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Newsletter

Term 4, Issue 1

Friday October 11th, 2019

TERM DATES			
October Sunday, 13th	Confirmation Commitment Mass - 10:30am and Lucas Davis & Sebastian Salvatore - First Communion	Saturday, 26th - Monday, 28th	Photo Exhibition - Sat, Sun, Mon - 10:00am - 1:00pm
Monday, 14th	Prep Health Assessments	November Friday, 1st	Prep/1 Kickball
Tuesday, 15th	Prep 2020 Interviews	Monday, 4th	School Closure - Report Writing Day
Tuesday, 22nd	Confirmation Information Evening - 7:00pm	Tuesday, 5th	MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY
Thursday,24th	Walk, Scoot, Ride to School - Breakfast 8:00am	Monday, 11th	Gr. 5/6 BlastCricket
Friday, 25th	St. Mary's Grazing Platter Night & Photo Exhibition Launch - 5:30pm	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.





Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of *diversity*; We acknowledge that human *diversity* is an expression of your manifold love for your creation; enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love, Amen.



Congratulations to the following students:

Principal's Award: Patrick Leathem, Oliver Grainger Respectful Award: Lewin Blanch, Samuel Aldridge

Responsible Award: Bianca Lawrence

Resilient Award: Miles Cheesman, Cullen Foreman

Wonder Award: Riley Boyd, Thomas Edwards, Ngor Lawal

Believe Award: Spencer Grainger

Persevere Award: Adeeng Yai, Charlie Inskip

Create Award: Madeleine Lane



to Gabby McCord and Max Lenan who celebrate their birthdays in October.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I hope that you have all enjoyed your two week break and that you feel ready to embrace Term 4!

I am very happy to be back at school after an intense but most worthwhile two weeks studying comparative theology, inter-faith dialogue, scriptural reasoning and Eucharistic hospitality at Vrije Universitest in south Amsterdam.

This study tour was the first focusing in this area in response to what we very well know; that Religion is transforming, pluralisation is a fact, it is happening and it is time when we are called to re-contextualise. Our school is indeed blessed with the diversity of multiraces, beliefs and faith backgrounds. I know that we are all dedicated towards respecting our cultural diversity.



As a staff we often question how we can both honour and include those of other faith backgrounds and with varied beliefs at the same time as maintaining our Catholic identity. This has been more challenging during this period when the Catholic church is under scrutiny.

As a staff and in partnership with you we aim to truly bear witness to our school's vision and mission. We actively respond to religious diversity, the aim of which is to build bridges across religions and traditions so that our school is a place of witness, openness, inclusion and dialogue and one where our Catholic identity is evident in a healthy and relevant way. Moreover, this will also support our students to grow up as understanding, respectful and tolerant citizens.

You may have read about the distressing news article about some young Jewish boys being mocked by other students in a Melbourne school. This is another reason why developing knowledge and understanding about the 'other' through inter-faith dialogue is critical.

In our roles we need to do our very best to deal with otherness so we are doing more than giving attention to pluralisation and secularisation. Critically, we want to build a theology of love, one that refuses the violence that may be committed by one against another, one that equips our children to be all that they can be to create compassionate and caring communities.



Our students sang beautifully at our beginning of term Mass where Fr. Wahid encouraged them to continue to do their best. We are hoping to see as many of you as possible on Sunday to support Sebastian and Lucas who are making their first communion. This is also a commitment Mass for the children receiving the sacrament of confirmation later this term.

There will be a morning tea after Mass. If you have time it would be lovely if you could bring a plate of food to share.



We are looking forward to working with you all again this term where collectively we hope to continue to make a positive difference in our children's lives.



YOUR PHOTOS WANTED by Friday 18th!

We 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 P&F have put a great deal of time into preparing for what will be a most memorable event. We would like all of our families represented in the photo exhibition so we hope that you can submit a photo by next Friday.

We also need volunteers to sell raffle tickets outside IGA between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Oct 16th. You can add your name to the roster in the front foyer or let Kari know if you are available. We would also welcome further donations for raffle prizes. Thank you for your support!

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

Prep Interviews

Fr. Wahid and myself are very happy to be meeting with our 2020 prep children and their parents next week over Monday and Tuesday. We have 14 preps enrolled for 2020. If you know anyone else who is interested in sending their children to our school in 2020 let them know that they need to submit their forms ASAP.

News from the Arts Hub

It is always a pleasure visiting the Arts Hub and hearing about the children's learning.

The children are beginning this term's drama unit where they are focusing on dramatising Indigenous stories. The year 4-5 children are pictured choosing their Indigenous story, they then read them. In visual arts our orange cow will be painted by the year 5-6 class with our school Indigenous symbol as well as other symbols.



The Dja Dja Wurrung country story will be painted on the wall near our vertical garden.

Widi volunteers her time on a Friday to assist with Indonesian lessons. Indonesian is her native language and the children gain great benefit from working with her.

Thank you Widi and Mrs. Byrnel

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Walk to School Month

Our children were inspired by Darren from the shire whose motivational talk at this week's assembly has given us extra incentive to take every opportunity to walk during this walk to school month. We hope to continue this habit which will support our overall health and well-being. Every step counts! Our enough distance to satisfy

our virtual walk goal of reaching Canberra which is 662 kms. We may even exceed this!

We encourage you to walk with your children either from home or from different points in the town. If this is not possible your children my walk the perimeter of our playground as many times as they can before the bell. In order to reach our target, we are aiming for 6kms each per week. Many will go beyond this. For every third walk by a parent or carer to school you will receive a free coffee voucher! Ready, set, go!!!









aim is to clock up





St. Mary's Chess Champs!

St. Marys has won a place in the Chess Victoria State Semi Finals. In accepting the invitation, we are participating in the Friday October 25th CV State Semi Finals, at Marcellin College in Melbourne.

We need some of you to drive the team. Lewin Blanch, Rohan Singh, Dylan Pozar, Jack Morelli, Hannah Cochrane, Patrick Leathem, Ngolueth Nyok & Henry Vandenberg all performed magnificently at our recent challenge and have

qualified to play in the state finals. Harry reported that we were on the top boards all day at the Mt. Alexander Challenge.

St. Marys P.S. came second overall and only by one game. They were one point behind the winner New Gisborne P.S. Congratulations to all of our chess players. What a fine achievement!

Speech Pathologist Hayley Millard

Unfortunately, Hayley is now unable to see children here at St. Mary's as she hasn't had enough people book in. You may contact Hayley directly on **0490460429** if you would like to arrange an appointment outside of school.

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.

Thank you to those of you who have already given us unwanted items.







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.

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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.

Find the P&F private group on Facebook - "Ladies of St Mary's PS"

Calendar Dates:-

- Wednesday 16th October Selling raffle tickets at Maxi IGA, **HELP NEEDED**
- Friday 25th October Launch Photo Exhibition launch, see *flyer* to be sent home & Next **LADIES NIGHT** at the launch!!
- Sunday 1st December Vision Portraits Fundraiser, St Mary's School

Raffle Tickets have gone home to families for our upcoming fundraiser additional tickets are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

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!

HELP NEEDED!!

We have booked a space at Maxi IGA to sell raffle tickets on Wednesday 16th October 9-3pm. If you can spare an hour or two to sit and sell tickets, please let Kari know (mob 0402076340) or add your name to the roster in the foyer of the school

Colgate Fundraiser

Thank you to those that have collected for Colgate! We have sent off <u>5.5kgs</u> in total! Fantastic effort! Please keep collecting all year round!



St Mary's finished **64th** out of 254 schools! Well done and keep collecting all year round so we can get higher up the ladder next year!

Request for Donations

With the upcoming photo exhibition we would be grateful for families to donate **HAMPER** items for raffle and lucky door prizes on the exhibition launch night on Friday 25th October 2019

Ideas for items may include, **pam- per** items such as;

Hand creams Sweets
Soaps Casmelics
Candles
Beauty products
Vouchers

Indulgent items such as;

Wine Biscuits
Chocolate Sweets
Preserves Tea/Coffee

A basket will be left in the foyer for collection. Thank you!

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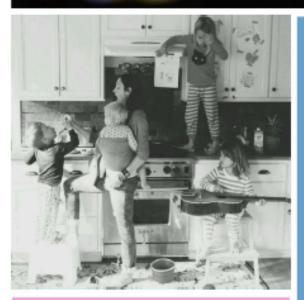
SEE FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

SUBMISSION CLOSURE DATE 18TH OCTOBER

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW TO GO INTO EARLY BIRD DRAW https://www.trybooking.com/bfpcz

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

PHOTO EXHIBITION WHIMSICAL MORNINGS - HANGING BY A THREAD



GETTING READY FOR THE DAY IS SOMETHING WE ALL HAVE TO DO. DOING THIS WITH CHILDREN IN TOW CAN BE A CHALLENGING AND WHIMISCAL TIME. THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO HAVE PARENTS AND CARERS RECOGNISE THAT WE ALL HAVE THE SAME CHALLENGES IN THE MORNING. THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE.

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH 6-9PM ST MARY'S HALL CASTLEMAINE \$15 PER HEAD

GOURMET GRAZING TABLE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT COMPLIMENTARY DRINK MINI GAMES - BRING YOUR COINS! RAFFLES & LUCKY DOOR PRIZES DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

EXHIBITION LAUNCH TICKETS https://www.trybooking.com/BFPCZ OR AT THE ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE OCTOBER 19TH TO GO IN OUR EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW



FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS A NEW INTERACTIVE OUTDOOR PLAY AREA FOR THE CHILDREN OF ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Find us on 🚯



CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE LAUNCH?

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN OVER THE WEEKEND

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH 10AM-4PM \$2 ENTRY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH 11AM-4PM \$5 ENTRY - MORNING / AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

MONDAY OCTOBER 28TH 9AM-2PM \$2 ENTRY DROP THE KIDS AT SCHOOL, THEN COME AND ENJOY THE EXHIBITION OVER A COFFEE

TEA & COFFEE FACILITIES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE EXHIBITION





Vision Portraits[.]



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: fundraise2019

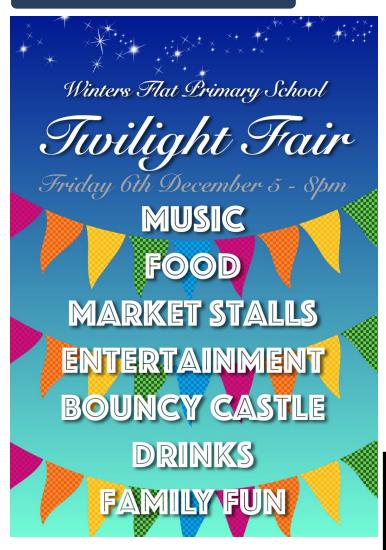
\$15

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.

¹¹ @visionportraits

Community News . . .



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.

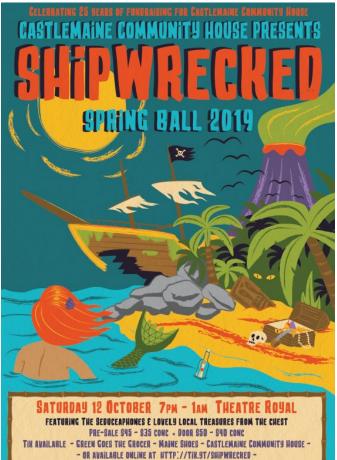
Year 8 - Making a Difference Displays Year 9 - Project Expo

Year 10 - 12 - Art & Technology Exhibition

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ADHD & Demand Avoidance Seminar

INFORMATION & STRATEGIES FOR ADHD, DEMAND AVOIDANCE (PDA) & OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOUR

Wangaratta - 17/08/19. Traralgon - 07/09/19. Bendigo - 19/10/19.

The Seminar will focus on a range of topics:

- Anxiety
- Behaviour
- Learning and Educational Strategies
- . Strategies for the home
- Meltdowns
- Diagnosi
- Emotional Regulation
- Understanding ADHD & Demand Avoidance
- Anger

Your speakers are:

Rebecca Perkins
Founder of My Special Child

Christina Keeble

Founder of Neuro-Divergent

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Parent and Carers Support Group

Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability, including but not limited to any of the following:

- · autism spectrum disorder
- developmental delay
- · sensory processing disorder
- · attention deficit disorder

Do you sometimes find it overwhelming, exhausting or isolating when caring for your child?

If so, we have set up a local support group in the Mount Alexander Shire for parents and carers who are just like us. Below please find details of our meetings for 2019. Please come along if you are interested in joining our group and feel free to pass the details of the group on to anyone you feel could benefit.

Venue: Castlemaine Community House

30 Templeton Street, Castlemaine

Classroom 1

Dates: Thursday 17 October

Thursday 21 November

Time: 7-8:30pm

RSVP Karen Evennett - 0420 841 129

Karen.evennett@gmail.com

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

6.00pm Castlemaine **Beconciliation** Castlemaine Saturday Vigil Mass:

8.30am 8.15am Reconciliation: Maldon Sunday Maldon Mass: 10.30am 6.00pm Castlemaine Castlemaine Tuesday Mass: Mass:

9.15am Castlemaine Wednesday Mass:

6.00pm. Thursday Maldon Mass:

9.15am Followed by Adoration Castlemaine Mass:

Friday

6.00pm Second Sunday of the Month Newstead

Fourth Sunday of the Month Sandon

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

'ove and self-control." - 2 Timothy 1:7 cowardice but rather of power and For God did not give us a spirit of

discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires only when we attend Mass or Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out

shopping, would your actions signal neighborhood party, at work or out to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord? The next time you are at a

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: (03) 5472 1900 Rev Wahid Riad PP Mobile: 9419 511 064 PARISH PRIEST

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Bronwyn Phillips Phone: (03) 5472 2270

Mon: 12-4pm, Wed: 10-4pm, Parish Office Manager Phone: (03) 5472-1900 Thurs: 10.30-3.30pm. Doreen Heagney

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

St.Mary's Hall are to be made through through Elaine Lecey on 0448 009 945. ST.BRIGID'S HALL - Bookings for ST.MARY'S HALL - Bookings for St.Brigid's Hall are to be made the Parish Office on 5472-1900.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC

Please take home your FREE copy today. The Spring Issue is now available: "Farrilly Life"

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

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IWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 6th October 2019 - Year C

Postal Address: PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, VIC, 3450 Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street, CASTLEMAINE, 3450

Phone: (03) 5472 1900

Web: http://stmaryscastlemaine.com Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

Today's readings:

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-9

Responsorial Psalm

The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given If today you hear his voice, to you, the Good News. harden not your hearts. Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!



Next Sunday readings:

2 Timothy 2: 8-13 2 Kings 5: 14-17 Luke 17: 11-19

Plenary Council Prayer

and a discerning heart to hear what you are Give us ears to listen humbly to each other Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Give us the grace to see your face in one Australia and guide us on the pilgrim Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. saying. Lead your Church into a another and to recognize Jesus, Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. hope-filled future, that we may our companion on the road. way of the Plenary Council.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. journey from age to age. AMEN. St. Mary McKillop, pray for us. live the joy of the Gospel.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

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

STEWARDSHIP

\$1835 Thank you and every blessing for \$889 £ \$907 your contributions last weekend Direct Debit & Credit cards: 1st Collection -Presbytery: 2nd Collection - Parish: Pledged Amount:

PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES TODAY. Your new set of Stewardship Envelopes is Stewardship program, please contact the We have spare sets of Envelopes – if you Envelopes are in Alphabetical order. would like to contribute to our now available for collection. Parish office on 5472-1900.

Blessings of all animals

creatures great and small for blessing we invite all in the Parish to bring all Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, On the occasion of the at all the Masses on the 5th & 6th October.

Public Square Rosary

Join us for a nationwide-Rosary chain on Saturday 12th October at 10.00am at Victory Park, Castlemaine. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION

(For children in Grade 6 and upwards)

Commitment Mass

St Mary's

Tuesday 22** October: 7pm, school library

Sunday 24th November: 10.30am Mass,

medals & certificates. Please contact the Parish A donation of \$50 to cover costs of books, Registrations forms for Sacraments are available from the Parish Office. office on 5472-1900. St Mary's

touch up on the Church in Castlemaine (roof lot in the past 5 years and there is still much and painting areas needed). There is always also in time and talent shared in our Parish wonderful parishioners and I am proud to be your Parish Priest. We have achieved a ongoing maintenance around the parish to do. We are about to do some minor life. I thank you so much. You are all with 4 Churches and 3 Halls.

Church history, we need your support and In these challenging times in our love more than ever. To meet our Parish needs in our weekly giving, our target is \$1,000 in the first collection (Presbytery Envelopes) and \$2,000 in the second

Wednesday 16th October at 7.30pm in

Our next Healing Mass is on

All welcome!

St. Mary's Church, Castlemaine.

There is power in the name of Jesus.

our Church today.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

Sunday 13th October: 10.30am Mass, Parent/Child Information Night

Mass & Rosary, St Mary's

9.15am:

7.15pm: Parish Pastoral Council

Sacrament of Confirmation

Stewardship Letter from Fr Wahid

Dear Parishioners,

giving and support of the Parish. It is truly I wish to thank you all for your generous Greeting & Blessings to you all. ppreciated!

Our giving is not just in money but

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Come and see the power of

Jesus heals today!

the Holy Spirit working in

10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Sunday 13th October at

collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes).

May God Bless You All Abundantly and give you back a hundredfold for your generosity and love.

St. Mary's Church on Monday 7th

Helpers needed to clean

WORKING BEE

October at 9am. Thank-you.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Presbytery Tuesday 8th October 6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's

Wednesday 9th October

Ext Min Com: Ros Chapman Liz Carthew Reader:

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY

13th October 2019

IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Marie McCallum Tricia Barrett

8.30am

Thursday 10th October

6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's

Judy & Norm Madigan Ext Min Com: Geoff McLennan Reader

10.30am

9.15am: Mass & Adoration, St Mary's

Friday IIth October

Mass of Anointing of the sick

St Brigid's: Sunday 6th October at

8.30am Mass

Annie O'Shannnessy Ext Min Com: Betty Morris Reader

Trish Bowles

Bernadette Mayne

LINEN ROSTER Ros Brennand OCTOBER:

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT

MASS AND FIRST HOLY

HOUSING JUSTICE FORUM

Mass of Confirmation Commitment and

First Holy Communion

of our children on

All are welcome to this special

COMMUNION

Community Centre, Mechanics Lane, 6.30-9.30pm at the Senior Citizens Thursday 10th October 2019 from You are all invited to attend the share in the conversation about Castlemaine. Please come and the lack of affordable housing Housing Justice Forum on please contact Caroline on For further information, 0439-550-904 or in Castlemaine.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Juliet on 0422-344-907.

Wednesday 9th October at 7.15pm Our next meeting is on in the Presbytery.