preparation Evening
- 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
- Wednesday, 20th October 7:00pm Gr's 6 & 7
 Confirmation Information Evening
- Sunday, 14th November, 2021 10:30-11:30am
 Confirmation Mass

P&F News...

BULB FUNDRAISER

The P&F are currently running a bulb fundraiser (catalogues were sent home with students). Orders are to be placed online by 26th March.

Please pass on to any interested family and friends. Many thanks.

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/STMACA



<u>NEXT P & F MEETING</u> - Thursday, 18th March 9:30am - School Library Anyone welcome to attend.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Calling for donations please of Easter eggs/Easter related gifts from families to become prizes in our annual Easter raffle!

Donations to be placed in the basket in the foyer please. All donations to be in by Wednesday, 17th March please (prizes will be wrapped at our P & F Meeting on Thursday, 18th March).

Tickets have been sent home, if you need additional tickets, these are available at

the school office. Please return tickets to the office for entry into the raffle by



This is a very special fundraiser for our children; please remember the more donations the more prizes to be drawn.



Easter is a special time to think of others. We have an opportunity to partner with St. Vincent De Paul and make a difference to children in our community. Donations particularly requested are: children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, water bottles, socks, non-edible Easter gifts like colouring books, bunnies and stationery. Easter Care Baskets (white baskets) have been placed in the foyer and we welcome your family's contribution.

TERM ONE SPECIAL LUNCH DAY:

Monday 29th March-Hot Dog Lunch (provided by P&F committee)

Please note that this lunch will be provided, so you will not need to provide lunch for your child/ren. Students who do not wish to eat a hot dog can bring their own lunch from home. *Please remember to still pack their playlunch and fruit.*

LADIES NIGHT:

All ladies of the St. Mary's school community are invited to a night out at Klua Sathorn on Friday, 12th March from 6:30pm. Come along for a chat, a drink, a meal and/or dessert! All welcome!

RSVP Jo on 0412 839124. Looking forward to seeing you there.

TUESDAY FRUIT MORNINGS:

As of next Tuesday, there will be a box of fresh fruit available for students to help themselves.

Did you know? The P & F are funding the purchase of some new literacy materials for our students.



Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Understanding Anxiety & Depression

Members of the local community are invited to attend this Mental Health & Wellbeing Event.



Guest Speaker: Bryan Jeffrey

This presentation draws on Bryan's 26 years of experience as a registered psychiatric nurse in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health sector.

An engaging speaker who aims to demystify mental illness and assist attendees in utilising the

information provided, either for self-care or in support of others. Further information about this event can be found on the Trybooking page (see details below).

When: Thursday 25 March Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Mary Moloney Theatre

Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

Tickets: This is a free event but seats must be booked via www.trybooking.com/BOYJJ

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FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS 19 MARCH – 4 APRIL

EDUCATION PROGRAM

For this year's special COVIDsafe Festival we have created a
suite of very accessible
education packages.
Registered schools will receive a
Learning Guide to prepare them for
the Festival, a video recording of
their selected event to watch in school,
and either an in-school live workshop
with the artist or a pre-recorded artist

talk/workshop to view. We offer packages focusing on Yorta Yorta musician **Allara**, South Sudanese singer/songwriter

Ajak Kwai, and a visual arts-based package called **Jessie Boylan and the Weathermakers**. You can also look out for students from Campbells Creek PS, Chewton PS and Elphinstone PS in the Festival performance of **One Sky Many Stories**.

The **XYZ Media Team** is back with a vengeance: young people aged 12-26 cover will all aspects of the CSF 2021, bringing their own special perspective to our program through previews, reviews and artist interviews under the mentorship of local media experts.

FAMILY PROGRAM

In addition to opportunities for young people to participate in the Festival through directed workshops, there is also an array of beautiful performances and artworks for the whole family to enjoy together. Whether it's exploring the solar system with **Inventi Ensemble Kids Planets**, watching circus performers fly through the air in **One Fell Swoop**, grooving out with the **Teeny Tiny Stevies** or rocking out with **Otto & Astrid**, you will be sure to have a ball! And if that is not enough, what better than some garden inspiration at **Our Village** and **Buda's Secret Garden**.

VOLUNTEERING

It is always a pleasure for us to welcome new and previous volunteers to be part of our wonderful Festival team! For this year's Festival, we still have ushering and visual arts hosting shifts available to fill over the two weeks. What a great way to enjoy the variety of inspiring performances, exhibitions and activities that we have in store throughout the Festival. If you would like to register to be a volunteer, please visit **castlemainefestival.com.au/support/volunteer** and we will be in touch with the roster for you to select the shifts that you are available for. The volunteer induction will take place on Monday 15 March at 6:30pm and is important for all volunteers to attend as it will cover COVID-Safe training.

For more information on all aspects of our program, please visit castlemainefestival.com.au.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Castlemaine State Festival Team information@castlemainefestival.com.au 03 5472 3733

Flute Lessons

Alyse Faith will be offering private flute lessons to students at St Mary's Primary School during school hours.

Students are able to start learning on a fife (plastic flute) which can be purchased for about \$20. Hiring/purchasing of metal flutes can also be organised.

Alyse holds a Master of Arts in Performance from the Royal Academy of Music, London. She also holds an LRAM Music Teaching Diploma from the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Lessons are \$40/half an hour (recommended VMTA rate). Alyse is a fully accredited VMTA teacher. She has a current WWC Check.

Please contact Alyse Faith on <u>alysefaithflute@gmail.com</u>, +61400685409 if you would like to enrol your child in flute lessons.





NEWSTEAD FOOTBALL

U13 TEAM LOOKING FOR PLAYERS
(If you are 12 now or turning 13 this year)

Training is each Monday at 5.30pm Ride out is available if required.

Please phone Lisa on 0413 915370.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Rosary is prayed before Mass 6.00pm 5.15pm Castlemaine Reconciliation Castlemaine Saturday Vigil Mass:

10.30am8.15am 8.30am Castlemaine Sunday Reconciliation: Maldon Maldon Mass: Mass:

6.00pm Castlemaine Wednesday Tuesday Mass:

11.00am. Thursday Maldon Mass:

9.15am Castlemaine Friday Mass:

6.00pm Second Sunday of the Month Newstead Mass:

Fourth Sunday of the Month Sandon Mass:

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything" Exodus 20:4

physical things, things we can touch and feel. they take the form of things we cannot touch power, ego, time comfort or health. Pray for How many "gods" do you put before God? God's help to prune our vices and grow in Those are easy to recognize. Many times "Idols" do not always take the shape of and are much harder to spot like pride,

CONTACT DETAILS

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

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Principal: Ben Shields

Phone: (03) 5472 2270

Parish Secretary

Joanne Lawrence is filling this role Mon, Wed & Thurs 10am - 3pm temporarily

9.15am

Castlemaine

Mass:

Rosary is prayed after Mass

For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, the Parish Priest.

through Elaine Lacey on 0448 009 945. St.Mary's Hall are to be made through ST.BRIGID'S HALL - Bookings for ST.MARY'S HALL - Bookings for St.Brigid's Hall are to be made

the Parish Office on 5472-1900.

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



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE





SUNDAY 7th March - Year B 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

Foday's Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Exodus 20:1-7 John 2:13-25 Responsorial Psalm

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

Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are Glory to you, Word of God, Lord give me living water, that I may truly the Saviour of the world; Glory to you, Word of God, Gospel Acclamation never thirst again. Jesus Christ!

Praver to St Joseph

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

Through that charity which bound you Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child

2 Chronicles 36:14-16 Vext Sunday readings: Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Prayer to St Joseph cont.....

with your power and strength to aid us in Christ has purchased by his Blood, and to regard the inheritance which Jesus

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

O most loving father, ward off from us Jesus Christ;

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

from all adversity; shield, too, each one of and from heaven assist us in our struggle Church from the snares of the enemy and supported by your example and your aid, deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy us by your constant protection, so that, As you rescued the Child Jesus from with the power of darkness.

holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness

we may be able to live piously, to die in

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jack Chapman

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

STEWARDSHIP

\$1000\$1965 \$2000 Thank you and every blessing for 8909 your contributions last weekend 1st Collection -Presbytery: 2nd Collection - Parish: Weekly Target: Weekly Target:

Stewardship Programme

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

• CHURCH

Account No: 636 421 759
Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Church Account 083 347 Account No:

• PRESBYTERY

Account No: 635 910 163
Account Name: Castlemaine Parish 083 347

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

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,

St Mary's Church. I would love to gather the whole community to come together as we can now have up to 159 people (due to density quotient) in

peace and healing for everyone. and pray for

Parish Diary

4.30pm Legion of Mary - Buckley Room 6.00pm Mass - St Mary's Tuesday 9th March

9.15am Mass & Rosary - St Mary's 7.00pm - Parish Council AGM Wednesday 10th March

7pm Lenten Progam – Presbytery 11.00am Mass - St Brigid's Thursday 4th March

9.45am - Stations of the Cross 9.15am Mass - St Mary's Friday 5th March

Healing Prayer over the People

Instead of Anointing of the Sick, we will have Healing Prayer over the People this weekend at all the Masses. All welcome.

Charismatic Healing Mass

Our next monthly Healing Mass will be on the feast of St Patrick's on Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Castlemaine. Nothing is impossible to God. All welcome.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LITURGICAL MINISTERS 14th March, 2021

Frish Bowles Ext Min Com: Reader:

Marie McCallum Mercy Rixon

Tricia Barrett

8:30am

Reader: As arranged

Ext Min Com:

10:30am

Annie O'Shannessy Bernadette Mayne Ext Min Com: Reader:

Betty Morris

Christine Adams

APRIL ANNE APPLEBEE LINEN ROSTER

A special Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph

In the year of St. Joseph and his special feast day, we will honour St. Joseph on Friday 19th March at 9.15am Mass in St. Mary's Church. All welcome.

Parish Working Bee

Many We invite you to our first Parish Working Bee for the year - one every three months - to tidy up around the Church, Hall and Presbytery on Saturday March at 10.00am. thanks. BYO tools.

Penola. 11th to 23rd April. Please Come and join us on the Aussie Camino, walking from Portland to ring Juliet on 0422344907 interested or want more details.

Parish Sacramental Program

The date for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation is Wednesday 28th April at 7.00pm. All students in Years 3 and 4 are preparing for Reconciliation during Term 1.

1st Reconciliation Classes

parish - not attending St. Mary's School – in Year 3 and 4 upwards to the Reconciliation Classes beginning We invite all the children of the on Thursday 4th March at 4.00pm in the Buckley Room.

All welcome.

We are running our weekly Lenten Thursday evenings from 7pm in the Buckley Room... Books are available for \$10. Program on

Stations of the Cross

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

Parish Council AGM

We invite all parishioners to our Parish Council AGM on Wednesday 10th March at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Castlemaine. A wonderful opportunity to gather and connect. All welcome.

18 available for home adoration. Please call Sebastian on 0439847894 or Our Lady of Fatima statue Helen on 0468323379.