



Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 4

Thursday May 21st, 2020



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

Wonder • *Persevere* • *Believe* • *Create*
Respect • *Responsibility* • *Resilience*

TERM DATES

May Monday, 25th	All Staff Resume Onsite	Monday, 8th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 26th	Prep, Gr. 1, Gr. 2 & Gr. 3 Resume School Onsite Learning	Tuesday, 9th	Gr's 4, 5 & 6 Resume School Onsite Learning
	Collection Day - Gr's 4, 5 & 6		
June Thursday, 4th	Staff Report Writing Day	Monday, 22nd	Reports sent home
Friday, 5th	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Mental Wellness for all	Friday, 26th	End of Term 2:30pm finish time - Buses will run to earlier finish time



For forty days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God's kingdom.

While he was still with them, he said: "John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in the world." After Jesus had said this and while they were watching, he was taken up into a cloud. They could not see him, but as he went up, they kept looking up into the sky.

Suddenly, two men dressed in white clothes were standing there beside them. They said, "Why are you standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go."

Acts 1:3-4, 8-11

Sunday is Ascension Day, a day of great joy. While we do not see Jesus with our eyes, we know that he is still with us. Perhaps we do see Jesus whenever we look at another person with eyes of faith and love. Jesus is closer to us than we are to each other.

Also, on Sunday the followers of the Islamic faith will mark the end of the month long fast of Ramadan. They begin to celebrate the holiday of Eid al Fir. It is important for us to continue to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue as we can learn from and with each other in an ever changing world.

Dear Families,

Believe it or not, we are now beyond the halfway point of our term. Before we know it we'll be on holidays again!

I'd firstly like to acknowledge just how well the students represented St Mary's online on the video conference with George Ivanoff. I had the opportunity to speak with him afterwards and he was ecstatic by how engaged and enthusiastic everyone was in an online environment. It's an absolute credit to you!

We're about to embark upon another chapter of significant change together. Change is challenging, it's uncertain and quite stressful. However, it can be an opportunity for great success and celebration. With careful planning and consideration, we will succeed together.

Returning to Onsite Learning:

We are all very excited about returning to onsite learning. This will hopefully provide a pathway for returning to 'normal' schooling. At this point, the decisions made in our return will be a starting point. As with a movement to remote learning, there may be required alterations such as changes to drop-off and pick-up times. However, until we see how this works the information conveyed in last week's newsletter will be our starting point.

In summary:

- Staff return onsite from Monday 25th May – this is a closure day (no remote program)
- Tuesday 26th May – all Prep to Gr 3 students return
 - P/1 Library Space
 - 2/3 Dhelkunya
- Entry and exit point to premises is the gate beside Administration on Templeton Street
- Onsite restrictions: only students and staff can be onsite. Parents and all other visitors must have a prearranged appointment.
- Onsite supervision will continue for students in Gr4-6 whose parents/carers meet the essential worker and vulnerability criteria where no other supervisory arrangements can be made.
- Tuesday 9th June – all Gr 4 to 6 students resume. All students should be back onsite.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to onsite schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

Additional hygiene measures for return to onsite learning:

There have been, and will continue to be, many aspects to consider in our staged return to school. A significant consideration is a review of our current cleaning practices.

Throughout the school day there will be two additional deep cleans taking place. This would include cleaning of high touch surfaces such as:

- door handles and handrails
- benchtops and reception counter
- bathrooms (seats, taps and basins)
- student tables and backs of chairs

Hand sanitiser will be available in all learning spaces with staff monitoring the washing of hands prior to eating times.

At this stage, the playgrounds and sand pit will be out of bounds areas for the rest of this term as the requirements are for the playground surfaces to be thoroughly cleaned at the end of break times. Simply put, this is an unrealistic risk at this point and we do not have the staffing to maintain the cleaning routine. The drink taps will also be covered and students will need to bring their own drink bottle.

Equipment will be made available for students to use at break times such as skipping ropes and balls. At the end of each break they will be thoroughly washed with detergent.

School Uniform

As we return to school, please check your child's clothing to make sure that it is clearly named. There are also quite a number of items in lost property that need to find their owners that are not named. All students should be returning to school in their full winter uniform... with a jumper.

Closure Days

A friendly reminder that there are two upcoming closure days.

- Thursday 4th June: Report Writing Day
- Friday 5th June: School Community Wellness Day

Building Works

The building works are definitely in full swing now. The roof is currently being fitted, with the installation of plasterboard over the coming days. Some new furniture has been ordered for the P/1 class which is very exciting. We have also had a surveillance system installed for added security. At this stage, the renovations will be completed in the first week of the school holidays and we should be ready to recommence semester 2 in a completely new learning environment.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend. I'm so excited about next week – I can't wait to welcome back our Prep to Gr 3 students.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.

Community News . . .

Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Learn. Care. Flourish.



Have you enrolled your child?

**Enrolments close on 31 July 2020
for Year 7 entry 2022
(students currently in Grade 5)**

Visit our College website for tour dates and bookings or contact our College Registrar for enrolment enquiries.

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Join a Virtual Conversation with our Principal, Students & Staff

Interested in learning more about life at Sacred Heart College and the learning pathways on offer?

Our Principal, Dr Darren Egberts, invites prospective parents and students to participate in one of our Virtual Conversations via Zoom.

**When: 27 May & 10 June - commencing at 9:30am
24 June - commencing at 9:30am & 6:00pm**

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

**Enrolments close for Year 7 2022
(current Grade 5 students) in Term 3.**

Contact our College Registrar for bookings or enrolment information: E: dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au
T: 5421 1200 W: www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

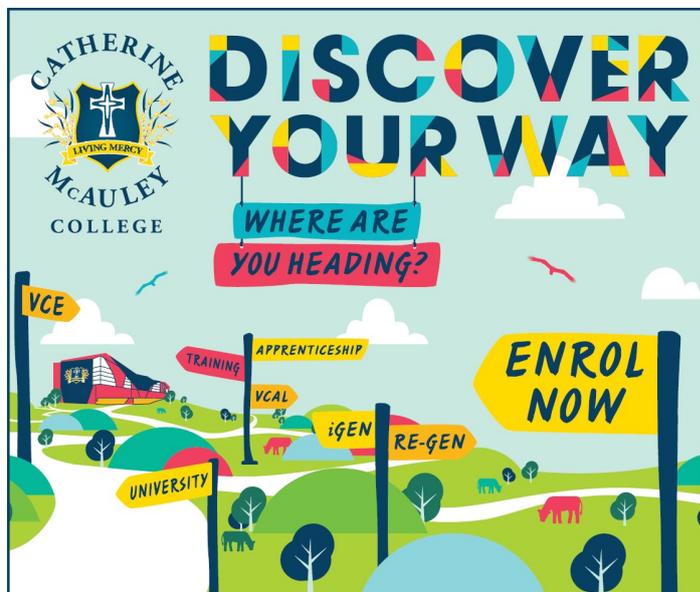
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ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

FOR ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM AND INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.MARIST.VIC.EDU.AU/WP/ENROLMENTS



ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2021

We welcome enrolments from all families in our region. Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 close Friday 12 June, 2020.

VIEW PROSPECTUS | DOWNLOAD ENROLMENT FORM
www.cmc.vic.edu.au

Get the Catherine McAuley College App from App Store/Google Play

COLLEGE TOURS & ENQUIRIES

Please contact Audra Petri, College Registrar, for details of future College Tours and for all enrolment enquiries.

☎ 5449 3466 ✉ info@cmc.vic.edu.au

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Mount Alexander Community Pantry

In response to the current coronavirus (covid-19) crisis many local organisations are working together to support our community members with what they need.

In particular, the Community Pantry will support you by providing two types of services: frozen pre-prepared meals and food packages, made with community spirit, care and strict standards of hygiene, delivered to your door!

To order pre-prepared meals or food packages, contact us via the details below. Phone & email requests will be taken between 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday.

Phone: 0472 537 866

Email: mtalexcommunitypantry@gmail.com

Web: www.cch.org.au/communitypantry

Orders are available via pick-up (appointment only) or delivery.

- **Pick-Up:** Church of Christ, 66 Blakeley Road Castlemaine. 10am-1pm, Monday to Friday.
- **Delivery:** 10am-1pm, Monday to Friday.
- **Maldon Frozen Meal Delivery:** 9.30am-11.30am, Tuesday and Friday.

We will contact you with an appointment or delivery time.



For emergency food relief contact Chris on 0419 154 392 (after-hours only)

Want to make a monetary donation? Contact Kelsey on 0472 537 866.

(Tax deductible donations available on request, min \$20.)

Food donations provided by: FoodShare, Second Bite, Lions Club Rotary, SuperCold Coolrooms & Local Businesses.



CASTLEMAINE
COMMUNITY
HOUSE



Maldon
Neighbourhood
Centre Inc
Aandara Building



MOUNT ALEXANDER
SHIRE COUNCIL



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE • ST BRIGID'S, MALDON • ST ANNE'S, NEWSTEAD • ST LAURENCE'S, SANDON

SUNDAY 17th May 2020 – Year A
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street, CASTLEMAINE, 3450
Postal Address: PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, VIC, 3450

Phone: (03) 5472 1900
Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au
Web: www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

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: Ben Shields
Phone: (03) 5472 2270

Parish Office Manager
Doreer Heagney
Mon: 11-3pm, Wed: 10-4pm,
Thurs: 10.30-3.30pm.
Phone: (03) 5472-1900

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

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

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE
IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL
CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**

Mt. Alexander Community Pantry
Various organisations in the Mt Alexander
Shire have come together to provide
cooked meals and some food hampers to
someone in need during the current Covid-
19 crisis. You can order pre-prepared
meals or food packages by:
Phone: 0472-537-866 or
Email: mtalexcommunitypantry@gmail.com
Web: www.cch.org.au/communitypantry

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: Newtown 6.00pm

Fourth Sunday of the Month
Mass: Sandon 6.00pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." – 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the results that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Today's readings:
Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3: 15-18
John 14: 15-21

Responsorial Psalm
Let all the earth cry
out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep
my words, and my Father
will love them and we
will come to them.
Alleluia!

If you love
Me keep My
Commandments
JOHN 14:15

Next Sunday readings:
The Ascension of The Lord
Acts 1: 1-11
Ephesians 1: 17-23
Matthew 28: 16-20

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in
Australia and guide us on the pilgrim
way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one
another and to recognize Jesus,
our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are
saying. Lead your Church into a
hope-filled future, that we may
live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the
journey from age to age. AMEN.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St. Mary McKillop, pray for us.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Margaret Duffy.

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: \$439
Weekly Target: \$1000
2nd Collection – Parish: \$450
Weekly Target: \$2000

FEASTS DAYS OF THE WEEK

St John I: Monday 18th May
St Bernadette of Siena:
Wednesday 20th May
St Christopher Magallanes:
Thursday 21st May
St Rita of Cascia: Friday 22nd May

PENTECOST 2020 – Prayer All Together

Charis proposes to the Christians of the whole World to pray all together to continue this movement of Prayer to ask the Lord for this new Pentecost, this new outpouring of the Spirit on the Church and the world for which our Pope prays. Join us for the Pentecost Vigil to explore the Holy Spirit together and ask for a New Pentecost over the world. Register on the CHARIS YouTube channel that will transmit the event:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCMdh9sRVPgjhHfV9H98GA>

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Bernard and Carmel Righetti on their 50th Anniversary of marriage this weekend. May God Bless You both on this special occasion and always. Every Blessing to all your family and loved ones.

Hospitality Co-ordinator/ Committee

Our Parish is seeking a Co-ordinator and a small Committee for hospitality events in our Parish.

If you can help co-ordinate or be part of a committee, please contact Fr Wahid. Many thanks in anticipation.

Parish Finance Council

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.
We need to finalize our financial statement. We can meet in person as we are 5 members.

PSALM 91:

God's Protection

If you live in the shelter of Elyon and make your home in the shadow of Shaddai, you can say to Yahweh, 'My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust!' He rescues you from the snares of fowlers hoping to destroy you; he covers you with his feathers, and you find shelter underneath his wings. You need not fear the terrors of night, the arrow that flies in the daytime, the plague that stalks in the dark, the scourge that wreaks havoc in broad daylight. Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, you yourself will remain unscathed, with his faithfulness for shield and buckler.

Mass Timetable

• Sunday 17th May
Sunday 10.30am onwards

STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS on YouTube will continue to cater for everyone and share the Good News especially for those who cannot attend even as the restrictions ease. Fr Wahid YouTube under WAHID RIAD
Please tune in on the day for Mass.

Weekday Masses & Holy Hour

Beginning Tuesday 19th May.
Weekday Masses will be in the Church followed by a Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour.

We have some restrictions on the numbers attending (10 people) not counting those involved in the celebration. You are welcome to attend the Mass or the Holy Hour afterwards or both:

• Tuesday 19th May
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's
6.30pm: Holy Hour

• Wednesday 20th May
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's
10.00am: Holy Hour

• Thursday 21st May
6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's
6.30pm: Holy Hour

• Friday 22nd May
9.15am: Mass, St Mary's
9.45am: Holy Hour

SUNDAY MASS at SANDON

We are able to have this Sunday Mass at Sandon on Sunday 24th May at 6.00pm because of the small numbers.

PRAYER For An

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

•Stewardship Programme

If you would like to contribute to our Thanksgiving by Direct Debit, our Catholic Development Fund Bank account details are as follows:

•CHURCH

BSB 083 347
Account No: 636 421 759
Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Church Account

•PRESBYTERY

BSB 083 347
Account No: 635 910 163
Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Presbytery Account

Please put your surname or Envelope number as a reference. Thank –you.

Confessions

Fr Wahid is available for confession at the Presbytery by appointment (one person at a time).

Please contact him on 0419-511-064.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

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

THANK-YOU

For your generous giving to the Lent/Project compassion:
We raised: \$2.573