



## Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 7

Thursday March 21st, 2019

### TERM DATES

<b>March</b> Friday, 22nd	Social Friday Night - <i>please see details further in</i>	<b>April</b> Monday, 1st Tuesday, 2nd Wednesday, 3rd	Gr's. 4-6 School Camp
Sunday, 24th 10:30am	First Reconciliation Commitment Mass	Thurs. 4th	LENT & Liturgy - Library 2.40pm
Monday, 25th	School Photos	Friday, 5th	Last day of Term 1 - <b>Dress Up Day</b> 2:30 finish - (Buses will run to this early finish) Easter Bonnet Parade - 12:30 followed by Easter Egg Raffle Fish & Chips Lunch supplied
Monday, 25th	Life Education Van - Parent Information Session 9:00-10:00am	Tuesday, 23rd	Term 2 Resumes
Tuesday, 26th	Life Education Van	Thursday, 25th	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday ANZAC March - Town Hall 8:45am
Thurs. 28th	NAPLAN Practice Online Test- ing - No Assembly today	<b>May</b> Tuesday, 7th 7:00pm	Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Friday, 29th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF P.D.		



### 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.*



Dear Jesus,  
During these unsettled times we pray for reform. For an ethical, harmonious and compassionate church. One which is truly reflective of your teachings. One that is good, right, relevant and true.



Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,



Our children have talked very positively about the weekend parish celebrations of St. Patrick's day.

It is not surprising that some of our senior parishioners told me that the children brought great joy and laughter into the church. The sense of community was strong as the young and senior came together strengthening their sense of belonging. Indeed, our church is in a process of great upheaval. It is heartening that our current Archbishop Peter Comensoli called for a new way for the church, suggesting the legacy of St Patrick of Ireland could be a model upon which the Archdiocese of Melbourne could rebuild. St Patrick was a man of prayer, a refugee; a justice seeker and a creative teacher.

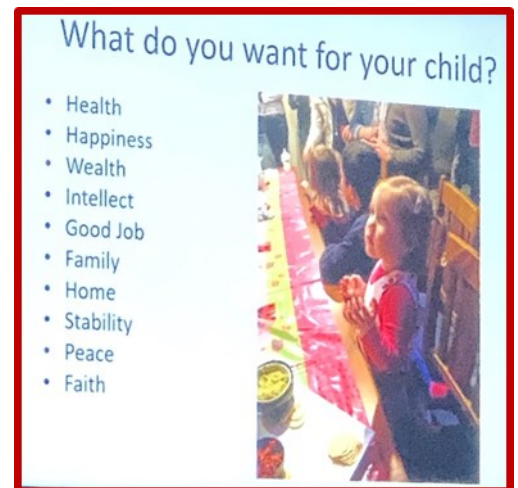
Delivering the St. Patrick Oration in Melbourne, he called on the Catholic faithful to embrace a future that moved away from the church's institutional centre and relocated it among "our local neighbourhoods of grace.

Yes the landscape of our catholic communities has shifted which makes way for renewal and an opportunity to rediscover a knowledge, language and pedagogy that can transform lives.

Bishop Comensoli also said, "New ground needs to be prepared so that the Gospel seeds may be replanted among us."

In terms of our church, it brings us great hope that we have entered a time where the church is seen as its people who can consider what it is their local communities need to thrive as Christians for the greater good of all.

At this week's reconciliation meeting Denise Arnell spoke about what we want for our children as listed in the slide. Thankfully the landscape is changing. We need no longer see the church as an institution, rather as communities of people who in relationship, nourish our children and each other reflecting, acting and moving forward with integrity, truly enacting the gospel values where love, compassion, honesty and transparency prevail.



### March Birthdays

We wish the following students a happy birthday:

Jufour Nyok, Sullivan Lane, Quinn Vance, Francesca Parnis, Madeleine Chandler, Clarissa Salvatore, Sebastian Salvatore, Molly Freeman, Dylan Pozar, Royce Williams, Logan Browne-Kerr and Thomas Davis.





### Welcome Chase Hildebrand

We are delighted to welcome Chase and his family into our school community. Chase has joined the P-1 class. We hope that he and his family enjoy their time at our school.



### Ride to School Day 21<sup>st</sup> March!

Penny from ride to school spoke with us at last week's assembly encouraging us all to be active and ride or walk to school when we can. It was fabulous to welcome our families this morning as they arrived on bikes, scooters or by foot. Much fun was had trying out Paddy's crazy bicycles and pedaling hard on the orange juice maker bike. The muffin and fruit breakfast was delicious. A Big thank you to Penny, Greg and Paddy and to the Mt. Alexander Shire for sponsoring this event.

Thank you to our parents, Billy Lister and the teachers who assisted us set up early this morning.



### Reconciliation Information Evening & Commitment Mass this Sunday at 10.30am

We hope that you found Denise Arnell's presentation informative, reassuring as well as thought provoking. We were delighted that so many attending. It was great to have so many of our parishioners attend this meeting as well. We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday at 10:30am Mass followed by morning tea.

### Life Education: Parent Information Session

'Empowering our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through **education**'

You are invited to attend our Life Education Parent Information Session this Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am in the Life Education Van which will be located in the playground. This gives you the opportunity to learn more about this program.

The topics for this year are as follows:

- P-1 : Ready Set Go
- 2-3 : Growing Good Friends
- 4-5 : Relate, Respect, Connect
- 5-6 : Relate, Respect, Connect

You can also visit <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/> for further information about the programs.



### Garden Produce

Thank you for your support of our kitchen garden. Money raised contributes to the ongoing running costs of the garden as well as funding our cooking program. It is great to hear from the children about what they cook with their harvest.





### Our Bug Motel

Thank you to you all who have made donations for our bug hotel. The children have already discovered numerous mini beasts who have inhabited this area. Stay tuned!

### Welcome Pauline Kennedy



We are fortunate to have Pauline join us as a volunteer on Fridays in the junior school. Pauline is studying to be a teacher and has many creative skills. She was doing watercolor painting with the children last week.



### Scoliosis Detection

Please refer to the flyer later in this newsletter which gives information about this condition. It is recommended that Year 5 girls are screened as per the instructions.

### Lost Property

We have a growing collection of jumpers and some shirts accumulating in lost property. If your child is missing any uniform, please come in and look through what we have. It would assist us and your child to have their uniform clearly labelled. White permanent clothing markers are available for purchase at the newsagent if you need to buy one.

### School Uniform

Our students are required to dress according to our school uniform policy. This is outlined on our website and in our school handbook. A reminder that socks are to be navy in colour and footwear black. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Huff and Puff

We are making the most of these beautiful mornings and the children are enjoying these exercise sessions. I congratulate the Year 6 children on their super organisation and leadership of these activities. You are all welcome to join in these sessions.



### Easter Egg Donations

You will have received a book of 10 tickets to sell for our major fundraiser. We welcome donations of Easter Eggs - a basket is placed in the front foyer. The children love this event, in the hope that they may win a prize to take home for Easter. If you require extra tickets please see Karen in the office.



## Play is tots' best hope

The following article was in the Herald Sun today. It highlights the importance of play in the early years of children's lives.

Herald Sun, Melbourne by LANAI SCARR

20 Mar 2019

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### \$3m plan to set them on STEM path

IF our kids want to have better jobs and be smarter in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, they need more play time.

That's what a game-changing \$3.2 million, five-year study by Monash University researchers is hoping to prove.

The Herald Sun can today unveil the Australia-first project called the Conceptual PlayLab - a probe into how play-based education can prepare pre-schoolers to succeed in those STEM subjects.

The research will include a purpose-built app which supports teachers and parents to create a play-based world that helps children form ideas and use their imagination to solve problems.

It will follow 130 infants nationwide across their first five years and more than 3000 early childhood teachers, and aims to prove that imaginary play helps foster a greater understanding of STEM subjects when they get to school.

Education Minister Dan Tehan said the project would provide a better way forward in teaching STEM to Australian children. "We are keeping the economy strong by investing in the skills of our future workforce," Mr Tehan said.

The Conceptual PlayLab is funded through the Australian Research Council Laureate Fellowship, awarded to Professor Marilyn Flear from Monash's education faculty.

"The school-style curriculum is making its way into preschools, which is not a good thing," said Prof Flear, who has worked in the sector for more than 30 years.

"Early childhood education is at a point in history where the teaching and learning of STEM concepts are needed, but where large-scale research of how to teach these concepts in Australian play-based settings has not yet been done." One in five Australian children is behind in their development when they start school, according to the Australian Early Development Census.

Chief executive of Early Childhood Australia, Sam Page, said the research by Monash was "vital". "It's critical that we don't push down curriculum and pedagogy meant for older children," she said.

Executive director of The Parenthood, Alys Gagnon, said Australia desperately needed to turn the tide on our plummeting academic performance.

"We've seen over the last five years Australia slipping in international rankings in terms of school performance.

We need to map a way forward based on evidence, which this research will provide," she said.

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## Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey (ECSI) Due in 1 week

**The closing date for this survey is one week away.** Thank you to those of you who have made the time to complete these surveys. We sent home letters two weeks ago to invite you to participate in the ECSI survey which will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice here at St. Mary's Castlemaine.



The Catholic University in Leuven, was commissioned by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to design a process and tools, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and where the school community might like to see itself in the future.

The ECSI survey is a key element in this process and your participation would be very useful. The online survey gathers responses from students in Years 5 and 6, all staff, and a representative sample of parents.



### School Closure dates:

We are dedicated to continuing our professional growth and by law we need to engage in ongoing professional learning. The following dates will allow time for some of this.

### Please add to your calendars:

Friday **March 29<sup>th</sup>** Whole Staff Inquiry Learning PD

Friday **June 7<sup>th</sup>** Whole Staff First Aid Training

Monday **November 4<sup>th</sup>** Whole Staff report writing

### Immersion Dress Up Day Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>



Please look over the school calendar carefully. We have a Lenten liturgy on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.40 in the library. On Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> we have our Easter Bonnet Parade at 12.30 followed by the Easter Raffle. On this day we will also be having an immersion day for our inquiry units. This will involve students in grade 4 – 6 applying for a role in Egyptian society and dressing as an Egyptian person, such as farmer, scribe, vizier etc. Prep to grade 3 can dress as something from Australian history, such as a convict, bushranger, indigenous leader, native animal etc. Costumes are to be made from items at home, not bought, and it

does not have to be a full costume. If your child does not wish to dress up they can wear Friday school uniform.

The P&F are organising a fish and chip lunch from 1pm on this day. They are asked to bring \$2.00 to contribute to the cost. The children will be offered fish and chips for their lunch and are free to go home after this. School officially finishes at 2.30 on this final day of term 1. Thank you for your continued support of our school.



kind regards,  
Bronwyn Phillips,  
Principal.





# School Photos

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be aware that if you would like to order sibling photos (what we call family photos) you **MUST GO ONLINE** prior to photo day to request this to be done.

The individual child photos can be purchased after photo day by viewing online and selecting photo package and using their individual code which is on their envelope.

*Please see following information.*

**Go online BEFORE photo day to request a sibling photograph!**

Sibling Photographs will be taken at  
St Mary's Primary School - Castlemaine  
on - 25th March, 2019

### Sibling Photographs

requesting a sibling photo is easy....

1. Grab your phone and go to [arphotos.typeform.com/to/jkxzyf](https://arphotos.typeform.com/to/jkxzyf)
2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo
3. Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

**and ONE more thing.....**

**\*\*You'll still have to REGISTER online at [order.arphotos.com.au](https://order.arphotos.com.au) using your child's individual code to receive notifications\*\***

**That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure web shop**

**SEE SIBLING photos online before you BUY & customise your photo package**

- Mix & Match the images included in your package
- Any layout, pose or image
- Digital Downloads (multi image)

**IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midnight the night before photo day**

**CAN'T REGISTER OR ORDER ONLINE? - COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

Complete form below and return with payment to school on photo day in an envelope labeled 'SCHOOL PHOTOS' with your children's names.

ENVELOPE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL PHOTO DAY.

FA FAMILY VALUE - \$44	FB STANDARD - \$38	FC PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27
1 - 30 x 20 cm portrait 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait 1 - 12 x 10 cm portrait 4 - 15 x 10 cm portraits 4 - Wallet size portraits	1 - 30 x 20 cm portrait 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait 1 - 12 x 10 cm portrait 4 - Wallet size portraits	1 - 30 x 20 cm portrait

Name of eldest child in sibling photo ..... Class .....

I wish to order a sibling photo package - ☐ FA ☐ FB ☐ FC Total Cost of Order \$

**Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.**  
A.B.N. 48 528 494 599  
Telephone: (03) 5443 4290  
Enquiries: [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

## School Photo Day - Monday, 25th March 2019 – Arthur Reed Photos

We will be coming to take annual school photos at St Mary's Primary School on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

Ordering has changed this year, so you do not need to purchase photos before photo day. Instead you will be able to view and select the images of your child to be included in their photo package in our new web shop.

Go online now and follow these 3 easy steps-

1. Grab your phone and go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au>
2. Enter the image code from your child's individual flyer (already handed out by your child's teacher)
3. Fill in YOUR mobile number and email address. Do this for all of your children at this school.

**That's it!** You'll be notified by email/SMS when images are ready to view and purchase!

In our NEW web shop you can MIX & MATCH the images included in your package; Choose ANY layout, ANY pose or image and purchase Multiple image digital downloads.

To be notified when images are ready to view - Register Now.

## CALENDAR:

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

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Social Friday – Goldfields Track Cafe, Harcourt, 7pm
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter raffle, bonnet parade & Fish n chip lunch - **\$2.00 each child**
- Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Ladies Night - Venue to be advised
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – P&F Meeting 9.15am staffroom, all welcome
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Dads Night, Essendon vs Hawthorn, Buckley
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** – Mens Alive weekend @ Parish Room
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Twilight Sports & Food truck night, TBA
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – St Mary’s SpringFest & Long Lunch

**St Mary’s Footy Tipping**  
*see next page!*



### **Terracycle Colgate Community Challenge!**

We have joined the Colgate Challenge again this year! Start collecting your waste including toothbrushes, packaging & containers of any brand. Our school will gain points for each load of waste and go in draw to win garden prizes for our school!

*See more information  
on next page!*

### **St Mary’s Social Fridays Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm, Goldfields Track Café, Harcourt.**

RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> March to  
Jo Lawrence  
(Sam & Bianca’s mum)  
Mobile: 0412 839 124

### **Easter Egg Donations**

are needed for our annual Easter Egg Raffle!  
Egg donations & Easter gifts for hampers can be left in a basket at reception!

**Hot Cross Bun forms to  
be returned to office  
with money by Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> April**

### **Last Day of Term Easter Celebrations! Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Fish n Chip lunch **\$2** per child  
(give to teacher on day)

Assembly including drawing the Easter Raffle, Bonnet Parade & a visit by the Easter Bunny!



### **St Vincent de Paul Coin Drive!**

A collection tin will be  
located in the  
foyer all year!

### **Food Bank**

St Mary’s is continuing its food bank to help families in need within the school community. If you would like to be on the contact list to make emergency meals please pass your name and contact details onto Kari Aldridge (mob 0402076340)

### **St Vincents Fashion Parade & Mothers Day Lunch**

Date to be  
advised

### **Dads Night! Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

Essendon vs Hawthorn  
A night just for the dads to enjoy a catch up with nibbles and BYO drinks in the Buckley Room!

### **Save the Date! St Mary’s SpringFest & Long Lunch Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>**





## Colgate Community Garden

The Committee has registered St Mary's to participate in the Terracycle Colgate Community Garden again this year. This a great initiative to recycle used toothbrushes, containers, and packaging. Any brand accepted and please leave in the green wheelie bin located in the foyer of the school. Spread the word, our aim is to involve the whole community with collection points at the school and Castlemaine Fitness Centre.

Be sure to **Vote DAILY** for our school also following the link below - not only does our school go into a draw to win garden prizes but also the more votes the more chances of winning recycled garden sets and upcycled pencil cases.

See Flyer and Vote for our School St Mary's Castlemaine at <https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>

Entries and voting closes 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019! **START COLLECTING & VOTING NOW!!!**



### ***PAPER ROUNDS***

**Hey Kids – time to earn some pocket money!**

**We have paper rounds available with the Midland Express – one day per week**

**Call Julie 54 72 1788 or drop into the Castlemaine office – 29 Templeton Street Castlemaine**

**YOUNG MAKERS MARKET**

In conjunction with the 2019 Mount Alexander Youth Awards

If you are 12-25 come and sell your homemade food, horticulture, photographs, bath bombs, lip balms, felted or knitted crafts, paintings, jewellery + more.

Space hire is FREE!!  
Table and marquees are available for hire \$5 each.

When: 4-7pm on Friday 5th of April (you will need to set up before hand)

Where: Victory Park, Castlemaine

Anyone interested in having a stall or who has any enquiries, please contact the Young Makers Market at [youngmakersmarket@outlook.com](mailto:youngmakersmarket@outlook.com)

Delivered by Young Makers Market (YMM)



## ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS SPINAL CURVATURE

### The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

A HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM  
RECOMMENDED BY THE SPINE SOCIETY  
OF AUSTRALIA. THE PROGRAM IS  
ENDORSED BY THE PAEDIATRICS AND  
CHILD HEALTH DIVISION OF THE ROYAL  
AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

## How to detect Scoliosis.

*Helpful information for  
schoolgirls in years 5 and 7  
and their parents.*

### What is scoliosis?

Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

### What is the cause of scoliosis?

The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis.

We know that scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or eating junk food.

### Why is early detection important?

While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during the growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase.

If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

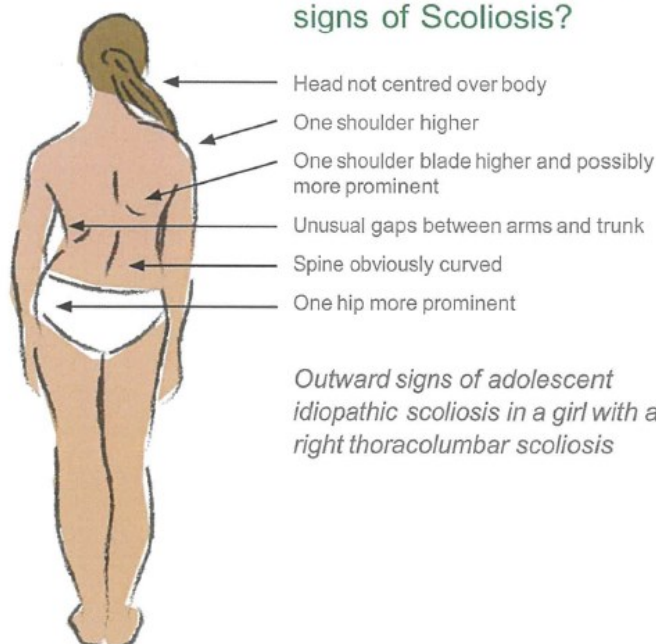
### The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

This information is designed to make parents of schoolgirls aware of the outward signs of scoliosis.

Each year, all government and non-government girls' schools will be asked and by a direct approach to school principals, to download the *Self-Detection Fact Sheet* from [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org) and distribute it to girls in Years 5 and 7 (10 and 12 years of age in most states and territories).

This is the age range when scoliosis first appears. If after reading the Fact Sheet you or your parents think you may have this condition, please consult your family doctor.

### What are the outward signs of Scoliosis?



*Outward signs of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis in a girl with a right thoracolumbar scoliosis*





## How Scoliosis is detected.

*Apart from the outward signs with a teenager standing as illustrated, the reliable Forward Bend Test is used in the diagnosis of scoliosis.*

*This simple visual examination requires the teenager to stand with the feet together and parallel and bending forward as far as she can go with the hands, palms facing each other, pointed between the two big toes.*

*In scoliosis, one side of the upper chest (thoracic) region or the lower back (lumbar) region will be more than 1cm higher than the other. The prominence is most often on the right side in the thoracic region.*

*If the difference between the two sides is less than 1cm, it is highly unlikely that a significant curvature is present and the difference is simply due to asymmetrical growth of the two sides of the body.*

*This is called torso asymmetry and is of no significance.*

## What about brothers and sisters?

Scoliosis tends to run in families. When a curve is detected in one member of the family, other children should also be examined by the family doctor. If there is a history of a blood relative, especially a female cousin, having been treated for scoliosis by brace wearing or surgery, then this strengthens the case for spinal examination as a regular health check between 10 and 13 years of age.

Scoliosis which requires treatment is far less common in boys than in girls. The ratio of boys to girls requiring treatment is about 1 to 10.

## Is treatment successful?

Yes, modern methods produce excellent results when a curve is detected early. In most cases an inconspicuous spinal brace is worn. Surgery is needed in only one out of three cases which require treatment.

There is no scientific evidence that physical therapy (exercise programs) and spinal manipulation (chiropractic adjustments) will either correct a scoliosis or halt its progression.

## What will happen if Scoliosis is not treated?

The curve may increase unnoticed during the growing years. Moderate and severe curves may also increase in adult life.

Some curves may increase with pregnancy. Severe pain, physical deformity and wear and tear arthritis may occur during middle life. Early detection is important for a healthy future.

## How do you detect Scoliosis?

Simply look for it! It only takes 30 seconds.



Scoliosis Australia is a project of the Spine Society of Australia



The Scoliosis Australia website is supported by a donation from Evolution Surgical



Visit our website [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org)



## Community News . .

### Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Enrolments for Year 7 2021  
close 26 July 2019



*A Vibrant Learning and Caring Community*

#### Tour Dates

Wednesday 20 February, Tuesday 12 March (Principal's tour)  
Tours commence at 9.15am - Bookings Essential  
Further tour dates available on the College website.

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

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A Vibrant Life

[www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)



CFNC JUNIORS

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DAY

See you at the Camp Reserve Castlemaine for a morning  
of footy fun.

- Meet the 2019 Coaches
- Find out about the Club & League
- Merchandise available for purchase
- Register for the 2019 season
- Grab a snag from the BBQ



**SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019 • 10 AM TO 1PM • CAMP RESERVE**

Mount Alexander  
Shire Council presents

YOUTH AWARDS

2019

DO YOU KNOW A  
YOUNG PERSON  
AGED 12 TO 25  
WHO DESERVES  
RECOGNITION?



## NOMINATE NOW

THE AWARD CATEGORIES ARE FOR LEADERSHIP IN:

**THE WORKPLACE** –  
Brilliance and leadership in the business  
sector, traineeship or apprenticeship.

**MUSIC AND THE ARTS** –  
Excellence, leadership and creativity in the  
visual and performing arts.

**SPORTS AND RECREATION** –  
Commitment, leadership and motivation  
in the sporting community.

**THE COMMUNITY** –  
Group or individual meaningful  
contribution to the community through  
volunteering or caring.

**THE ENVIRONMENT** – Initiative, passion  
and leadership in sustainability.

**EDUCATION** – Outstanding commitment,  
performance and leadership in a learning  
environment.

Nominations for the Youth Awards close on Sunday 24 March at midnight.

To nominate, visit [www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au](http://www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au) or pick up a nomination form at the  
Civic Centre, Castlemaine Library and the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.



## Johnstone street piano lessons

Piano lessons with an experienced  
teacher in a relaxed environment.

Catering for all ages, from  
Beginner to Intermediate levels.

Located in Castlemaine.

Contact Sandra O'Connor

0439 484 424

[johnstonestreetpiano@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonestreetpiano@gmail.com)





# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

**SUNDAY 17th March 2019 – Year C**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street, CASTLEMAINE, 3450  
Postal Address: PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, VIC, 3450

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

**Legion of Mary**  
We have a powerful and wonderful  
*Legion of Mary* group that meets on  
**Tuesdays at 4.30pm in the Buckley Room.**  
We invite new members to join  
us in Prayer and in good works  
during the week.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC**  
The March issue is now available:  
"Women/Faith". \$4 a copy.

## 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 Stations of The Cross.*

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"I am the Lord who brought you  
from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you  
this land as a possession." – *Genesis*  
15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses  
and the Israelites a land to possess,  
He has also given each of us a home.  
Whether your home is grand or humble,  
it is a gift from God.

Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to  
the Lord in gratitude for the home God  
gave him. How do you show  
your gratitude to God for the  
home he has given you?

Do you make a sacrifice of any kind?  
Do you invest equally in your eternal  
home just as you invest in  
your earthly home?

**Today's readings:**  
Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3: 17 -4:1  
Luke 9: 28-36

**Responsorial Psalm**  
The Lord is my light,  
and my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the  
Father's voice is heard: this is  
my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!



## 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: Giuseppe Giacobbe.

Anniversaries: Joan Butler, Margaret Hayes.

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

### STEWARDSHIP

Thank you and every blessing for your contributions last weekend

1st Collection –Presbytery:	\$843
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$917
Direct Debit & Credit cards:	\$170
Pledged Amount:	\$1835

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

**“Give Lent 100% - Lives change when We all give 100%.”**

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten Envelopes and please give generously.

## Youth Mass: today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

After our Youth Mass today, come and celebrate St Patrick's Day in the Presbytery. We will share a bowl of Irish stew – there will be games for children and hopefully some Irish Music. Wear something green.

## St Mary's School Parents & Friends

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am in the staff room.

All welcome.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

### •FIRST RECONCILIATION

For students in Grade 3

•Sacrament: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm

•First Reconciliation Parent/Child Information

Night: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm,  
School Library

•First Reconciliation Commitment Mass:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at  
10.30am Mass, St Mary's Church

Classes will begin shortly for children in the Parish of private and state schools. 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.

## FORMATION DAY

Our Parish is running a formation day on the essential part of our Mass; The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We would like to invite all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, and anybody else who is interested in learning more about our Mass, or who would like to be involved in one of these Ministries to the Workshop on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's Church from 10.30am – 3.30pm.

In order for this workshop to go ahead we need at least 25 people to each session. If you could attend, please ring/text Juliet on 0422-344-907, or see Fr Wahid.

## Parish Finance Council

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.

## PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### •Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation  
Information Night, School Library

### •Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley room

6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's

7.00pm: Lenten Programme, Buckley room

### •Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's

1.00pm: Parish Finance

7.30pm: Charismatic Healing Mass  
St Mary's

### •Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's

7.30pm: RCIA – Buckley Room

### •Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

9.15am: Mass & Stations of The Cross, St Mary's

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

### Information Night

All parishioners are welcome to attend this information night on the Sacrament of penance and reconciliation on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in St Mary's School Library. A special Lenten formation.

## Charismatic Healing Mass

A powerful Mass of Healing and Renewal in the Holy Spirit.

All welcome especially during Lent to pray together for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Come and see on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Castlemaine.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00pm

Reader: David Brennand

Ext Min Com: Ros Chapman

Ann Coffey

Tricia Barrett

8.30am

Reader: Joanie & John Tolley

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am

Reader: Bernadette Mayne

Ext Min Com: Betty Morris

Pauline Kennedy

Trish Sharkey

## LINEN ROSTER

MARCH: Trish Barrett

## LENTEN PROGRAMME

Our Lenten Programme is on Tuesdays at 7.00pm in the Buckley Room.

Books are \$7 each and the theme is *Trust*.

All welcome as we grow together during this Lenten period and prepare for the joy of Easter.

## Becoming Catholic

An invitation is extended to everyone seeking Truth and Life in the Catholic Church and to discover the secret to True Happiness in Life. Come and See!

We meet every Thursday night at 7.30pm in the Buckley room – next to St Mary's Church. ALL WELCOME.

## Stations of The Cross

A very powerful and moving practice during the season of Lent. All welcome to unite with Jesus in the Way of the Cross. Fridays after 9.15am Mass at St Mary's.