



Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 1

Thursday April 26th, 2019

TERM DATES

April Tuesday, 30th	Catherine McAuley College visit - Gr. 5/6's 2:00pm	Monday, 13th	Mother's Day & Family Liturgy Morning Tea 8:50 - 10:00am
May Wednesday, 1st	Cross Country - Gr. 3/4 - 10:00am - 12:00pm Gr. 5/6 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Tuesday, 14th Wednesday, 15th Thursday, 16th Friday, 17th Monday, 20th Tuesday, 21st Wednesday, 22nd Thursday, 23rd Friday, 24th	NAPLAN Testing
Thursday, 2nd	Assembly - 2:45pm	Thursday, 16th	Assembly - 2:45pm
Monday, 6th	Thrive Online Cyber Safety Incursion (Gr's 3-6) 9:15am - 1:00pm	Friday, 17th	Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday, 7th 7:00pm	Sacrament of First Reconciliation 7:00 - 8:00pm	Friday, 31st	Didjeribone Show Secondary College P-6
Wednesday, 8th	Division Cross Country - Bendigo 9:30am - 2:30pm	June Friday, 7th	School Closure Day - Staff First Aid Training

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.





Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Please keep the Vance family in your prayers. We send them love and strength as they mourn the loss of Daniel's young uncle. May he rest in peace.



Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,

It has been a joy welcoming your children back into school life and to hear about their adventures over the Easter break.

For Christians, Easter is a time for reflection and renewal, of contemplating the story of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, and his enduring promise of forgiveness. With the corruption that has been exposed amongst some leaders in our church, indeed our faith in the church as it has been operating has been challenged and rightly so. Part of the renewal process can call us to regroup and actively promote a church of truth, transparency, faith, relevance, inclusion and hope for the manifestation of catholic communities truly in alignment with Jesus message. We continue to offer support to all those who have suffered.

Our world has also been shocked and deeply saddened by the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka. We pray for all those who are suffering from the bloodshed... all those who were tragically killed, for the injured and all those who are suffering as a result of this tragic event. We pray for peace in our world.



Easter is a time when we can continue to be inspired by people who work tirelessly to serve others and for the common good. We give thanks and pray for all who are doing good in our world. May those in our church who are faithful to God's truth find strength in knowing that they are making a difference.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli spoke of how the Melbourne church had been "walking through loss and grief".

He said the story of Jesus Christ's resurrection was a reminder of new possibilities.

"Our way ahead with Him does not mean a rejection of our past, but a transfiguration of it. Jesus is our hope of a new path," Archbishop Comensoli said.

"As shattered and as wounded as our local Church can seem, the Risen Lord, in his gloriously wounded body, is inviting us to share in his life and to walk with him."

"This Easter, all of us are being invited to taste something of this joy of the Resurrection, to look on Jesus's resurrected wounds and see hope for ourselves and for the world.

Our annual Easter Raffle Thank you!

Your generous donations were greatly appreciated by the many winners of our raffle which followed our colourful Easter Bonnet Parade. The excitement of this was topped off by a visit from the Easter Bunny! Thank you for making the time to drop by Easter Bunny:}



Immersion Dress Up Day Friday April 5th

St. Mary's was immersed in history as part of their inquiry learning! Our children had the opportunity to assume the role of a character from their history studies for a day. Students in year 4 – 6 applied for a role in Egyptian society and dressed up as that Egyptian person. Our children demonstrated their understandings of this ancient civilization through their enactment and interaction of their characters over the day. We had farmers, scribes and viziers to name a few! Our prep to year 3 dressed as people from Australian history like a convict, bush-ranger, indigenous leader or native animal. We even had a jelly fish! Costumes were made from items at home. We had a terrific day and were impressed with the children's resourcefulness and creativity.



Fish & Chip Lunch

Thank you to our P&F for organising our fish and chip lunch at the end of last term. Our children really enjoyed this!

Cross Country

Our children have been training for cross-country as part of their physical education program. Their inter-school cross country event is being held on

Wednesday May 1st. The Year 3-4 children will run at 10.00am and the Year 5-6 children will run at 11.30 am if all runs to schedule. Please make sure that you fill out the permission forms via Caremonkey. If you can assist on the day email Mark O'Sullivan.

We need some helpers to walk to and from the gardens with us as well as some people to assist at the event. Classroom teachers, myself, Mrs. Burchett and Mr. Rob will accompany the children. Thank you in anticipation of your help. You are welcome to drop by on the day to see the events.



Soft Plastic Recycling: A Message from our School Captains:

"Care for our Earth & Act Now!"

I met with our captains today who are co-ordinating the initiative of recycling soft plastics. They would like to lead us in recycling soft plastics like chocolate and chip wrappers, cling film & plastic bags. There is a box inside our front door with soft plastics written on it.



We invite all of our community to participate by putting soft plastics into this box. We will then send it off to Coles or Woolworths. It is encouraging that our young people are so motivated to look after our planet. We will also be having a working bee (TBA) to finish the reflection garden and do a few other jobs around the school.



Thank you Mila

We thank Mila grant for the great work she did with our students as part of her work experience at the end of last term. We wish her the very best in her studies.

Creating in the Arts Hub

It is always a colourful experience visiting the arts hub! The children are busy painting at the moment. They are delighted to have Mrs. Williams assisting Mrs. Byrne with Art classes on Wednesdays until lunch time. Mrs. Williams will work in the office all other days as well as Wednesday afternoons.



WINTER UNIFORM

During Term 2 & 3, winter uniform is to be worn. (Please note that there is a transition period of two weeks at the start of Term 2 and at the end of Term 3 that takes into consideration the changing of the seasons.) All students should be dressed in the winter uniform from week 3 of this term. Details of our winter uniform are on our school website and in our school handbook.

We are looking forward to another term of engaging learning here at St. Mary's where we work in partnership with you. Please contact us if you need to discuss anything regarding your child and their needs. Communication is pivotal to working optimally for the benefit of your child.



Anzac Service

Yesterday many of our children and their families took part in the Castlemaine RSL ANZAC March which was followed by a memorial service that respectfully paid tribute to our service men and women and their families. Thank you for bringing your children along. They showed reverence and respect throughout the service. Congratulations children!

Easter Liturgy

Our senior students led us through the stations of the cross this morning before presenting our Easter liturgy. Our children shared their interpretations and learnings from the Easter story. We will relate these learnings and the concept of renewal to the opportunities a new term brings when setting goals for the term.



"Let them warm their hands by
the fire of your passion"

kind regards,

Bronwyn Phillips,
Principal.



DATES:

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

Friday 3rd May – Social Friday Dinner, Bruce's Kitchen

Thursday 9th May- P&F Meeting 9.15am staffroom, all welcome

Friday 14th June – Dads Night, Essendon vs Hawthorn, Buckley Room

Saturday 17th Sunday 18th August – Mens Alive weekend @ Parish

Wednesday 18th September – Twilight Sports & Food truck night, TBA

Sunday October 27th – St Mary's SpringFest & Long Lunch

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 & remember to
VOTE DAILY!

SOCIAL FRIDAYS!

**FRIDAY 3RD MAY
6.30PM**

**DINNER @
BRUCE'S KITCHEN,
14 HARGRAVES ST,
CASTLEMAINE**

**RSVP 1ST MAY
KARI 0402-076-340**

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 Vincent de Paul Coin Drive!

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

St Vincents Fashion Parade & Mothers Day Lunch

Date to be advised

If you can assist on the day or would like to be a model in the parade please let Kari know on 0402-076-340.

Dads Night! Friday 14th June 7pm

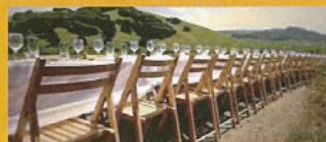
Essendon vs Hawthorn

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 27th 12.30pm



More information to follow!

Next P&F Meeting Thursday 9th May, 9am, Staffroom. All welcome!



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

SUNDAY 21st April 2019 – Year C
SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
 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.

•MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

The April issue is now available:
 "HOPE": \$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
 Castlemaine 6.00pm

Wednesday
 Castlemaine 9.15am

Thursday
 Maldon 6.00pm.

Friday
 Castlemaine 9.15am

Followed by Adoration.

Second Sunday of the Month
 Mass: Newstead 6.00pm

Fourth Sunday of the Month
 Mass: Sandon 6.00pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."
 – Acts 10:38

On this Easter Sunday,
 open your hearts to receive
 God's love, mercy and forgiveness.
 God is love and we are made
 in His image and likeness.

Let our lives reflect

His light to others.

Pray for guidance on how

to live your life and give

thanks for all that

He has given you.

Today's readings:

Acts 10: 34, 37-43
 Colossians 3: 1-4
 John 20: 1-9

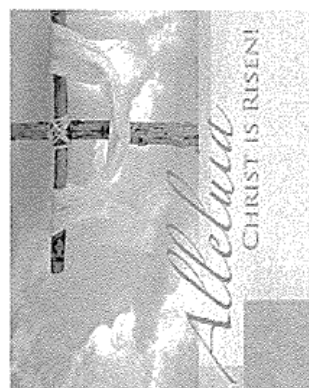
Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord
 has made; let us rejoice
 and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal
 sacrifice; let us feast with
 joy in the Lord.
 Alleluia!



Plenary Council Prayer

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Beatrice McCallum.

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:	\$1027
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$1092
Direct Debit & Credit cards:	\$360
Pledged Amount:	\$1835

***Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!!
Indeed He is Risen!!***

Alleluia!

***A Blessed Easter
to everyone.
Fr Wahid.***

*Please take home a copy of Archbishop
Peter Comensoli's Easter message.*



Welcome and Congratulations

to the Grima family having their daughter
Charli baptised on Easter Sunday morning at
10.30am Mass.

Every Blessing to Steven and Reema,
her parents and all the Godparents.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

•FIRST RECONCILIATION

(For students in Grade 3)

•Sacrament: Tuesday 7th May at 7.00pm
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.

Classes for First Reconciliation

Preparation

Classes for 1st Reconciliation are on
Mondays at 4.30pm in the
Buckley Room. All children not attending
St Mary's school in Grade 3 or higher are
welcome to attend and register at the
Parish Office.

ANZAC DAY MASS

A special Mass to remember the Anzacs
on Thursday 25th April at 6.00pm
in St Brigid's Church, Maldon.
All welcome!!

Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

A special Holy Hour of Adoration
will resume on Friday mornings
after Mass.
All welcome!!

Parish Annual General Meeting

All parishioners are warmly invited to
attend our Parish General Meeting on
Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm
in St Mary's Church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come
together as a Parish community and
give thanks for the giftedness of
all our parishioners.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- Tuesday 23rd April
4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley
room
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's
- Wednesday 24th April
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's
- Thursday 25th April
6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's
- Friday 26th April
9.15am: Mass & Adoration,
St Mary's

Celebration after Easter Vigil

All are welcome to continue the joy of
the Easter Vigil in joining together in
the Buckley Room after the Easter Vigil
celebration in Church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

28th April

All are welcome to join us on this great
Feast of Mercy –

*"Gather all sinners from the entire
world and immerse them in the
abyss of My mercy."*

• Saturday 27th April

St Mary's: 5.15pm Confessions
6.00pm Mass

• Sunday 28th April

St Brigid's: 8.30am Mass

St Mary's: 10.30am Mass

11.30am Confessions &

Chapel of Mercy;

Adoration until 1.00pm.

Sandon: 6.00pm Mass & Confession

EASTER OFFERINGS

Many thanks to everyone in the Parish
for your generous giving at this time.
God Bless you all and reward you for
your goodness and kindness.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

28th April 2019

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

6.00pm

Reader:

Ext Min Com: Bill Chapman

Ann Coffey

Tricia Barrett

8.30am

Reader:

Ext Min Com: Marta Czechmester

Judy Madigan

10.30am

Reader:

Ext Min Com: Peter White

Betty Morris

Pauline Kennedy

Trish Sharkey

LINEN ROSTER

MAY:

Veronica Hurley

Project Compassion boxes & envelopes

Please return your boxes and envelopes.
Thank you for your generous giving
during Lent.

St Vincent de Paul & Parish Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Parade

Will be on Tuesday 14th May beginning
at 11am in St Mary's Hall.

Cost: \$ 20p/p.

Tickets are available from the school
office or phone Betty on 0408-974-781.

Save the date:

Attention all Men of the Parish:

Men Alive Weekend

on August 17th and 18th in our Parish.

Please save the date **NOW**.

Not to be missed weekend for

All men 16 years and over. Fr Wahid.