



Newsletter

Term 4, Issue 9

Thursday, December 6th, 2018

TERM DATES

December Thursday 6th	School Assembly 2:45pm	Tuesday 18th	Final Day of School 12:30 Assembly 1:30pm Family Picnic Lunch Buses running normal time
Sunday 9th	Parish Family Mass - <i>All school invited</i> Morning tea to follow	Wednesday 19th Thursday 20th	Numeracy Testing - <i>Booking Required</i>
Tuesday 11th	P & F Meeting - Saffs 9:15am Transition Day - Sacred Heart College and St. Mary's Transition Day	January Wednesday 30th Thursday 31st	Literacy Testing - <i>Booking Required</i>
Monday 17th	Whole School Graduation Mass - 6:00pm Youth and Recorder Group Carols - (Busking outside Target) - 9:10am <i>Parents welcome!</i>	February 1st	Students resume full-time



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.

"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" - [John 20:29](#)

Faith



Love





Congratulations to the following students:

Respectful Award: Madeleine Lane

Responsible Award: Spencer Grainger

Resilient Award: Adeeng Yai

Principal Award: Janae Gray & Niamh Keane

Wonder Award: Ryan Mulholland

Believe Award: Evie Morse

Persevere Award: Caitlin Bracken

Create Award: Will Thoma

Happy Birthday to: Marcus O'Brien, Adeeng Yai, Will Thoma,
Lachlan Drohan & Mrs. Watts

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St. Mary's,

Advent is the season of new beginnings, a season of longing and light. It is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ: past, present and future. As we wait for and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, we hope and give thanks for Christ's presence within us and in the world and in the sacraments, and we look to the future, waiting for Christ to come again.

The Advent wreath is another way to enter into the prayerfulness of the Advent season. The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches containing four candles (three violet and one rose) and another (white) candle in the centre. The circular shape symbolises the life of God, who is without beginning or end, and the greenery represents the ever-fresh offer of God's love to us.

The second Sunday of Advent symbolises Faith and Love. We light the 'Bethlehem Candle' (violet) to remind us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

We are blessed here in Australia to have Advent heralded by the colour of jacarandas, with their beautiful violet blooms, which is the liturgical colour of Advent. Advent is a time marked by prayer, fasting, good works and generosity towards others, especially the poor. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful.

In the spirit of Christmas our children shared their talents with our local community at the Senior Citizen's dinner on Tuesday where they performed some of the acts from our production, 'Safari'. Our Prep-One children portrayed the story of Christmas beautifully. We hope that the guests enjoyed their lunch and the gifts of our children.

As we come to the end of yet another year, we begin to look forward to the coming of the next. May Tuesday's student orientation morning bring a sense of hope for all our students and the blessing of new beginnings.



St. Mary's Newshounds

Congratulations to year 5-6 on their great achievement at the recent Newshounds awards. Our students won the People's Choice Award as well as the Best Overall Design. Thank you to Billy, Gracie and Amelia for attending the presentation on Saturday and for accepting these awards on their classes behalf.



Keyboard Showcase

It was great to see our parents and friends of our keyboard students enjoy the concert on Wednesday. Thank you to Craig for teaching the children and congratulations to you all for your great progress over the year children!



Senior Citizens Lunch

Our children connected with our Senior Citizen's on Tuesday at the annual Christmas Luncheon held in St. Mary's Hall. Year 5-6 baked biscuits and assisted setting up the tables and serving the food. In the spirit of Christmas our children shared their talents as they performed some of the acts from our production, 'Safari'. Our Prep-One children portrayed the story of Christmas beautifully.

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Food Truck and Movie Night

Our families and friends enjoyed a lovely evening on Friday eating delicious food, playing on the oval, talking and watching Elf the movie. It was a relaxing and happy event. Local Businesses provided tasty meals and we thank:

KT's (Coffee & Vegetarian/Vegan food)

Wark Clark (Thai Food)

Skips Soft Serve Ice Cream (Leanne Williams)

Tasty J's (Street food)

Harcourt Lions Club (Projector)

Little Miss Face Painting

Our thanks also to Carolynne and Kari for organising the night and to Jodi Tolevski who was a super help as were, Heather and Mark Chapman. Thanks also to our wonderful community and friends for coming along to support our school. We made a profit of \$640.00 which will contribute to the cost of the seating for our bird and butterfly sanctuary:)



Year 2-3 Oral Presentations

Our Year 2-3 students have recently given their oral presentations about an area of health. Congratulations to all of the children on their fine effort in researching, compiling and presenting their chosen topic. You all did a splendid job!

Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary Update

This area is looking great with the addition of the retaining walls and soil. The seating has arrived and we need some help assembling the bench seats. If you can assist any time over the next week please contact Stacey Kelly on 0413 624 304. Thank you:}



Minnie Vinnies November Silver Coin Drive

Thank you from the Minnie Vinnies team for their great leadership with this. The children enjoyed the challenge of adding up all of the coins and we are very happy to have raised \$130.30!

Going Up Day

Your children will all go into their 2019 classes on Tuesday morning, December 11th from 9.00am until 11.00 am. Your children will come to school as per usual however they will spend the first two hours in their 2019 class.

Numeracy & Literacy Testing

Please book in your timeslot as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Children's reports and learning journals will be given out at the completion of their numeracy testing on Wednesday or Thursday.



Our Camp Policy is up for Review

Thank you for your responses and contributions to this process. After taking into consideration your feedback and the needs of our children the PSAC supported the recommendation that our students participate in overnight camps from year 4 in 2019. The Year 4-6 classes will have an urban camp experience next year. There is strong support that our Year Prep to Year Three children would benefit from day excursions and an on campus team building alternative program while our senior school is on camp. When I have drafted our updated Camp policy I will share it with you for your feedback.



Watering Roster

Thank you to those who are able to assist us watering over the holidays. If you are able to assist could you please email me on: principal@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au with the dates you are available between December 26th and January 26th. If we get enough people you may only need to be rostered on once. When I complete the roster I will send out instructions. Thank you very much in anticipation of your assistance.



SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

A school Family Mass will be held at the St. Mary's Church on Sunday the 9th of December at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Christmas Party



Fr. Wahid is opening his home on Wednesday December 12th from 7pm for a Parish Community Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome! Just bring along a plate of food to share and come along and enjoy yourselves.



St. Mary's Code Red Days

Schools and early childhood services that have been identified as being at high fire risk and on the Department's [bushfire at-risk register](#) will close on days determined Code Red by the Emergency Management Commissioner.

Schools and early childhood services not on the Department's bushfire at-risk register will remain open, unless directly threatened by fire or another emergency.

Where possible, four to seven days' notice of a planned closure will be provided.

Parents and carers should expect that in some instances fewer than four days' notice may be provided.

Once a Code Red day has been determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner this decision will not change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help your family plan for how your children will be cared for when their school or early childhood service is closed.

Advice will be provided to you directly by your school or early childhood service.

When a school or early childhood service is closed due to a Code Red day determination, no staff will remain on site and all out-of-school care programs (including vacation, before and after school programs) will not operate.

Given that St. Mary's is on the Bushfire at Risk register, on code red days' children should not come to school. Our Emergency Management Plan may be viewed from our school website. You will be notified via flexibuzz on code red days. In preparation for the summer and fire danger period we recommend that you download [Your Guide to Survival](#) and the planning template from the CFA website. You may also be interested in attending any scheduled fire ready meetings being held locally.



Garlic for Sale

The children harvested a bumper crop of garlic and have prepared braids and bunches for sale which are in the front foyer.

"The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth -- the very thing the whole story has been about." -- C.S. Lewis

Kind regards,
Bronwyn Phillips (Principal)



Harvest prayer

A time for reflection during "harvest festival" celebrations.

Dear God,

Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy.

With sunny days and rainy days,
our crops grow larger,

Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.

Thank you for all of the food we have to eat,

Let us remember people who may
not have enough.

Help us to be kind to others in our thoughts,
words and deeds.



Amen



Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon . . .





Food Truck & Movie Night . . .

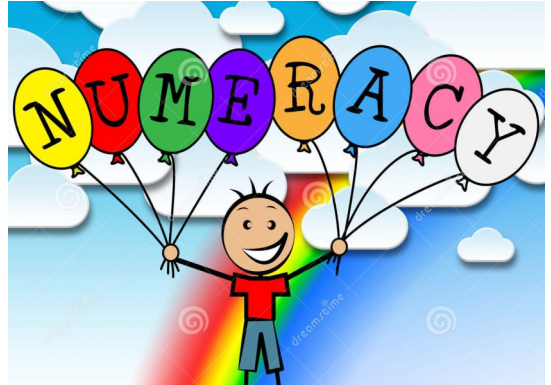
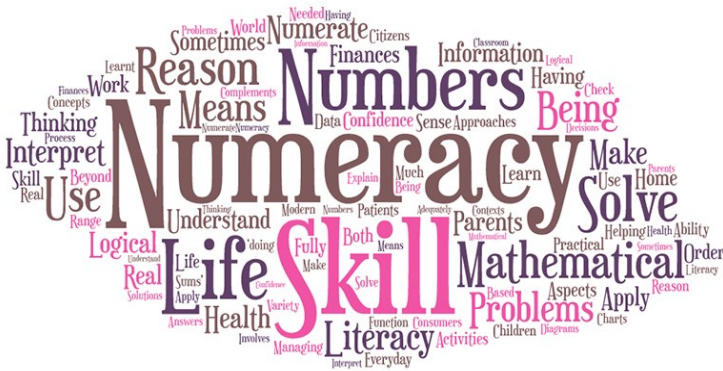




NUMERACY TESTING

WEDNESDAY, 19TH & THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2018

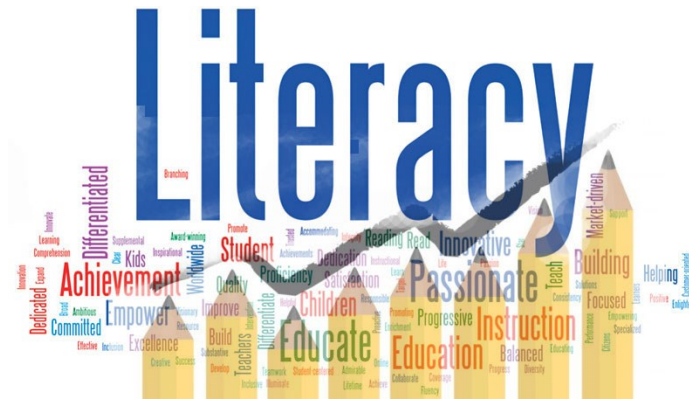
Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use code: **jqje2** to login and make an appointment time with your child's 2019 teacher.



LITERACY TESTING

WEDNESDAY, 30TH & THURSDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 2019

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use code: **xz3zm** to login and make an appointment time with your child's 2019 teacher.





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.**



FIRE DANGER RATING

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 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 or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



Tuesday 11th December – P&F Meeting, Saffs Café, 9.15am

Friday 14th December – Ladies Night- Empyre Boutique Hotel, 7pm

*** SAVE THE DATE* - 12 noon Sunday 24th March 2019, St Mary's Long Lunch**

St Mary's Food Truck Friday & Outdoor Cinema

Thank you to those that came along and enjoyed this night! Was loads of fun even though the wind speed wasn't quite on our side and the cinema moved inside. Thank you to the helpers on the night and also to the grade 5/6's that handed out flyers down the street!

Ladies Night

The next Ladies Night to be held on Friday 14th December 7pm at The Empyre Boutique Hotel – 68 Mostyn Street, C/Maine.

BRING A FRIEND ALONG!

For new parents at the school the P&F has a private Facebook Group set up to stay up to date, ask any questions you may have or even if you're unsure what uniform is to be worn!!

**Search for
Ladies of St Mary's PS
on Facebook!**

St Mary's Long Lunch

Save the Date Sunday 24th March 2019. An event to showcase our school, the focus of sustainability, a chance to relax, and enjoy a long lunch. Stay tuned for more information. We are seeking volunteers for the event. If you are interested in helping organise the event and/or on the day please email Kari on ckaldrige@bigpond.com

P&F 2019

As the year comes to an end the Committee are looking forward to welcoming new members next year. Please give this some consideration, we have a wonderful group of mums that have worked well together to help improve things around the school or organise fun events for the children. There will be an AGM at the beginning of 2019 to decide roles. Please come along even if you cannot stay for entire meeting or cannot come every month any time you have is greatly appreciated.

**Merry Christmas & a Safe
New Year to everyone!**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11th December 9.15am SAFFS CAFÉ, Mostyn St, Castlemaine**. We encourage all new parents and friends to join us!!



Community News . .



**CATHERINE
McAULEY
COLLEGE**

Mrs Audra Petri
College Registrar
apetri@cmc.vic.edu.au
03 5449 3466

Information for Schools | Year 7, 2019

Parent Information Evening

McAuley Square, Coolock Campus - McIvor Highway, Junortoun
Parents are to park in the Coolock Visitor and Staff Carparks

Monday 3 December 2018 | 6.30 – 7.30pm

PROGRAM

- 6.30pm Arrival – please be seated in McAuley Square
- 6.35pm Welcome, Mr Tim Edwards, Deputy Principal - Coolock Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer
- 6.45pm Pastoral Care Structure/Learning Mentors Curriculum Activities Program Pastoral Planning Day Camp Expectations Schoolbox and Parent Access Module (PAM) Questions
- 7.15pm Farewell and parent viewing of class lists

Orientation Day

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Students visit Catherine McAuley College and spend the day as a Year 7 student. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

TRANSPORTATION

Students from Bendigo Catholic Primary Schools will be transported to and from their Primary school. **Please provide one staff member to supervise the bus.**

Students will be picked up from their primary school at approximately 9.10am and returned to their primary school from 2.30pm onwards.

Students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Elmore and St Mary's Castlemaine who wish to travel on the country bus network are asked to register with Mrs Audra Petri, College Registrar & Office Manager apetri@cmc.vic.edu.au.

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WHAT TO BRING

- Small bag or backpack with morning tea and a drink bottle
- Pencil case with a pen and pencil
- Barbecue lunch provided, however, children are welcome to bring their own lunch if preferred

PROGRAM

- 9.30am Welcome
- 10.00am Class experience 1
- 10.50am Recess
- 11.15am Class experience 2
- 12.05pm Class experience 3
- 12.55pm Barbecue Lunch
- 1.35pm Class experience 4
- 2.25pm All Year 6 students assemble in McAuley Square
- 2.30pm Students dismissed to parents or bus transport

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- If a student has an aide, please arrange for him/her to attend with your child.
- If a student has anaphylaxis, diabetes or any other medical condition that requires particular attention, please ensure that he/she brings the necessary medication and action plans.



**Castlemaine
XMAS
Blue Light Disco**

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER
4-6PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$6 ENTRY
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CONTACT CASEY BELL - CASEYVBELL@GMAIL.COM



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Transition Update: Year 7, 2019

Year 7 Booklist	Booklist items can now be purchased from Campion Education. All orders to be completed online at www.campion.com.au using the Catherine McAuley College access code: MK2T . There are two ways you can receive your orders. Campion are providing free home delivery for all orders made by 7 December 2018. Alternatively, you can collect your order from Coolock Campus on Thursday 31 January 2019.
Uniform	College uniform is available at Bolton's 57 Williamson St, Bendigo VIC 3550. Brimmed navy hat with College crest is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. Bolton's will have made contact with you to arrange a fitting time.
Parent Information Evening	Catherine McAuley College, McAuley Square, Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun Monday 3 December 2018 6.30 – 8pm This evening provides key 2019 information for parents. Your child is welcome to attend, but not required. No booking required.
Orientation Day	Catherine McAuley College, Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun Tuesday 4 December 2018 9.30am – 2.30pm The intention of Orientation Day is for students to familiarise themselves with day-to-day life at Catherine McAuley College. Transport will be arranged for all students travelling from Catholic Primary Schools. When students arrive they will be directed to meet in McAuley Square, by 9.30am to start the day.
Pastoral Planning Day	Catherine McAuley College, Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun Thursday 31 January 2019 9am – 5pm Pastoral Planning Day is designed as a welcome for all students of our College. Each student will have a 20-minute meeting to ensure they are all set for their first day on Friday 1 February. More details, including booking arrangements, will follow later this year.
Term 1 begins	Catherine McAuley College, Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun Friday 1 February 2019
Opening Mass	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo Tuesday 19 February 2019 Parents are warmly invited to join us for Opening Mass, our first whole College gathering for 2019. Year 7 students will walk into the cathedral in procession with the Year 12 students.
Year 7 Welcome Evening	Catherine McAuley College, Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun Tuesday 26 February 2019 6pm Welcome Mass followed by short information sessions about Year 7 Camps, College life and student management services.
Year 7 Camps	Week of Monday 4 – Friday 8 March 2019 Your child will be advised of their group and exact dates in Term 1. Camps are three days and two nights in duration.

BOOK LAUNCH Castlemaine Library

**Saturday, 8th December
10:30am**

The Happy Flap is a children's picture book (aged 3-10 years). It teaches children a valuable life skill by helping them build emotional resilience. It is particularly helpful when children are stuck in a bad mood and they don't know why.

THE HAPPY FLAP



Shannon Schultz • Eia Haddock



Transition Update 2 | Year 7, 2019

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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)
Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun

Bookings & Enrolment Enquiries: Audra Petri, College Registrar
☎ 5449 3466 ✉ info@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au

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Over the Moon SUMMER SCHOOL

7-9 JANUARY 2019

AGE 3.5-5

9am-10:15am \$60

Ballet
Creative
African song & dance
Bollywood
Art & craft



AGE 5-8

9am-11:30am \$100

Jazz
Ballet
Contemporary
Creative
Acro
Bollywood
Art & craft



AGE 9-12

11:30am-5pm \$165

Ballet
Jazz
Contemporary
Creative
Acro
Bollywood
Korean-inspired choreography
& contemporary
Repertoire
5Rhythms



GUEST TEACHERS:

KYALL SHANKS
AMBER RICHES
JULIA ROBINSON
SOO YEUN YOU
PARVYN SINGH
BRI FARROW
SHANNON FARROW

OTM TEACHERS:

THAIS SANSOM
ROSIE LEVERTON
BELINDA PREST

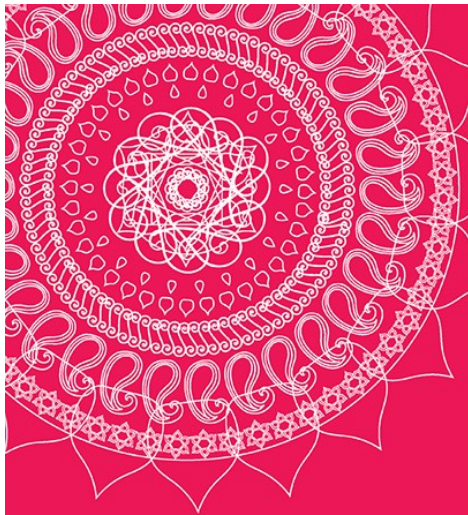
AGE 13+

10:00am-5pm \$190

Ballet
Jazz
Contemporary
Creative & yoga
Acro
Bollywood
Korean-inspired choreography
& contemporary
Repertoire
Pas de deux
5Rhythms



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For further information email enquiries@overthemoonstudio.com



During the Celebration day for Girls I was able to connect with many girls whom I soon befriended.

Rachel made me feel comfortable in, as you would say, my own skin. It was not only fun & enjoyable it has set me up for the next part of my life.

- Kyah (11 years)

My daughter was having such a turbulent time in her life & nothing I did seemed to reach her or ease her struggle. By engaging in the Celebration for Girls day with Rachel she really found her self confidence & is at ease in her mind & body. Our relationship reformed & has continued to strengthen. I couldn't recommend the experience more, it was transformative.

- Claire (Mum)

My daughter went from being timid, unsure & nervous before the Celebration day, to confident, strong & very self assured afterwards. The day was Wonderful.

- Ella (Mum)

In 2000, Jane Bennett launched **Celebration Day for Girls**. Its popularity has seen it spread internationally with over 100 trained facilitators in 11 countries. Several thousand mothers and daughters have benefited from **Celebration Day**.

Celebration Day for Girls™



For girls 10–12 years and their mothers

Do you remember what your first period was like?

How would you like this experience to be for your daughter?

Celebration Day for Girls is a special day for you and your daughter to celebrate the significant threshold of puberty and menarche (a girl's first period).

This mother-daughter workshop prepares you and your daughter with positive information, fun activities and supportive discussions around menstruation.

Celebration Day supports girls to have a positive outlook towards how they look, think and feel at this stage of their lives. Empowering them to be happier, more resilient and confident young women.



2019 Workshops in Central Victoria

Sunday February 17th

Sunday May 5th

Sunday July 14th

Sunday October 20th

Facilitated by Rachel Pilgrim
Contact 0430 450 967
Rachel.pilgrim@yahoo.com

Bookings at Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.com.au
www.celebrationdayforgirls.com

Educating & Empowering Girls

Fr. Wahid is opening his home on Wednesday December 12th from 7pm for a Parish Community Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome! Just bring along a plate of food to share and come along and enjoy yourselves.



St. Mary's, with St. Vincent de Paul, are having a community Christmas Luncheon on Christmas Day at St. Mary's Hall.

12:00-2:00pm

Everybody is very welcome.

Please R.S.V.P. on 5470 6091 and leave a message, or ring Juliet on 0422 344907.

Please pass on this invite to anyone who may be spending Christmas on their own or who would like to join others and share the Christmas cheer.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

St Mary's, Castlemaine
St Brigid's, Maldon
St Anne's, Newstead
St Laurence's, Sandon

P.O. Box 151,
Castlemaine 3450
Phone: (03) 5472 1900
Fax: (03) 5470 5809

November 27th, 2018

Dear Friends,

St Mary's and the Catholic Parish of Castlemaine, in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul, are organising a Christmas Luncheon on Christmas day for the Castlemaine and surrounding communities.

We are hoping that you will be able to extend this invitation to those in your community who would like to join us. Everyone is welcome, whether with friends, family or on their own to join in the Christmas cheer.

This lunch will be assisted by volunteers and families who will join in with the celebrations. There will be no charge and it will be a non-alcoholic event.

Please find enclosed flyer for further details, and please do not hesitate to contact Juliet on 0422 344 907 if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wahid

Parish Priest
Catholic Parish of Castlemaine

Juliet Guy

President of St. Mary's Conference
St. Vincent de Paul, Castlemaine



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Come and join us as we celebrate
Christmas together**



**When: Christmas Day
Wednesday, 25th December**

**Where: St. Mary's Hall
Cnr. Hargraves & Lyttleton Streets**

Time: 12:00 - 2:00pm

**R.S.V.P. 5470 6091 - please leave a message
or email castlemaine@cam.org.au**

**This is a non-alcohol free event and is being
organised by St. Mary's Parish and
St. Vincent de Paul,
together with several local entities for all in
the community.**





CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

SUNDAY 2nd December 2018 – Year C
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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.

Columban Art Calendars

Now available for sale. \$10 each.

GARABANDAL MEETING

Our next meeting is on

Monday 3rd December at 7.30pm at
19A Duke street, Castlemaine.

Enquiries, Trish Bowles on 5472-2702

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Sunday

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

Tuesday

Castlemaine 6.00pm

Wednesday

Castlemaine 9.15am

Thursday

Maldon 6.00pm.

Friday

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

*"But when these signs begin to
happen, stand erect and raise your
heads because redemption is at
hand." – Luke 21:28*

We celebrate Advent each year in
preparation of the birth of Jesus.

His first coming, as we
await his second coming.

In this Advent season, use the
sacrament of Reconciliation to
strengthen your relationship with
Jesus. It's never too late.

Today's readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

1Thessalonians 3: 12 -4:2

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Next Sunday readings:

Baruch 5: 1-9

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy
and love, and grant
us your salvation.
Alleluia!

FORTITUDE

*'Resolve to be steeped in one book, the
Gospel, and to be inspired by one ideal,
the life of Jesus Christ'*

To exploit people in order to advance
your personal interests is
unworthy of a leader. You will be a
worthy leader only if you do not distance
yourself from the people, but rather if
you mix with them and are even willing
to risk your life for their sake.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

St Francis Xavier: 3rd December

St John Damascene: 4th December

St Nicholas: 6th December

St Ambrose: 7th December



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Bob Crigan, Michael Gervasoni.

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:	\$923
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$1081
Direct Debit & Credit cards:	\$450
Pledged Amount:	\$1835

Melbourne's World of Youth

At Home

Who for? Young Catholics aged 16-35

When? 20-27 January 2019

Where? PGL Campaspe Downs, Kyneton

An amazing week at Home at the same time as World Youth Day in Panama – Central America.

Cost? Around \$500

The first 2 young people who contact Fr Wahid to register get a subsidy of \$250 each. Our parish is keen to send as many young people to this great event. Please ring Fr Wahid as soon as possible on 0419-511-064.

THANK-YOU

for your generous donation to the annual Collection for the Deaf. We raised \$436

Catholicism – A Journey to

The Heart of the Faith

Bishop Robert Barron's ground breaking ten-part documentary series about the Catholic Faith.

Not to be missed by anyone. Catholic or not. Continues next Tuesday 4th December at 7.00pm in the Buckley room.

Week 8: "A Vast Company of Witnesses":

The Communion of Saints.

All welcome.

Senior Citizens Annual Concert

Our annual Senior Citizens Christmas afternoon tea & concert will be on

Tuesday 4th December, at 12noon at St Mary's Hall.

Please put your name on the list in the Church foyer if you would like to come and indicate if you have any dietary requirements or need transport.

End of Year Parish BBQ

The Parish will be having an end of year BBQ on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm in the Presbytery.

Please bring a sweet or salad to share. Everybody is very welcome.

Christmas Luncheon

Our Parish together with St Vincent de Paul are having a community Christmas Luncheon on Christmas day at St Mary's Hall at 12noon.

Everybody is very welcome. Please RSVP on 5470-6091 and leave a message or see Fr Wahid.

Please pass on this invite to people who may be spending Christmas on their own or who would like to share the Christmas cheer.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

● Tuesday 4th December
12noon: Senior citizens afternoon tea & concert, St Mary's Hall
4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley rm
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's
7.00pm: Catholicism- A Journey to the Heart of the Faith
● Wednesday 5th December
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's
11.00am: Mass at Thompson House
7.30pm: Charismatic Prayer meeting, Buckley room

● Thursday 6th December
6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's
● Friday 7th December
9.15am: Mass of Anointing of the sick & Elderly, St Mary's

● Mass at Thompson House

Our final monthly Mass for the year is on Wednesday 5th December at 11.00am. All residents & families are very welcome to celebrate with us.

● Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Our final Prayer Meeting for the year, led by the Bendigo Prayer Group, is on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Buckley Room. All welcome.

● Mass of Anointing of the sick & Elderly

St Mary's: Friday 7th Dec at 9.15am. It is a wonderful and powerful Sacrament of Healing for the sick and senior parishioners. All welcome!!

● A Special Family Mass for

Christmas at Sandon

This year we are celebrating Christmas at Sandon Church on Sunday 23rd December at 6pm. All are welcome especially the Community of Newstead & Sandon.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

9th December 2018

SECOND SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

6.00pm

Reader: David Brennand
Ext Min Com: Ros Chapman
Marie McCallum
Tricia Barrett

8.30am

Reader: Luke Barry
Ext Min Com: Beth Fitzpatrick

10.30am

Reader: Justin Shortal
Ext Min Com: Betty Morris
Julie Farrell
Louisa Gildea

LINEN ROSTER

DECEMBER: Marie McCallum

CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMETABLE

Parish Reconciliation Services

St Mary's: Tuesday 18th December
6.00pm

St Brigid's: Thursday 20th December
6.00pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Monday 24th December

St Mary's:

Carols 5.30pm

Family Mass 6.00pm

Carols 9.30pm

Midnight Mass 10.00pm

St Brigid's:

Carols 7.30pm

Family Mass 8.00pm

Christmas Day: Tuesday 25th December
St Mary's:
Mass 9.30am