



Newsletter

Term 3, Issue 8

Thursday September 12th, 2019

TERM DATES

September Thursday, 12th	Holy Name of Mary Day - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Dress Day • Donations of non perishable food • Lunchtime Disco 	Tuesday, 15th	Prep 2020 Interviews
Wednesday, 18th	Mt. Alexander Chess Challenge 9:00am-2:30pm Twilight Sports - 2:00pm	Tuesday, 22nd	Confirmation Information Evening - 7:00pm
Thursday, 19th	No Assembly. Reading Hour - Parents are invited to join their child/ren for reading - 2:30pm	Friday, 25th	St. Mary's Grazing Platter Night & Photo Exhibition Launch - 5:30pm
Friday, 20th	Soup & Roll Lunch End of Term 3 - 2:30pm Finish	Saturday, 26th - Monday, 28th	Photo Exhibition - Sat, Sun, Mon - 10:00am - 1:00pm
October Monday, 7th	Term 4 commences	November Monday, 4th Tuesday, 5th	School Closure - Report Writing Day MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY
Sunday, 13th	Confirmation Commitment Mass Lucas Davis & Sebastian Salvatore - First Communion	Tuesday, 12th Nov Tuesday, 19th Nov Tuesday, 3rd Dec	PREP Transition Days



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.

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.



Congratulations to the following students:

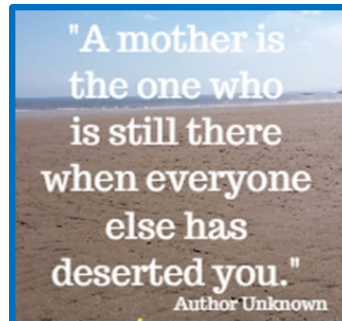
School Captain Awards: Evie Nuttall, Alexandra Tolevski & Ngor Lawal

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

to Miles Cheesman, Heidi Neugebauer, Spencer Grainger, Arjun Singh, Lachlan McMahon, Niamh Keane, Rohan Singh, Farley Bracken & Katiana Blake-Zboril who celebrate their birthdays in September.



**'Blessed are you among women'
Holy Name of Mary Feast Day.**



Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It is lovely to feel spring in the air. Our grounds are looking beautiful with the freshly mowed grass (thankyou Phil Watts) and the wattles, daffodils and blossoms are blooming.

It is Holy Name of Mary Feast Day today and to celebrate our children came dressed in casual clothes and had a super time dancing throughout our disco at 2pm. Children also made felt flowers to frame our school symbol as well as created a portrait of Mary according to their interpretation of her. You may view our children's interpretations of Mary along our learning street outside the classrooms.

Your children have learned about Mary's life and on this feast day, may we be inspired by her:

Woman of mercy

Woman of faith...

Woman of contemplation...

Woman of vision...

Woman of wisdom and understanding...

Woman of grace and truth...

Women, pregnant with hope...

Woman, centred in God

Empower us to live our lives for the greater good.

"Mary, Queen of Peace, following your example may we live in peace, act justly and support each other for the common good. Amen





The Spring Has Sprung!

Lucas, William and Emilia have been collecting our chicken's eggs. Moonlight and Red have been busy. Some of our community enjoyed their eggs for breakfast when we had breakfast at school. The children are enjoying looking after our chickens as well as tending to the garden. The daffodils and blossoms are beautiful at the moment.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN 2019 reporting packages have been sent home last Friday. They will include a printed Individual Student Report for each student who participated in NAPLAN in 2019. Please make contact with us if you would like to discuss your child's results.



CEMSIS Surveys

In 2019, our school is participating in Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Surveys (CEMSIS). CEMSIS is an annual process where schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

One of the main goals of the family survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our school. CEMSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable community insights on areas that each school can focus on. Our school believes it is important to encourage families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school.

The survey is available online, can be accessed from **Monday 2 September** and needs to be completed by **Friday 20 September**. This survey may only be completed once.

For families where there may be more than one child attending our school, we ask that families focus on the eldest child attending the school. The school has invited many families to respond via this survey and participation is completely voluntary. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers – all responses are completely anonymous and at no point are any of the responses from students, families or staff identifiable by the school.

The survey is available in English, Arabic, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese. To complete the survey please access the following link:

<https://www.orima.com.au/cemfamily>

Your family's PIN number has been emailed directly to you.

When selecting our school please look for St. Mary's Primary School and then select Castlemaine.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact ORIMA Research on 1800 654 585 or cemsurveys@orima.com, or Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) at cemsis@cem.edu.au. **Thank-you in anticipation of your participation in the CEMSIS Families survey.**

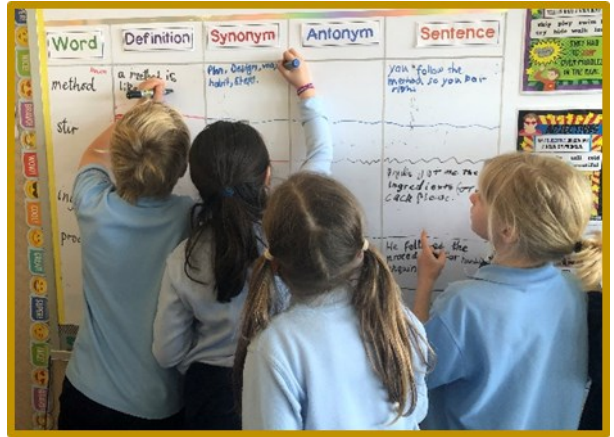


Twilight Sports

The children are getting excited about our Twilight Sports coming up on September 18th. The events will begin at 2.15pm with the children marching onto the oval in their teams and finish at approximately 6pm. We welcome you to bring an afternoon tea picnic and enjoy the events. A coffee van will supply coffee and tea for those who wish to purchase warm drinks.

OLSEL

Oral language skills support children to learn to read and write. Our teachers have embedded OLSEL in their teaching practice. Each week your children extend their vocabulary, learn about how words work and engage in conversation with the view to develop a broad range of vocabulary, learn spelling and writing skills and in understanding spelling knowledge's and what words mean, this assists them with reading. The Oral Language Supporting Early Literacy research initiative seeks to develop the oral language competence of students to facilitate literacy development. The goal of the research initiative is centred around professional learning to support teachers to more effectively plan and implement strategies which specifically target the development of oral language skills with a particular focus on the early years of schooling.



Oral language competence is crucial for literacy development, with an increasing body of evidence identifying it as a key indicator of children's early reading ability. Chan and Dally (2000) further expand the body of evidence linking oral language proficiency to the development of literacy skills and argue a causal relationship stating that '... limitations in oral language abilities are at the basis of early reading difficulties experienced by students.'



Mt Alexander Chess Challenge

If your child would like to take part in the Mt. Alexander Chess Challenge, please fill out the permission form via CareMonkey. Years 4-6 children may attend. Please note that you will need to arrange transport to CSC as well as from CSC. Our Twilight Sports begin at 2.15 pm. Your child may be picked up from CSC at 1.40 and brought back to school for the start of our

sports. You may stay and watch the Chess playing if you would like to. Please ring us if you have any questions. *There is an opportunity to practice chess the afternoon before - Tuesday, 17th September 4:00-4:45pm at the Ray Bradfield Room in Mostyn Street (access from IGA carpark) - students and families welcome to attend.*



Staff Annual Review Meetings

As a staff we are proactive in our work and we constantly evaluate our practice and improve our knowledge and skills. The staff Annual Review Meeting has the purpose of compliance but more importantly it is an opportunity for our staff to reflect on their learning and celebrate their growth as an educator this year. It is a time to share successes as well as challenges. It also provides time to speak about professional learning, future goals and our vision for the work we do. It is always inspiring to engage with our staff and their Annual Review Meeting next week allows 1-1 time with me to talk about aspirations in their work. Like all the work we do the ultimate goal is to continue to do the very best we can to support our children holistically in their learning. I commend our dedicated staff for their dedication to the children and their work, their willingness to reflect honestly on their practice and set goals to further their professional learning.

St. Mary's P&F Fundraiser

I would like to acknowledge as well as commend the efforts of our most enthusiastic and proactive 'Whimsical Mornings – Hanging by a Thread' committee who have put many hours of work collaborating and preparing for what promises to be a fantastic community celebration of art, humanity and parenthood. To all of our families, parishioners and local community, your contribution towards this event will be valued be it assisting, attending one of the exhibitions and/or submitting a photo. The details (next page) are outlined on the flyer. We appreciate your interest and attention.

YOUR PHOTOS WANTED!

Have you ever had one of *those* mornings getting the kids to school?

St. Mary's Primary School are inviting you to share a photo or two of your family's experiences preparing to leave the house. Whether it be getting ready for school, kinder or crèche, the park, supermarket or the family holiday. It could be funny or crazy or it might be just short of complete chaos. We want to capture it all!

Our goal is to bring people together in recognition of the moments that test us as parents and carers. In these moments may we make time to stop, laugh and discover gratitude for what is, finding solace in that we are not alone.

Your photos will be included in a community photo exhibition called 'Whimsical Mornings – Hanging by a Thread'.

The event can be found on Facebook.

The exhibition will be launched at St Mary's Hall on Friday 25th October, and will be on display through to Monday 28th October.

Funds raised will go towards a new interactive outdoor play area for the children of St. Mary's Primary School.



Soup & Roll Lunch

Our Parent's & Friends committee are providing a cup of soup with a roll on the last day of the term. Soup will be served from 1.00pm at a cost of \$2.00 for a cup of soup and a roll.

Reading Hour in Australia & St Mary's!

On **Thursday September 19th** 2019, we will stop what we're doing and pick up a book! Rather than have our assembly at **2.30pm** we invite you to join your child/children in the classrooms or library and read. We value this initiative which encourages Australians to either rediscover or introduce themselves to the benefits of reading; to take the time to learn, escape and relax.



In children, reading has been shown to help with identity formation, setting them up for success in the future. In adults, reading has been shown to reduce stress by 68% more than listening to music, going for a walk, or having a cup of tea.

We hope that you can join us from 2.30 until 3.15 (You may stay later if you like) to immerse ourselves in literature.

Principal Study Tour Intensive program – Learning from Each Other

I have been fortunate to have been offered a position to take part in a program teaching religious diversity. The program is offered through a partnership with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Catholic Education Melbourne offers a range of formation programs for principals and emerging leaders, designed to support their formation for strong and effective religious leadership. This particular program is a residential program of 10 days' duration taking place at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in the Netherlands over the school holidays.



This formation program will deliver a multimodal experience, attending to the following questions:

- How may we, as Catholics, make sense of the phenomenon of religious diversity? Why are there so many religions and how do they relate to one another?

- How do different models of religious diversity impact upon the way we understand the possibility/impossibility of interreligious dialogue?
- What resources does Catholic tradition offer to learn with and from the other?
- How do we shape Catholic dialogical schools that welcome those who believe and practice differently?
- How can we enable a deep learning across traditions in our classrooms?

I am looking forward to:

- The opportunity to engage in a collegial conversation on how to enhance Catholic Identity through interreligious dialogue.
- An in-depth introduction to the best in current scholarship and teaching resources in the areas of theologies of religious pluralism, comparative theology and scriptural reasoning.
- Support in developing teaching resources, syllabi, and other programming appropriate to the particular needs of our school.

Through classes, reading assignments, and visits to local communities' I will be supported to effectively engage in a deep learning across religious traditions. The program also introduces participants to a variety of dialogical approaches which we may use in our own schools i.e:

- Self-Reflection via Logbook
- Scriptural Reasoning
- Bibliodrama
- Comparative theologies of religions
- On site visits
- Excursions to schools and teacher training programs in the Netherlands

I appreciate the opportunity to take part in and learn from this study program which is funded by CEM Melbourne and will take place over the school holidays. It will mean that I will be out of school on September 19th & 20th and I will return in the first week of Term 4 on October 10th.



Communication Boards

We do our best to keep you informed about all aspects of school life. In addition to what we already do via the newsletter, facebook, CareMonkey, Flexibuzz, school calendar, staff emails and our website, you will notice the addition of communication boards outside your children's classrooms from now and the beginning of next term. We hope that they give you a further avenue to keep informed about what is happening in your child's

classroom. We ask that you make some time to read the newsletter each week. It is the central document we use to let you know about school activities as well as up and coming events.

Speech Pathologist Hayley Millard

Some of our families have already engaged the services of our speech pathologist here at St. Mary's on a Wednesday or a Thursday. I have met with Hayley Millard who has been working in this area for over 7 years. Most of her experience has been with primary age children. Your child may attend 5 visits which can be subsidised by Medicare. The Medicare rebate under the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Program is \$53.80 per session. Families need to see their GP to determine eligibility for a CDM plan. Hayley can provide families with more information about the CDM program, as required.



Outdoor Classroom Plans

We are in the process of creating an outdoor learning/play area under the library. Our whiteboard has arrived and our blackboard is in transit. We will also use some of our older tables and chairs. If you have anything you would like to donate to this space let us know. The purpose is to develop an area outdoors where the children can draw, create and play.

Map of Australia

It would be great to add more detail to the map of Australia which is painted on the wall under the library. If any of you are keen, we would like to add states, cities names, perhaps some wildflowers, etc. Let us know if this is something that you would like to help us with. Thank you.



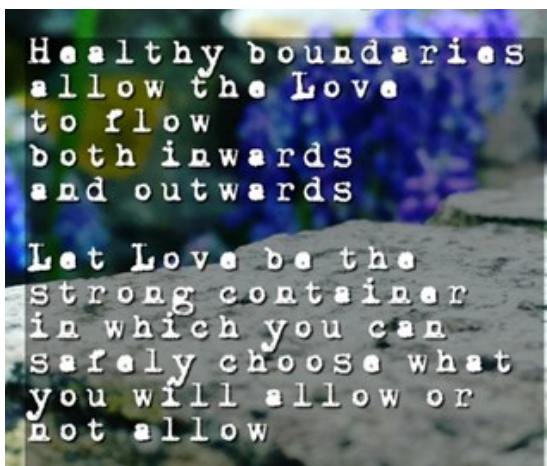
Second hand Uniform – Calling for Donations

If you have any of our **current** uniform items that you no longer need you may donate them to our second hand uniform cupboard. We can then pass these items on to those who need them. Thankyou.



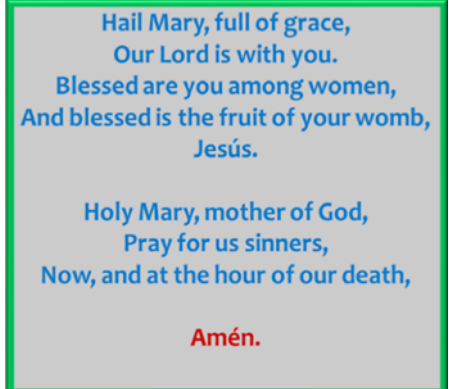
It's Time to Enrol Now for 2020

Our numbers are increasing and we have been consistently showing new families through our school. If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their children to our school in 2020 encourage them to make contact now. This assists us with staffing and planning for next year.



Kind regards,

Bronwyn Phillips,
Principal.



PREP HEALTH ASSESSMENTS & OLDER STUDENTS

MONDAY, 14TH OCTOBER

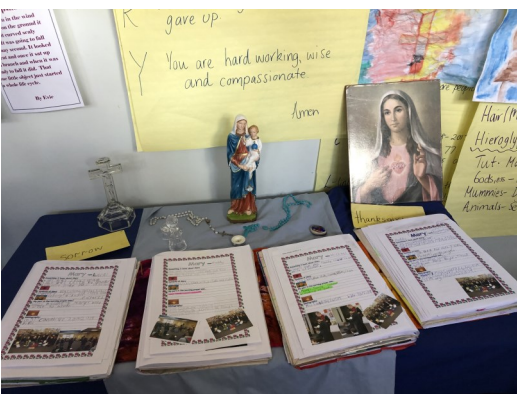
Parents of Prep children would have received a Questionnaire to express any concerns regarding your child's health and development. Please return this form to the school office **by 9th October** to consent to this assessment and provide relevant health information.

Please sign the non-consent part of the form if you do not wish the school nurse to see your child.

Referrals for older students:

Referrals for assessments of older students in other grades are also welcome. Please contact the school office if you wish to receive a consent form.

Holy Name of Mary Feast Day ...





Find the P&F private group on Facebook – “Ladies of St Mary’s PS”

Calendar Dates:-

Wednesday 18th September – Twilight Sports, 2pm

Thursday 19th September – P&F Meeting, staff room 9.15am

Friday 20th September – Last day of term, Soup for lunch

Friday 25th October - Launch Photo Exhibition launch, see flyer to be sent home

Sunday 1st December - Vision Portraits Fundraiser, St Mary’s School

Vision Portrait Fundraiser

**Sunday 1st December @
St. Mary’s School**

**Please see flyer and use link to
book your place! Be quick places
will fill up fast!**

**A lovely family photo to give
family and friends!**

Colgate Fundraiser

Thank you to those that have collected for
colgate! We have sent of **5.5kgs** in total!
Fantastic effort!
Please keep collecting all year round!



Be sure to **Vote DAILY** until September 30th
[https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/
contests/colgategardenvoting](https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting)

Footy Tipping WINNERS!



1st: Lawrie O'Shea \$100

2nd: Clare Grainger \$50

3rd: Chris Lane \$20

*Thank you to those who
donated their winnings
back to the school*

Last Day of Term

**Friday 20th September
Soup & Roll for lunch
provided by the P&F
\$2 per serve**



PHOTO EXHIBITION

WHIMSICAL MORNINGS

– HANGING BY A THREAD

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**SAVE THE DATE
EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT
25th OCTOBER 6-9PM**



**SEE FLYER FOR FURTHER
DETAILS**

**SUBMISSION CLOSURE
DATE
7th OCTOBER**

**Next P&F Meeting Thursday 19th September, 9.15am, Staffroom.
All welcome!**

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PHOTO EXHIBITION LAUNCH
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

St Mary's Primary School is holding a community photo exhibition to raise money for a new interactive outdoor play area for the children.

"Whimsical Mornings - Hanging by a Thread"

The theme of the exhibition is the morning chaos, at times being of a humorous nature, getting children out the door for school. Invitations will be extended to the Castlemaine and surrounding communities to submit photos of their family experiences for display. We hope that the exhibition will help normalise these chaotic mornings and show that we are not alone when things don't go to plan!

To launch the exhibition we are holding a gala evening for people from the community. This will be an opportunity to promote local businesses. Each ticket will include grazing platters, 2 glasses of wine, beer or soft drink, access to the photo exhibition and entry in lucky door prize draws. A raffle will also be run in the lead up to the event to be drawn on the evening.

We would like to extend an invitation to your business to join in this community event.

We are asking for donations towards the grazing platters or raffle. Please specify your interest in the event by filling out the below;

Raffle Donation **Yes / No [please circle]**
If yes, please specify:

Produce Donation **Yes / No [please circle]**
If yes, please specify

Please return forms by fax or email per above letterhead.

The Parents & Friends committee of St Mary's Primary
School thanks you kindly for your consideration.



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Help your School raise funds this year and book your \$15 family photo today! Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place.

Family and Kids Photo Fundraiser
Go to the booking link below:
<https://www.visionportraits.com.au/family>
Password: fundraiser2019

\$15

Your photoshoot will be held at your school & includes one 10" x 13" photo and frame.

100% of your booking fee is fundraised for your School.

  @visionportraits



Bookings Now Open

Important information:

Our photographers capture fun, variety and those special family moments. Each session includes photos of different members of the family, children, parents, grandparents and relatives - whatever you request. Immediately after your photo session, you join one of our viewing consultants to view, choose favourites and select your fundraising print. Members of the community outside your organisation are encouraged to also book an appointment; their contribution will be donated to the hosting organisation.

Only 1 booking per family/group. Each person can only appear in one \$15 fundraising photo but can appear in all other photos in any session. If you miss your appointment or are late, your booking will be forfeited. Therefore, we recommend you arrive five minutes before your session starts. There are no refunds for no-shows or late bookings. However, take comfort in knowing that this money will still be donated to the hosting organisation's fundraising efforts.

On the day, we also offer opportunities to purchase additional photos in digital format and order professional prints. If you cannot make the date of this event and would love some photos, then please contact us directly on 03 8689 0033 for further information. Some schools only offer indoor or outdoor photo sessions so please check your online booking schedule.



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Registration @ **runthemaine.org**

COME FOR THE RUN, STAY FOR THE FUN!

Bumper Ball Relay • Run Bird Run • Food Trucks & Treats
Clubroom Bar • Kids Entertainment • MCs • Live Music
from 1.30 pm — 8.30 pm (check website for details)
Camp Reserve, Castlemaine | Free Entry

NEW TWILIGHT EVENT

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**SEE THE
MAGPIES
FLY**

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JUNIOR
FOOTBALL
LEAGUE**

**2019 GRAND
FINALS**

U12D 9.20 Saturday 14 September
Harry Trott Reserve Kennington

U16R 12.10 Sunday 15 September
Strathfieldsaye Main Oval


CASTLEMAINE FNC
MAGPIES


the
Bike Vault


THE
MILL
CASTLEMAINE

- CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY -

Castlemaine Library is hosting **children's educator Julie Davey** who will be facilitating two events for parents and primary-aged children in February, called *R is for Richlife* and *A is for Attitude*.

Below are brief descriptions of each event, and booking details – **both are free**.

R for Richlife

It's never too soon to consider what makes a rich life, how to manage money and how to manage without it. Author Julie Davey explores the money mindset and shares ways of looking after it so that it can look after you, with a little bit of the attitude of gratitude thrown in!

Best suited to children 8-12 years, and parents. Book sales and signings.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/julie-davey-r-for-richlife-a-presentation-for-kids-on-how-to-manage-money-castlemaine-tickets-52889369528>

A for Attitude

A special presentation for parents of young children from author/illustrator Julie Davey. Julie shares tools for the development of positive attitudes tackling everything from anger, fear and jealousy, to gossip, health and creativity. Simple, direct and refreshingly successful in fostering resilience.

Book sales and signings. **BOOKINGS REQUIRED.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/julie-davey-a-for-attitude-proven-tools-for-raising-resilient-children-castlemaine-tickets-52889077655>

Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Twilight Open Expo

Thursday 17 October 4:30pm - 8:30pm



Our Annual Twilight Open Expo provides an opportunity to view student work and speak with our staff and students.

Experience the amazing Year 8 & 9 projects, a culmination of the years' efforts, and meet with the student creators.

Stroll through an exhibition of outstanding Art and Technology works created by our senior students.

Year 8 - Making a Difference Displays

Year 9 - Project Expo

Year 10 - 12 - Art & Technology Exhibition

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Orders can be placed by Friday each week for following Tuesday pickup between 3 - 4pm at St. Mary's Hall, Cnr Lyttleton & Hargreaves St, Castlemaine

To place orders call:
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Shepherd's Pie w/ Steamed Veggies	\$12/18/34
Corried Beef/Mush/Vegetable/White Sauce	\$12/18/34
Curry Sausages & Rice	\$12/18/34
Vegetable Curry & Rice	\$12/18/34
Rissoles & Gravy/Mush/Vegetable	\$12/18/34
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$12/18/34
Carbonara	\$12/18/34
Vegetarian Bolognese	\$12/18/34
Meatloaf/Mush/Vegetable	\$12/18/34
Beef Lasagne	\$13/19/40
Vegetarian Lasagne	\$12/18/40
Roast Vegetable Frittata	\$15/28
Quiche: Pumpkin & Feta/Lorraine/Spinach & Feta	\$28
Soup: Pumpkin/Vegetable/Chicken & Corn	\$6
Apple Crumble/Sticky Date / Choc Brownie/ Bread & Butter Pudding	\$6

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- CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY -

Goldfields Libraries are very excited to welcome talented young performers from Stage School Australia to Castlemaine Library these school holidays.

They will be performing 'Suessical', a wonderful one hour adaption of the original Broadway musical based on the works of Dr Seuss. Enjoy Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Horton, Mayzie La Bird, Gertrude and more, along with fabulous songs.

Castlemaine Town Hall, Wed 25 Sep, 2-3pm - Free of charge.

Bookings: ph. 54721458, in person at Castlemaine library, or online at www.goldfieldslibraries.com

They will be performing 'Chicken Licken', a fantastic 45 minute pantomime introducing young children to the delights of live theatre. One day an acorn falls on chicken Licken's head and the naïve little chook thinks that "the sky is falling". Determined to tell the King, chicken Licken embarks on a journey meeting Henny Penny, Turkey Lurkey and more animal friends along the way.

Castlemaine Town Hall, Wed 25 Sep, 10.30-11.30pm - Free of charge.

Bookings: ph. 54721458, in person at Castlemaine library, or online at www.goldfieldslibraries.com

Tuesday, October 1st

A Time to Reflect:

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.
362 Albert St, East Melbourne**

10am – 3pm

www.trybooking.com/BECUT

Spirituality Day \$10

- On this day we take time to be still and reflect on our experience of mission.
- Loreto Sister, Rachel McLoughlin ably facilitates a process whereby lived experience, relationships and spirituality lead to a deeper understanding of mission.

Saturday, October 12th

A Time to Experience:

NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road

10am – 12pm

www.trybooking.com/BECUT

NGV Encounter \$30

- NGV educator, David Menzies, leads an exploration of the collection of the National Gallery of Victoria through the lens of mission.
- Join us as David takes us on guided tour of selected works which illustrate visual artists' various means of expressing the themes of mission.

Monday October 14th

A Time to Create:

**Dorm 1, Abbotsford Convent
1 St Helier St, Abbotsford**

10am – 3pm

www.trybooking.com/BECUT

Creative Writing

- Story-telling sits in the heart of our Gospel tradition.
- It is a means by which we come closer to God and share our mission.
- Join us in this workshop, led by Danielle Dominguez from CEM, when we can get our creative juices flowing, and produce works of prose, poetry and parables.
- Those who attend the NGV tour might like to reference the works chosen by David Menzies and be inspired to get writing!

TBC

A Time to Explore:

- The 71-year-old Australian missionary nun was accused of "illegal political activities" and deported from the Philippines.
- "It's all a shock", she says, "there's a real attack on Church people, standing by the poor and speaking out".
- Join in a conversation with Sion Sister, Pat Fox, as she shares her understanding and insights into mission.

Thursday, October 17th

A Time to Discern:

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

10am – 3pm

www.trybooking.com/BECUT

Plenary 2020

- This is a process of Communal discernment, rather than individual discernment.
- As such, we are called to work together as a group. The process you are going to engage with today is built upon the practice of Spiritual Conversations.
- It is a process of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction.
- Join Lana Turvey-Collins, National Facilitator of Plenary 2020.
- All are welcome to participate and discern together.



Wednesday, October 23rd

A Time to Pray:

**St Patrick's Cathedral
East Melbourne**

11am

Children's Mission Mass

- An open invitation to all schools to mark the Extraordinary Month of Mission by coming together at the Cathedral to celebrate our Catholic Identity and shared mission.

Sunday, October 20th

A Time to Celebrate:

All Parishes

World Mission Day Mass

- Celebrated on this day across the globe in Catholic Parishes everywhere.
- This year in his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes:
"People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn, they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love."

Thursday, October 24th

A Time to Pray:

**St Mary's Star of the Sea Church,
33 Howard St, West Melbourne**

6.30pm

<https://www.cam.org.au/youth/Get-Involved/Six30-Holy-Hour>

Six30 Holy Hour

- Six30 Holy Hour is a chance to pray and to meet other young people from around Melbourne while listening to beautiful music, insightful talks, and spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Syrian priest, Fr Zaher Mhanna, will lead the devotions and share his understanding of mission.



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Pope Francis'
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE • ST BRIGID'S, MALDON •
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SUNDAY 8th September 2019 – Year C

TWENTY-THIRD 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

Web: <http://stmmaryscastlemaine.com>

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

Today's readings:

Wisdom 9: 13-18

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33

Next Sunday readings:

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-32

Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your
servant, and teach me
your laws.
Alleluia!

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.*

*IF WE ARE TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
WE MUST TRUST HIM AND PLACE HIM
AT THE VERY CENTER
OF OUR BEINGS. JESUS NEVER COMES
"NEXT" HE IS ALWAYS FIRST.*

CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Wahid Riad PP

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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 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.

•MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

The August issue is now available:
"From The Heart"

Take home a copy today. \$4 each.

Free SOUP KITCHEN

Every Wednesday from
5pm-6.30pm in the Buckley Room.
All help is welcome.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Saturday

Reconciliation Castlemaine 5.15pm

Vigil Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

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

Second Sunday of the Month

Mass: Newstead 6.00pm

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Mass: Sandon 6.00pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Everyone of you who does not
renounce all his possessions cannot
be my disciple." – Luke 14:33*

When we first hear this statement,
it seems that Jesus is making an
unrealistic demand upon us.

How can we renounce all of our
possessions? We need them to live.
However what we must renounce is the
belief that they belong to us.

Everything that we have belongs to God
alone. All our resources are entrusted to
us not only for our own use, but also so
that we can help others. Once we
renounce the idea that we possess or are
entitled to anything, it is much easier to
share the many gifts God has given us.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Gregory Coyle.

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:	\$1065
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$1107
Direct Debit & Credit cards:	\$705
Pledged Amount:	\$1835

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2019

September 8, 2019

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks

Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

*CONFIRMATION

(For children in Grade 6 and upwards)

*Commitment Mass

Sunday 13th October: 10.30am Mass,
St Mary's

*Parent/Child Information Night

Tuesday 22nd October: 7pm, school library

*Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 24th November: 10.30am Mass,
St Mary's

Registrations forms for Sacraments are available from the Parish Office.

A donation of \$50 to cover costs of books, medals & certificates. Please contact the Parish office on 5472-1900.

A Prayer for Stronger

Communities, safer children.

Gracious God, you said

"let the children come to me."

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs.

Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you, God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.

Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience, build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children flourish and are safe. AMEN.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

•Tuesday 10th September

4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley Rm
6.00pm: Communion service, St Mary's

•Wednesday 11th September

9.15am: Communion service & Rosary, St Mary's

•Thursday 12th September

6.00pm: Communion service,
St Brigid's

•Friday 13th September

9.15am: Communion service & Adoration, St Mary's

Fr Wahid on Annual Leave

Fr Wahid is away on holidays from
Monday 2nd September to

Friday 20th September.

Fr Paul Castley will supply at weekend Masses and communion services will be held during the weekdays.

A Journey of Faith with

Fr Wahid Riad

A Pilgrimage of a lifetime to the Holy Land from: 11th-24th May 2020 with optional Israel extension
May 23rd-26th (prices on request).
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For more information contact:

Shereen on 9547-7598 or

0421-114-724

or Alan: 9792-4444. All welcome.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

15th September 2019

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm

Reader:

Bill Chapman

Ext Min Com: Ros Chapman

Marie McCallum

Trish Bowles

8.30am

Reader:

Marta Czehmester

Ext Min Com: Geoff McLennan

10.30am

Reader:

Pauline Kennedy

Ext Min Com: Julie Farrell

Mary Hein

LINEN ROSTER

SEPTEMBER: Julie Farrell

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday 9th September:

St Peter Claver

Thursday 12th September:

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday 13th September:

St John Chrysostom

Saturday 14th September:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

•St Mary's School P & F dates for September

Wednesday 18th September:

Twilight Sports – 2.00pm

THANK-YOU

For your generous giving to the
CatholicCare Sunday Appeal.

We raised: \$557