



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 3

Thursday July 30th, 2020

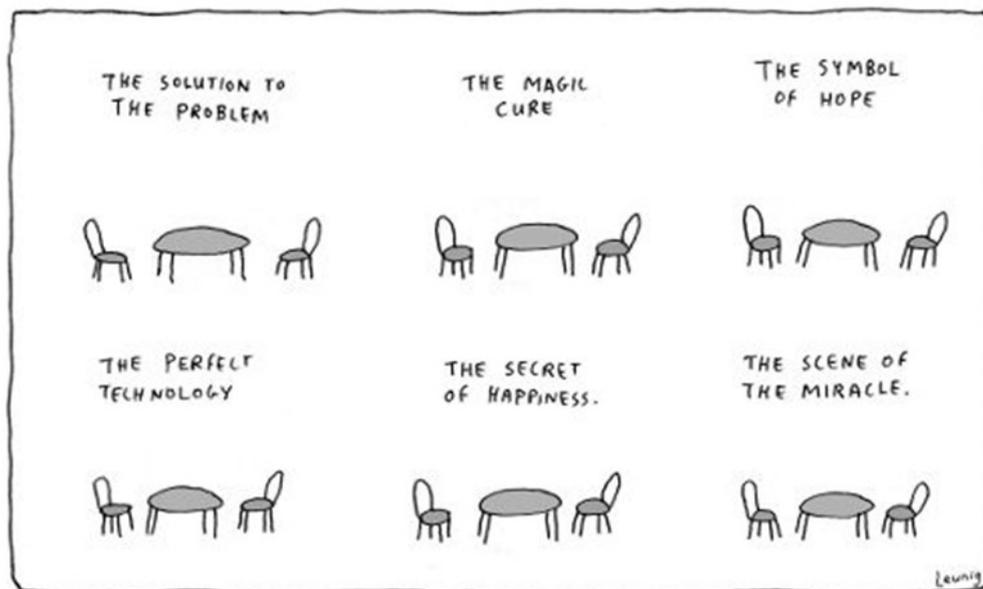


We acknowledge and respect the past and present Elders, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and custodians of this land the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Thank you for protecting and preserving our land Australia in the past, for sharing it now and educating us for the future. We pay our respects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

August Monday, 3rd	Gr. 2/3 Parent/Teacher Conferences	October Monday, 5th	Term 4 commences
Wednesday, 5th	Gr. 2/3 Parent/Teacher Conferences	Sunday, 11th	Confirmation - 10:30am - POSTPONED until 22nd November
Thursday, 20th	School Photos	Saturday, 10th & Saturday, 17th	First Holy Communion
Tuesday, 25th Aug - Friday, 4th Sept.	Book Fair	November Monday, 2nd	SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff Report Writing & Data Analysis
Friday, 28th	First Holy Communion Commitment Class Mass 9:15am	Thursday, 5th	Confirmation Preparation Evening with Denise Arnel 7:00pm
September Friday, 18th	End of Term 3 2:30pm finish time - Buses will run to earlier finish time	Sunday, 22nd	Confirmation 10:30am



Dear families,

On the Tuesday and Wednesdays evenings of this week, we held our parent teacher interviews via phone. Firstly, thank you to all the parents who were able to make a time to chat with your child's class teacher about the progress of their learning journey. Open and frequent communication is integral to the partnership that is home and school. After speaking with teachers post the parent teacher interviews, they all commented on the positivity of the calls and the tremendously supportive manner in which parents engaged.

2021 Prep enrolments

We are currently in the process of accepting enrolments for Prep for 2021. If there are any siblings (of current students) who have not yet enrolled, could parents please do so ASAP, to allow us to continue our planning for next year. Enrolment forms are available at the office, or on our website. If anyone asks in the community about enrolling, who currently are not part of St Mary's, they may be directed to contact me and we can arrange a virtual tour and information pack for them. There is a lot of information on our website for both current and prospective families!

If you have any ideas on how we can continue to promote our wonderful school in the community I'd love to have a chat. A special thanks to Stacey Kelly for organising a sponsorship board to promote enrolments.

Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid or are making regular contributions to their account. Most expenses that we incur as a school are at the beginning of the year, setting up classrooms and programs with resources that are required. I understand there is some uncertainty and questions regarding the excursion levy for the remainder of the year. I will provide more information about this in our next newsletter.

We fully appreciate the different circumstances that families are in. If you would like to make an appointment in regards to your account please contact Karen in the office.

Pick-up/Drop-off

A reminder that no students should be entering or exiting school through the staff carpark. We have spoken to all students about this during a short assembly. Students riding to school are the exception in this case. They can't be carrying bikes up stairs! Therefore, for their safety, we ask that students riding from school in the afternoon wait with the bus duty teacher and exit through the carpark with adult supervision.

COVID-19 Update

I was trying very hard to leave out any reference in this week's newsletter to COVID-19. Based on today's announcement there will be some operational changes in effect at St Mary's from Monday. This will include teachers wearing face masks and potential adjustments to learning environments for social distancing purposes.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.

Grade 6 Legends

What a great thing it is to be back in class. A brand new classroom at that! The students have returned in a great mindset and are ready to get stuck into their work. We have been writing exposition texts and this has seen some interesting requests for classroom supplies from Mr Shields.

Fractions have been the focus in Numeracy and we have been exploring equivalence and common denominators through games and activities. We will be moving this knowledge to decimal and percentage in the coming future.

Prayers are being unpacked in Religion and this has seen great discovery for the students which is crucial in the times we are currently living.

Discussion is also the tool we use in our Puberty lessons, begun in week 2. The goal in this unit is to have students informed, comfortable and safe in their journey through this uncertain time.

Transition to high school is front of mind and I am doing all I can to give students the confidence to make the best start to high school they can.

Kind regards,
Paul Johns.



Q. What do you call a bull that is asleep?

A. A bulldozer.

*by Georgia Morelli
Gr. 2/3*

Sustainability Update



Last term we purchased new chooks with the proceeds from our garden produce sales. Thank you to all the families that support this initiative. It's great to hear the feedback about our organic produce and the wonderful ways you have utilised it. At the moment the garden is fairly quiet due to the cold and also the seedlings we put in being very small at the time of planting. The beds are full though and should be producing more food soon. The Grade 6's planted two beds of broad beans on Friday along with making some artistic support structures. The Grade 2/3's have been learning about and doing some seed saving. We cut up and harvested seeds from our pumpkins that we grew last season and are currently drying them ready to plant this spring. There are still pumpkins for sale in the foyer - gold coin donation!

In regards to naming our two new chooks that have joined Moonlight, each student was allowed to nominate one name per chook. It was then randomly drawn. No votes, no tallies, just a random name. Luckily we had two winners that seem to have captured the look and personalities of our chooks.

The first name pulled out was chosen by Jack in Grade 6. He nominated Danny Devito as the name.

The second name pulled out was chosen by Soleil in Grade Prep. She nominated Kookaburraf. That is not a typo.

Please direct all questions as to why they chose those names to the students mentioned above.

Mr O'Sullivan.



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

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

August 1st : Chan Lawal
: Nger Lawal
4th : Oliver Grainger
7th : Bianca Lawrence



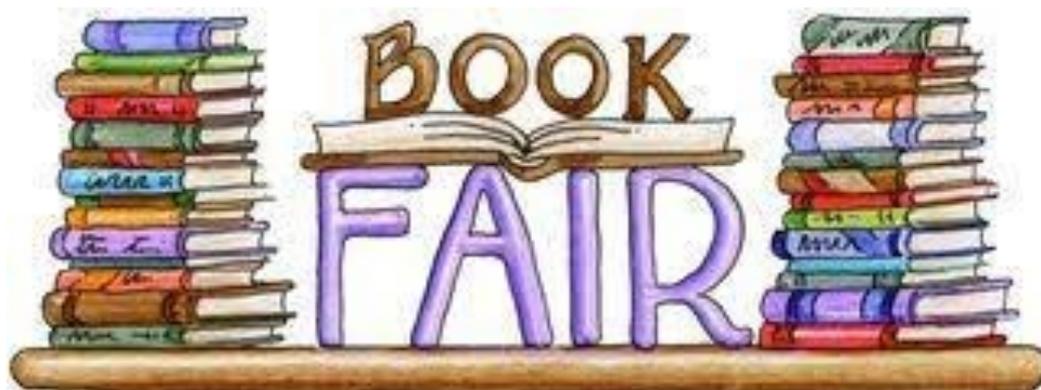
St Mary's Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held in the school library from Tuesday 25th August until Friday 4th of September.

Once again we will have an exciting range of books and items for students to have a look at and purchase.

A percentage of all sales goes towards purchasing new reading materials for the school.

Book wish lists will be going home with students once the books have arrived. Further details as to how books can be purchased will be provided in upcoming weeks.





**ST. MARY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CASTLEMAINE**

*New enquiries please
phone the school on
54722270 for an
appointment*

2021 School Enrolments now open



Principal: Mr. Ben Shields

Email: principal@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 5472 2270

Website: www.smcastlemaine.com

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Parish News . . .

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

TUB FOR DONATIONS IN THE FRONT FOYER OF SCHOOL

SVDP are having their annual winter appeal, and we need your assistance more than ever. An expected 3.4 million Australians are likely to lose their job as a result of Covid 19, with fears that our unemployment rate will hit over 10%.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please use one of the envelopes provided (also in the tub), with your name and contact details on the back if you require a receipt. Otherwise you can ring SVDP on 131812.

We would also be very appreciative of any non-perishable food items and warm, clean blankets which you can bring to the church or school.

Many thanks from St Mary's Conference.

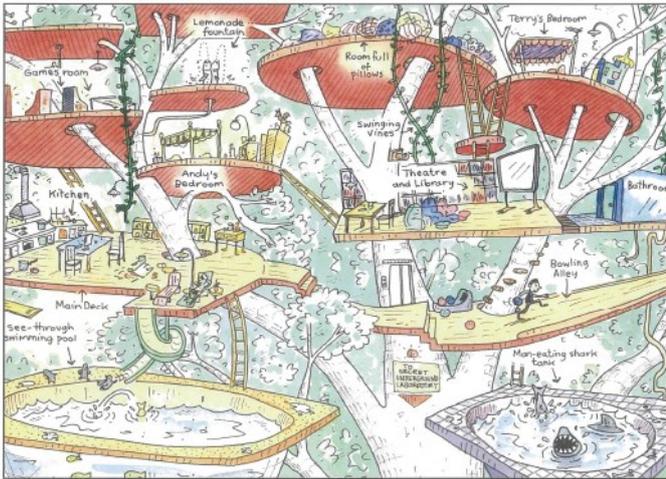
CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS
ART
GALLERY

4 July – 16 August 2020

The Many Story Treehouse Exhibition:

Celebrating Terry Denton's illustrations for the phenomenal Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

An exhibition of Terry Denton's original illustrations, sketches and layouts showing the development of crazy ideas, characters and stories for The Treehouse series developed with author, Andy Griffiths.



Cover illustration (detail), *The 13-Storey Treehouse*, written by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton, published by Pan Macmillan, 2011.

Central Goldfields Art Gallery 3 Neill Street, Maryborough
Gallery hours: Saturday–Sunday 10am–4pm Ph: 03 5461 6600
Admission to the gallery is FREE.
Please book tickets to secure your time to visit,
for all bookings go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-many-story-treehouse-exhibition>



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Sacred Heart College

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Join a Virtual Conversation with our Principal, Students & Staff

Interested in learning more about life at Sacred Heart College and the learning pathways on offer? Our Principal, Dr Darren Egberts, invites prospective parents and students to participate in one of our Virtual Conversations via Zoom.

When: 12 & 26 August - commencing at 9:30am

How: Register using the online booking form on the Tours page of the College website. A Zoom link will be sent by email.

**Enrolments for Year 7 2022 close on Monday 5 October
(current Grade 5 students)**

Visit our website for bookings or contact our Registrar for enrolment enquiries: T: 5421 1200

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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 Office Manager

Doreen Heagney
Mon: 11-3pm, 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.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Parishioners wishing to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their home, please contact Sebastian on 0439-847-894.

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary on Tuesdays at 4.30pm in the Buckley Room. We invite all parishioners to pray with us under the Mantle of Mary. All welcome.

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

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

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God?
Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need?

Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than we planned.

When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

SUNDAY 26th July 2020 – Year A

SEVENTEENTH 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.

Today's readings:

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

Next Sunday readings:

Isalah 55: 1-3

Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Matthew 14: 13-21

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones

the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL OF MARY



Disciple?

Matthew 13:44-45

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:

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: \$373
Weekly Target: \$1000
2nd Collection - Parish: \$1252
Weekly Target: \$2000

St Vincent de Paul -

Winter Appeal

Donations of non-perishable food items and warm, clean blankets can be left at the Church or at the school.

If you would like to make a monetary donation ring SVDPP on 131-812.

Thank-you.

Fr Wahid on Holidays

Fr Wahid is away on holidays and will return Friday 14th August.

Fr Wahid will be contactable on his mobile number 0419-511-064 if the need arises.

We all wish you a wonderful break Fr Wahid and will have you in our daily prayers and thoughts.

The Hour of Power -

"The Holy Hour"

Holy Hour this week in our Churches after Communion Service for Prayer and Adoration.

A very healing and powerful presence on the living God. All welcome.

•Stewardship Programme

If you would like 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.

News to all our Parishioners

The numbers allowed at our Sunday Masses is 20 people, excluding all the helpers at the Masses.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5472-1900 to let us know if you wish to attend and how many persons attending and preferred Mass.

N.B - We have strict hygiene guidelines & cleaning to protect everybody.

God Bless You All. Fr Wahid

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR PARISH

(2016)

Total Population: 18,028

Catholic Population: 2,057

Catholics make up 11.4% of the total population.

Median age of Catholics is: 51 yrs

Total Catholic families: 881

Catholics living alone: 288

Catholics born overseas: 249

Catholics who do not speak English well: 3

Catholics who need assistance with core activities: 132

Catholics who have changed addresses since 2011: 644

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

• Tuesday 28th July

4.30pm: Legion of Mary
6.00pm: Communion service, St Mary's
6.30-7.30pm: Holy Hour, St Mary's

• Wednesday 29th July

9.15am: Communion service & Rosary, St Mary's
10am-11am: Holy Hour, St Mary's

• Thursday 30th July

11.00am: Communion service, St Brigid's
11.30am - 12.30pm: Holy Hour, St Brigid's

• Friday 31st July

9.15am: Communion service, St Mary's
9.45-10.45am: Holy Hour, St Mary's

Communion Services & Sunday Masses

Communion Services will be held during the week and Sunday Masses will be celebrated on the weekends.

Mgr. Frank Marriot: and Fr Paul Castley MSC,

will be the Celebrants during this time. Please continue to pray and make the most of every celebration during the week and the weekends.

Preparing for the Sacraments

Children of the Parish not attending St Mary's school and wanting to do their Sacraments are welcome to contact the Parish Office on 5472-1900 to register.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

2nd August 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm

Reader: Bill Chapman

Ext Min Com: Vin Cappy

Chris Turley

8.30am

Reader:

Ext Min Com:

10.30am

Reader: Bernadette Mayne

Ext Min Com: Christine Adams

Julie Farrell

Annie O'Shannessy

LINEN ROSTER

Anne McGibbon

AUGUST:

Please Register for

Weekend Masses.

Please remember to ring the Parish Office on 5472-1900

or Marie McCallum on

0434-678-765,

if you are coming to Mass on the weekend.

We are allowed 20 People (not including helpers).

We appreciate your help with this and to consider

the safety of all

Parishioners and our

visiting Priests.

God Bless everyone.