



## Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 1

Thursday, February 7th 2019

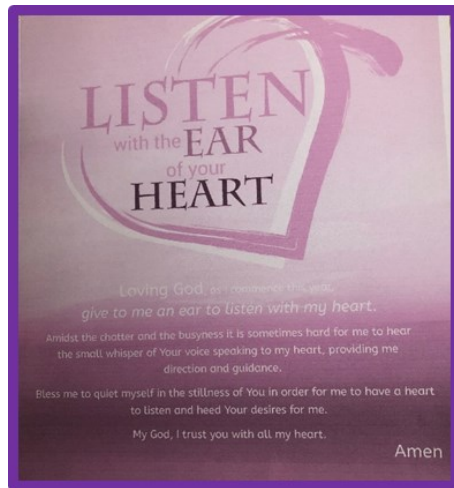
### TERM DATES

<b>February</b> Wednesdays, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March 6th	Preps - No school on Wednesdays - start full-time 12th March	<b>March</b> Thursday, 7th	Year 5's visit to Sacred Heart College, Kyneton
Friday, 8th 9:00am - 11:00am	Beginning Year Mass followed by Morning Tea	Monday, 11th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY Preps start full-time from Tuesday, 12th
Saturday, 9th & Sunday 10th	St. Mary's School Reunion 1905 - 1974 (all classes)	Sunday, 24th 12:00-2:00pm	P & F Community Long Lunch
February Wednesday, 13th 3:30pm	Parent Information Sessions (see note further in Newsletter)	Monday, 25th	School Photos
Thursday, 14th	Assembly - 2:50pm	Monday, 25th	Life Education Van - Parent Information Session 9:30-10:30am
Friday, 15th	School Crossing s & Road Safety Talk - Prep/1	Tuesday, 26th	Life Education Van
Monday, 25th & Wednesday, 27th 3:30-5:30pm	Parent - Student - Teacher Conversations - Booking details in Newsletter	<b>April</b> Monday, 1st Tuesday, 2nd Wednesday, 3rd	Gr's. 4-6 School Camp
Tuesday, 26th 9:15am	P&F AGM - Staffroom	Friday, 5th	Last day of Term 1 2:30 finish - Buses will run to this early finish



### Our School Vision

We are an empowered and sustainable learning community, centred in faith and united in our respect and responsibility for all of creation; we strive for excellence; actively living, learning, caring and growing together.



**‘As the journey brought us here, so here we begin it anew, in company together.’**

**Let us in relationship with each other, work together to create a thriving learning community in 2019!**

Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,

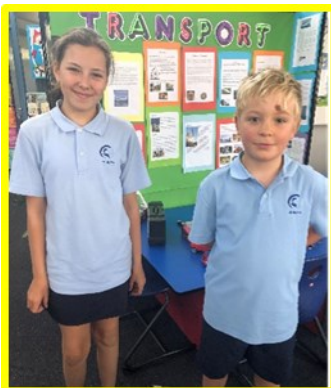
It has been a joy welcoming you all into the 2019 school year and hearing the happy and excited buzz of your children in the classrooms again. Our year 5-6 class led us in prayer on Monday morning where they invited us to allow the essence of Christ to shine ever more brightly in our lives, in our work and in our friendships. They read Luke’s Gospel about Jesus as a boy at the Temple. Jesus was a learner as well as a teacher. As a community we are led by his example and we are all learners and teachers together.

As we move into this new school year with renewed hope and vitality we could also consider how the sort of deep listening proposed by Aboriginal Elder Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr might enable us to connect with God through nature and through creation and to come to know ourselves and our call more fully.

As our children begin this year may we provide just a little space for “inner work” and “deep listening” which can help prepare our hearts for the journey we share together.

We pray as we enter into this school year that the times of “deep listening” and our attention to “inner work” may help us to make space to listen to our inner knowing; the ear of our heart, to God’s call to each one of us and to our community of St. Mary’s. May we be fully present with all those who accompany us on this journey and may we continue as partners with you in pursuing fullness of life for all.

**We Warmly Welcome our new Students and Families!**





We are delighted to welcome:

Naomi Crum into Year 5  
Cullen Foreman into Year 3  
Iglesias Miki into Year 1

We also welcome into Year Prep:

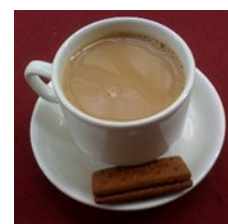
Heidi Neugebauer  
Miles Cheesman  
Bianca Lawrence  
Charlie McShanag  
Samuel Aldridge  
Jufour Nyok



We hope that you enjoy happy and fulfilling years with us at St. Mary's.

### Family Mass and Morning Tea

We welcome you to join us this Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 am in St. Mary's Church for our beginning of the year school Mass followed by a welcoming morning tea in the library. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the new opportunity that 2019 brings and to connect with each other. We hope to see you there if you can make it.



### Parent Information Sessions

In order to tailor these meetings to your needs, we are offering half hour information sessions in each of the classrooms according to the following timetable as well as two sessions facilitated by myself which will look at our overall vision for the year. It is also an opportunity to ask me about any aspects of our school and work which you may be wondering about. We encourage you to attend the sessions relevant to you. We hope that you will gain further clarity and insight into how we can work together to support your child's growth.

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|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| 3.30 - 4.00 | Yr 2-3   | Mrs. Deb Jones        |
| 4.05 - 4.35 | Yr P-1   | Mrs. Therese Watts    |
| 4.40 - 5.10 | Yr 4-5   | Mrs. Alison Condliffe |
| 5.15 - 5.45 | Yr 5-6   | Mrs. Karen White      |
| 4.05 - 4.35 | School Overview Q & A<br>Bronwyn Phillips (Library)            |                       |
| 4.40 - 5.10 | School Overview Q & A - (Repeat)<br>Bronwyn Phillips (Library) |                       |



If you feel the need to discuss any issues with me along the way please email me on [principal@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au) or phone 54722270 to make an appointment.

Our teachers are greatly aware of how important it is to develop a positive relationship with the students within their class and care as well as positive partnerships with you. Let's together, make this year a fantastic experience for your child/ren by continuing to work together, supporting each other, and showing a united front as to what we want and expect for and from them. Your children's teachers want to hear from you if you need clarity on anything.

### Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings

You may book your Parent- Child-Teacher meetings on either Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> via School Interviews. The purpose of these discussions is to hear from you and your child about how they have settled into the year, to share anything you would like to and to set goals for the following term. We would like everyone to take up this opportunity. If you are unable to come on the above dates you can phone us to make another convenient time. If you would like a meeting without your child in attendance, please email or phone your child's teacher to make a time. Your child's teacher will send home a reflection sheet for your child to complete with you prior to these meetings.



**TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING NOW PLEASE LOG IN:** [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and put in the Event Code of **qcr3f**



### School Uniform

We are in our final year of transitioning into the updated school uniform. As of 2020 all students will be required to wear the full updated uniform. Children may continue to wear the former uniform items if they need to. We ask that you replace items with the new uniform as needed. We also encourage you to buy all black runners particularly if your child prefers to wear runners every day. **Socks and hair wear should be navy blue.** Details of our uniform are in the school handbook.

### Watering & Hen Care Thank you

Our sincere thanks to you all who so generously offered your time during the holidays to water and maintain our garden. You did a superb job and it is great to start the year with a healthy garden and flourishing vegetable garden with fresh produce in abundance. Our children will be cooking their zucchini & tomato harvest in their environment lessons with Mr. O next week. Thank you Thomas and Lucas for caring for our hens 'Midnight' and 'Red'.

### Staffing 2019

We are most fortunate to have a highly motivated and hardworking staff who are deeply committed to the efficient running of our school and to supporting your children in all areas of their growth.

**Fr. Wahid :** Canonical Administrator

**Bronwyn Phillips :** Principal

**Karen Williams :** Administration Officer & Bursar

### Classroom Teachers:

**Prep-One : 17 students** Mrs Therese Watts (Second in Charge) Mon-Thurs & Mr Mark O'Sullivan Fri.

**Two-Three: 17 students** Mrs Deb Jones (Religious Education Leader)

**Four-Five : 20 students** Mrs A Condliffe Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri. & Mr Mark O'Sullivan Thursdays

**Five-Six : 19 students** Mrs Karen White Mon-Fri



Specialist subjects will be taught 1 hour each week as follows:

**Performing Arts, Music and Indonesian** : Mrs. Nicole Byrne

**Physical Education, Respectful Relationships & Environmental Studies** : Mr. Mark O'Sullivan

**Learning Support Officers** : Barb Burchett Years 2-6  
Rob Wolff Years Prep-3



Mr Rob is filling in for us this term to give us time to determine the level of support needed. We will advertise this second ESO position later in the term.

### School Psychologist

Many of our children have gained benefit from the free counselling service offered by Healing Minds. Simon Harvest is available by appointment to work 1-1 with your child and family if needed. Places are limited so if you would like to utilise this free service you may pick up application forms from the office or email myself or Karen directly. Your child may receive up to 11 free visits with a GP referral.

### Sacred Heart College Year 7 2021 Enrolment Deadline

If you are planning to send your child to Sacred Heart College in Kyneton in 2021 as a year 7 student please note that **July 26<sup>th</sup> 2019** is the enrolment cut-off date. Please refer to the flyer later in this newsletter for college tours and other significant dates.

### P&F

Our next meeting will be the AGM on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 11 9.15am** in the staffroom. All positions are open for re-election. We welcome you all to attend and nominate for positions. If you are unable to attend our meeting and would like to nominate yourself or someone else, I have included a nomination form later in this newsletter. I encourage you to nominate anyone you feel would fulfil the roles well. You will need to get them to sign the form showing that they accept the nomination. (Please see P&F information later in this newsletter).

### Flexibuzz Update

Please update your app to connect you to your child's 2019 learning group - instructions overleaf.

### St Mary's and St Gabriel's Reunion **All Classes: 1905 – 1974** this Saturday:

**Year 5 & 6 Students Invited to give tours of the School between 9.00am and 11.00 am.**

If any Year 5 or 6 children would like to assist with showing ex-students around our school, they can meet me here in the front office between 9.00 am and 11.00 am on Saturday morning. They could stay half an hour or up to the full two hours. They can be picked up no later than 11.00 am. Thank you for assisting with the running of this day which has been organised by Bill Sikora.

If you have any questions you would like to ask prior to the Reunion, please contact organiser Bill Sikora on [0407 839 254](tel:0407839254)

I am truly looking forward to making the most of the many opportunities we will create together to enrich the growth of our precious children and community.

Kind regards,

Bronwyn Phillips,  
Principal.



# St. Mary's Parents and Friends Association



I ..... hereby nominate  
..... for the position of

<i>please circle appropriate nomination position:</i>	
<b>President:</b>	<b>Vice President:</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>
<b>School Advisory Council Representative</b>  On the Executive of the St. Mary's for the term of March 2019 until March 2021.  Signed: .....  Seconded by .....  I ..... accept the above nomination for the position of .....	

## FLEXIBUZZ APP DOWNLOAD

Log on to: <http://www.flexibuzz.com.au/au/school-app/>

and download it onto your mobile telephone.

You will be asked to join a group, where we will accept it our end.

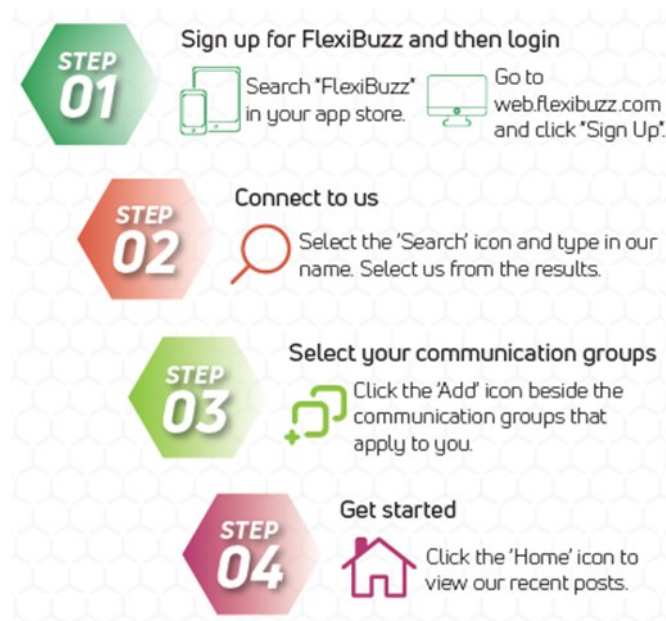
It will be our major communication link.

*Please see information on the following page.*

# TO UPDATE FLEXIBUZZ - *All parents*

To ensure you stay up-to-date with what's happening at the school, please ensure you are subscribed to our school through FlexiBuzz and are connected to the correct boxes for 2019.

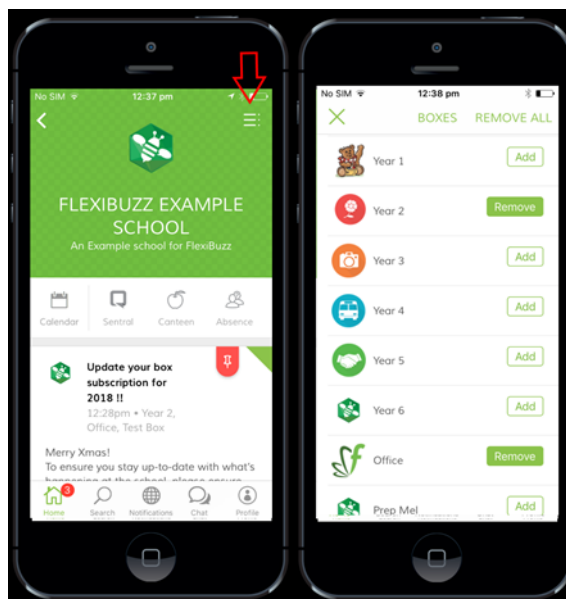
For our new parents:



For our existing parents:

To update your box subscriptions, enter our FlexiBuzz site and select the menu icon in the top right.

From here you can remove and add your box subscription preferences.



For further information or assistance please visit the FlexiBuzz website [www.flexibuzz.com.au](http://www.flexibuzz.com.au) or email [support@flexibuzz.com](mailto:support@flexibuzz.com).



## Newsletter article: Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

### School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide you with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS Flexibuzz. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, [reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters]

#### What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, [by checking our website [www.smcastlemaine.com](http://www.smcastlemaine.com) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.





## CALENDAR:

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Social Friday – Granada Café, 7pm
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – P&F AGM, staffroom, 9.15am

**\* SAVE THE DATE\* - 12 noon Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, St Mary's Long Lunch**

## Committee Myths Busted

<p><b>Myth #1</b></p> <p><b>There are enough families at the school. I'm sure there are lots of helpers.</b></p> <p>Reality: Only a small number of St Mary's families formed the committee last year</p>	<p><b>Myth #2</b></p> <p><b>I can't come to the meetings – I've got kids!</b></p> <p>Reality: We often have children at the meetings. There are always toys to play with.</p>	<p><b>Myth #3</b></p> <p><b>I won't know anyone &amp; it's probably really cli-quey</b></p> <p>Reality: We are a very welcoming group who have fun and look forward to meeting you and hearing ideas you may have.</p>
<p><b>Myth #4</b></p> <p><b>I'm worried that I don't have time to go to meetings.</b></p> <p>Reality: That's ok, you need not attend all meetings - coming to some would really help.</p>	<p><b>Myth #5</b></p> <p><b>The Committee has all the help they need</b></p> <p>Reality: We are always looking for new ways to help and improve the school - any input you have is valuable to us.</p>	
<p><b>Myth #6</b></p> <p><b>IT'S TOO MUCH OF A COMMITMENT</b></p> <p>Reality: We currently meet once a month for 1-1.5 hrs. No expectation to attend every meeting. Stay for the whole meeting or just stay for a coffee – we would love to see you.</p>	<p><b>Myth #7</b></p> <p><b>The P&amp;F is just for stay at home mums</b></p> <p>Reality: P&amp;F is for everyone! In the past we have had working mums and mums with little ones at home!</p>	<p><b>Reality:</b></p> <p><b><u>Thank you!</u></b></p> <p>You already know the rewards of donating your time. We all have the same goal in helping to create a school community where the children and teachers can do their best.</p>

**Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!**

# **St Mary's Social Fridays**

A monthly catch up on a Friday at different venues around the region. This is a great chance to meet new mums and parents of the school. Past parents are also welcome.

The first event is to be held on: **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm**  
**Venue: Granada Café**  
**146 Duke Street, Castlemaine**

**RSVP Kari (Samuel & Brydie's mum) on;**  
**Mobile 0402-076-340**  
**by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**



### BOOKCLUB - GOLDFIELDS LIBRARY

Hello Primary Schools, Kinders, and Childcare Centres of the region,

I'm one of the programs officers at Castlemaine Library and this year we are starting a Book Club for adults to give busy people the gift of getting back into reading. Parents and carers are some of the busiest people I know, so I am trying to get the word to them, and would be very appreciative if you would consider including some or all of the following in your school newsletter.

#### THE NOVELLA BOOK CLUB FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Too busy to read? Did you say 'I'll pass' to *The Luminaries* and *War and Peace*? Is your brain crying out for literary sustenance? This novella book-club for busy people is a monthly library-facilitated book club where we will read stirring novellas, scintillating essays, striking short stories, and nothing over 150 pages – we promise! Last Monday of the month, 5pm-6pm, beginning March. To register online please visit [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com)

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-novella-book-club-for-busy-people-tickets-55887356588>



CATHERINE  
McAULEY  
COLLEGE

**CALL FOR A 2019 PROSPECTUS!**

# OPEN EVENING

## Wednesday 20 March

### 2019 | 4 – 7pm Coolock Campus

**2019 will be a HUGE year for Catherine McAuley College** commencing with the opening of the brand new Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre, featuring cutting-edge technology and creative learning spaces for Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Maths (STEAM). Take a tour on Open Evening!

**Final 2018  
Principal's Tour**

**9am Tuesday 27 November**  
at Coolock Campus (Years 7-9)  
McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

**Bookings & Enrolment Enquiries:** Audra Petri, College Registrar

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**REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

## Castlemaine Football Netball Club Juniors

Have fun and develop your skills at the  
highest level in our region

U9, U10, U12, U14, U16  
U11Girls, U13Girls, U15Girls & U18Girls

### **REGISTER NOW**

Visit the Castlemaine Junior Football Club website  
to find out more & register

Enquiries: [cjfc@outlook.com](mailto:cjfc@outlook.com) or Yvonne 0409 946 249





# Catholic School Parents Victoria invites you to contribute to shaping the future of the Catholic Church in Australia



**"Listen to what the Spirit is saying."**

**A listening and dialogue session for Catholic school parents**

**Tuesday 26th February 2019 10.30am-12pm or 1pm-2.30pm**

**Cardinal Knox Centre Cathedral Room, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne**

## What is a Plenary listening and dialogue session?

Plenary listening and dialogue sessions have been organised specifically for parents of children in Catholic schools. This is an opportunity to come together as important members of Catholic school communities to spend time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. The sessions will be led by an experienced Plenary facilitator from the Archdiocese of Melbourne and responses will be collected, collated and submitted to the Plenary Council 2020 by Catholic School Parents Victoria. This is part of CSPV's ongoing commitment to representing parents of children in Catholic schools. Further information about the Plenary Council 2020 can be found at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

## Who are Catholic School Parents Victoria?

Since 2007, CSPV has been representing the important voice and perspective of Victorian Catholic school parents at a diocesan and state level. CSPV is governed by a council consisting of Catholic school parent representatives from each Catholic diocese in Victoria. The CSPV mission is *to empower parent perspective and leadership in Catholic education through partnerships, communication and advocacy.*

## Session Outline

**Pray Together:** We will begin the session with a prayer of reflection on our role as the first educators of our children.

**Read and Reflect:** We will be asked to reflect on the question, "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

**Share and Listen:** Each small group will share their thoughts, listen to each other and record responses to provide to CSPV.

## Who is the session for?

Parents or carers of children currently attending Catholic school in Victoria.

**Cost:** Free

**Venue:** Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne (Enter via Lansdowne Street, East Melbourne)

**Parking:** 2 hr paid parking available in Albert Street, Lansdowne Street and Victoria Parade. Please install the Paystay Parking app on your phone.  
**Public Transport by train or tram** - The venue is closest to Parliament Station, Lonsdale Street end and can be accessed by trams 11, 12 & 109.

**Two sessions available: 10.30am-12noon or 1pm-2.30pm**

**BOOK ONLINE AT:** <http://cspv.catholic.edu.au/events/>

**RSVP by 20th February 2019.**

**Spaces are limited for this FREE event. Booking early is recommended.**



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 – Year C**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street, CASTLEMAINE, 3450  
Postal Address: PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, VIC, 3450

Phone: (03) 5472 1900  
Email: [castlemaine@cam.org.au](mailto:castlemaine@cam.org.au)  
Web: <http://stmmaryscastlemaine.com>

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

## CONTACT DETAILS

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

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Principal: Bronwyn Phillips  
Phone: (03) 5472 2270

**Parish Office Manager**  
Doreen Heagney  
Mon: 12-4pm, 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 5475-2481.  
**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.**

## FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

**St Agatha:** 5<sup>th</sup> February  
**St Paul Miki & Companions:**  
6<sup>th</sup> February  
**St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine  
Bakhita:** 8<sup>th</sup> February

## WORSHIP TIMETABLE

**Sunday**  
Reconciliation: Maldon 8.15am  
Mass: Maldon 8.30am  
Mass: Castlemaine 10.30am

**Tuesday**  
Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

**Wednesday**  
Mass: Castlemaine 9.15am

**Thursday**  
Mass: Maldon 6.00pm.

**Friday**  
Mass: Castlemaine 9.15am  
*Followed by Adoration and finishing  
with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.*

**Saturday**  
Reconciliation Castlemaine 5.15pm  
Vigil Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is  
not jealous, it is not pompous."  
1 Corinthians 13:4*

Do you get jealous?

Do you focus on the things that  
other people have than on the gifts  
that God has given you?

Are you pompous?

Do you acquire more possessions to  
impress others? At times we are all  
guilty of these things.

Pray for more humility.

Pray to become less 'self-centered'  
and become more 'God-centered'.

## Next Sunday readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-8  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
Luke 5: 1-11

## 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: Liz Ruse.

Anniversaries: Grace Barrett, 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: \$1031  
2nd Collection – Parish: \$1071  
Direct Debit & Credit cards: \$560  
Pledged Amount: \$1835

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. We are looking for new members to join the Parish Council. If interested in making a difference please see Fr Wahid.

### INVITATION

Parishioners are invited to the Induction Service of the new Minister, *Reverend Sarah Tomilson*, into the Castlemaine and District Uniting Church, to be held in the Castlemaine Uniting Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. The service will be followed by a supper. **RSVP:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019; Parish Secretary on 0419-576-538

## WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA?

As we continue in this time of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, we reflect on the moving of the Spirit in the life of our world, our Church and each other. As we do so, let us also reflect on the movement of the Spirit in the lives of our young people in our Parish. Maybe the Lord is calling them to serve in consecrated life or priesthood. Pray for them each day; support them, encourage them.

### HOME MASSES

We hope to have Home Masses this year, once a month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. What a Blessing for the home and family. We start our first Home Mass on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00p.m at Bernadette Mayne's new Home at 125 Duke street, Castlemaine. All welcome. Tel 0412-578-748  
This is a special way to build Community by inviting friends and neighbours, and parishioners. Please contact Fr. Wahid to sign up for your Home Mass.

### MASSSES AT NEWSTEAD AND SANDON

All Parishioners are very welcome to attend and celebrate with us the monthly Masses at 6pm:  
•NEWSTEAD (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY)  
AND  
•SANDON (4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY)

### GARABANDAL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at 19A Duke street, Castlemaine. Enquiries: Trish Bowles on 5472-2702

## PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley room  
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's  
11.00am: Mass at Thompson House  
7.00pm: Home Mass
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's  
7.30pm: Becoming a Catholic Christian, Buckley room
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
9.15am: Whole School Mass & Adoration, St Mary's

### Mass of Anointing of the Sick & Seniors

St. Brigid's: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.30am Mass

### Mass at Thompson House

Our next monthly Mass to pray for Castlemaine Health and all the Houses around the Hospital is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am in *Thompson House*. All welcome.

### Whole School Mass for Beginning of Year

All parishioners are welcome to celebrate the beginning of our St Mary's School year on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am Mass in St Mary's Church.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm  
Reader: Kathleen Tobin  
Ext Min Com: Ros Chapman  
Marie McCallum  
Tricia Barrett  
8.30am  
Reader: Joanie & John Tolley  
Ext Min Com: Geoff McLennan  
10.30am  
Reader: Victor Steiner  
Ext Min Com: Betty Morris  
Trish Bowles  
Bernadette Mayne  
LINEN ROSTER  
FEBRUARY: Mary Bishop

### Becoming a Catholic Christian?

Fr. Wahid invites everyone searching for Truth and Life to the full and wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith, in preparation for fully becoming part of the Catholic Church at Easter to attend a meeting on: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30p.m. in the Buckley room. **ALL WELCOME.**

### Legion of Mary

We have a powerful and wonderful *Legion of Mary* group that will start to meet again this year – beginning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm in the *Buckley Room*. We invite new members to join us in Prayer and in good works during the week.