



Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 3

Thursday May 14th, 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

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Persevere

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Believe

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Respect

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Responsibility

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Resilience

Busy Person's Prayer

Slow me down, Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried space with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of everlasting hills.

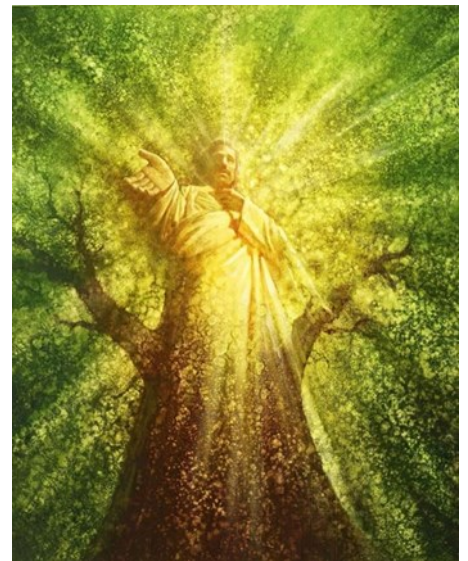
Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the Singing streams that live in my memory.
Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking a minute's vacation, of slowing down to look at the flowers, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines of a book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise that I may know that the race is not always to the swift, that there is more to life than its increasing speed.

Let me look upwards into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew strongly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow towards the stars of my greatest destiny



Richard Cardinal Cushing

Dear Families,

As we moved to remote learning as a result of COVID-19, our usual ways of working and engaging with students have looked different in Term 2. We again move towards another significant change, and we will adapt and succeed together.

Included in this change has been how we assess and report on student learning. Our school, teachers, students and families have all had to adapt, change and respond to the landscape – sometimes on a daily basis. There have been countless positive opportunities and new learning, but there have also been challenges and we have each responded as best we can on a weekly basis.

I thank your child for all they have achieved and all they have contributed – they should be proud of their efforts, even in the challenging moments. Thank you to each parent/carer and family member for your encouragement, feedback, patience and willingness to engage with us to support your child's ongoing wellbeing and learning. Also, thank you to the highly dedicated staff at St Mary's for your flexibility, ingenuity and resilience in completely unique circumstances.

An online experience for all students

Next Wednesday 20th May at 10am we have a special online guest. Melbourne author, George Ivanoff, will be running an online video conference with all students from P-6. He has written over 100 books for children and teenagers having books listed on the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge list. George will provide a general presentation discussing his journey to becoming an author, an introduction to some of his books and the writing process.



Classroom teachers will post a link for the online meeting on Google Classroom on Wednesday morning. The conferencing platform may be either Google Meet or Zoom, but this will be clarified with ample time provided to setup/join.

Assessment and Reporting

I would ask you to appreciate that the content on which we report will be reduced this semester, as the usual assessments undertaken in the everyday classroom have not been possible this term.

Teachers have used a broad evidence-base to make their own balanced assessments of your child's progress at this point in time. Such evidence includes teacher observations, Term 1 assessments, notes and work samples.

The end of year report (December) will provide a more comprehensive view of the year's learning across all usual curriculum areas.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or myself for clarification. I thank you for understanding the variations in this Semester 1 report, as impacted by the change in learning environments this term, and the approach our school has taken.

Transitioning back to Onsite Learning

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) have advised that schools can begin a phased return to onsite schooling.

In the **first stage**, the CECV advised that students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 return to school from Tuesday 26th May. Due to our class structures, the most practicable **return will include the Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2 & Grade 3 classes during the first stage**. It would not be reasonable to maintain an onsite program for Grade 2 and remote learning for Grade 3 concurrently.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25th May will be a school closure day.

In the **second stage** of our return to onsite schooling, Grade 4, 5 & 6 will return to school from Tuesday 9th June.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26th May to Tuesday 9th June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which onsite schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in those year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9th June.

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.

This same approach is being taken by all Catholic and government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent handwashing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. In the event of a suspected or confirmed case the school will be immediately closed.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools that will be made available prior to recommencement of onsite learning. I will provide more details about our local school context as required, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop-off and pick-up where the only entry/exit point is the Templeton Street gate (beside admin area).
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students. Unless pre-arranged appointments are made, only students and staff can be onsite.
- Gr 2/3 will be relocated from the Buckley room to Dhelkunya for greater airflow and spacing.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the CECV website, which will continue to be updated: www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. It was great to have so many families join our Zoom meeting. Many of your questions have enabled us to provide a transition plan with greater clarity.

We look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom.

Closure Days for Term 2

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 St Mary's was scheduled to undergo a school review process that occurs once every five years. This has now been postponed until 2021. As you may have noticed, there have been two school closure days listed for the school review on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June.

After consultation with Fr Wahid, we have decided to uphold the closure days as a report writing day for staff on Thursday 4th, and a whole school mental wellness day on Friday 5th. After such a challenging and mentally draining term for all of us, I strongly encourage all members of our school community to take some time for yourselves.

[Tips for staying mentally healthy](#)

- Keep socially connected to others via phone, social media, email or Skype.
- If you're feeling lonely or anxious, visit family or friends, or invite a friend or family member to your home. Gatherings at home of up to five people at any one time can now happen in Victoria.
- If the news is bothering you, take a break from it.
- Create a routine to maintain a sense of normalcy, such as regular physical activity, cooking healthy meals and continuing to work or study if you feel well enough and can do so from home.
- Focus on what you can control – for example washing your hands frequently, following physical distancing guidelines – instead of what you can't control ie what other people do.
- To avoid panic, get your information from reliable sources such as the federal and Victorian health departments.
- Practice mindfulness: focus on the moment you're in. Meditation and breathing exercises can help calm your mind and reduce anxiety.
- Take stock of your emotions: it's completely normal to feel concerned or upset about what is happening. If you feel anxious, talk to a trusted friend or family member or seek professional help: Phone Lifeline: 13 11 14, BeyondBlue: 1300 224 636 or Headspace: 1800 650 890.

Source: VicHealth

We are very much looking forward to seeing our students onsite and returning to some semblance of normality.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields,
Principal.

School Photos . . .

School Photo Day 2020 – St Mary's Primary School, Castlemaine


Annual school photos will be taken on Thursday, **20TH AUGUST, 2020** (please note new date) when sibling photos will also be taken by request.

IMPORTANT - To ensure a sibling photo is taken on photo day, please complete your request online before midday on the day before photo day.

- Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/T22aSR
- Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo
- Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school for photos before photo day however if you do not have internet access you may contact the school for an order form or use the one handed out to families earlier this week.

Important Information - School Photos 2020



School Photographs will be taken at

St Mary's Primary School / Castlemaine
23 March, 2020

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive the individualised flyer for your child, follow the instructions to register your details online and receive SMS and email notifications when images can be viewed in the webshop (approx. 10 days after photography is completed).


Registration is required each year to link your child's images for the current year with your contact details.

Sibling Portrait Photos


If you would like a sibling photograph taken, request one BEFORE photo day

3 easy steps ...

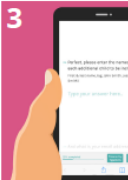
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IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midday on the day before photo day

CAN'T GO ONLINE? - CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR AN ORDER FORM
 If you are not able to register online but would still like to order school photos, please contact your school and request an order form. CASH orders can only be accepted up until photo day.



Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
 A.B.N. 48 528 494 590
 (03) 5243 4390
customerservice@arphotos.com.au

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER FORM

If you wish to purchase school portraits but do not have online access, you may complete the relevant form below and return to school on photo day with your payment in a clearly labelled envelope. Cash payments can only be accepted up until photo day.


More package options with choice of image plus discounted prices and home shipping options - available online only.

Student portrait packages

CAN'T ORDER ONLINE? - COMPLETE THIS SECTION (only if you are unable to register and order online)
 Complete details on a separate form for each child and return to school on photo day in an envelope WITH CORRECT PAYMENT ENCLOSED. Label envelope clearly with 'SCHOOL PHOTOS' and your children's names. ENVELOPE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL PHOTO DAY.


A PARENTS CHOICE - \$54

1-30 x 20 cm B&W portrait
1-30 x 20 cm portrait




B VALUE - \$42

1-Group photo
2-18 x 13 cm 3-Wallet size



C PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27

2-18 x 13 cm 3-Wallet size



Student First Name

Year Level (✓ actual year level not class)
☐ Prep / ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

Student Last Name

I'd like to order package - ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

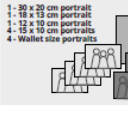
Total Cost of Order - \$

Sibling portrait packages

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.

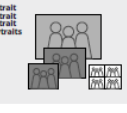
FA FAMILY VALUE - \$44

1-30 x 20 cm portrait
1-18 x 13 cm portrait
1-12 x 10 cm portrait
1-12 x 10 cm portrait
4-Wallet size portraits




FB STANDARD - \$38

1-30 x 20 cm portrait
1-18 x 13 cm portrait
1-12 x 10 cm portrait
4-Wallet size portraits



FC PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27

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 \$

Go online BEFORE photo day to request a sibling photograph!

SIBLING PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

requesting a sibling photo is as easy as 1 2 3

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Sibling Photograph requests close at midday on the day before photo day

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.

T: 5421 1200

E: dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

W: www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

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DISCOVER YOUR WAY

WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?



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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ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

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



- LOCAL COUNCIL -

We have announced some initial measures in March to reduce financial pressures on businesses and the community including:

- A one month extension on the due date for the fourth rates instalment, to 30 June.
- Establishment of a Council COVID-19 financial hardship policy.
- A temporary hold on following up unpaid animal registrations (due 10 April).
- Payment to suppliers in weekly payment schedules.
- A reduction of commercial rents in Council-owned buildings until 30 June 2020, for businesses significantly impacted by COVID-19.



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



MOUNT ALEXANDER
SHIRE COUNCIL



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAIRE

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

SUNDAY 10th May 2020 – Year A
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Phone: (03) 5472 1900

Email: castlemaire@cam.org.au

Web: www.stmaryscastlemaire.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

Doreen 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 CASTLEMAIRE

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
anyone 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: Castlemaire 5.15pm
Vigil Mass: Castlemaire 6.00pm

Sunday
Reconciliation: Maldon 8.15am
Mass: Maldon 8.30am
Mass: Castlemaire 10.30am

Tuesday
Mass: Castlemaire 6.00pm

Wednesday
Mass: Castlemaire 9.15am

Thursday
Mass: Maldon 6.00pm

Friday
Mass: Castlemaire 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

*"The stone which the builders
rejected has become the
cornerstone..." - 1 Peter 2:7*

Every person has been given
gifts from the Holy Spirit.
These are called "charisms" and they
are used to build God's kingdom on
earth. While many people are able to
recognize their natural talents and
abilities, they may be unsure of their
charisms. If you know someone who
is struggling for a direction in life,
give them a little encouragement.
Help them discern their charisms
and how God is calling them to use
them. Remember – no gift is
too small or insignificant
in God's salvation plan.

Next Sunday readings:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

Today's readings:

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy

be on us, as we place

our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth,

and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father,

except through me.

Alleluia!

Jesus answered,

"I AM THE WAY

AND THE

TRUTH AND

THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES

TO THE FATHER

EXCEPT

THROUGH ME."

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: Stuart Morris, Patrick Duffy, Joseph 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: \$689
Weekly Target: \$1000
2nd Collection – Parish: \$1181
Weekly Target: \$2000

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Project Compassion Extra Wave

COVID 19 CRISIS APPEAL

This is the last week of the Appeal. Please extend your generosity to the most vulnerable communities globally.

To donate to the Appeal go to:

www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid19-crisis
-appeal

Praying together on May 14th

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity calls for a day of

“prayer and supplication” to God for an end to the pandemic.

“Since prayer is a universal value, I welcome the proposal of the Higher Committee for Human

Fraternity that believers of all religions should unite on May 14th for a day of prayer and fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic.” Pope Francis

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 fowls 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.

You have only to look around to see how the wicked are repaid, you who can say,
‘Yahweh my refuge’,
and make Elyon your fortress.

No disaster can overtake you, no plague come near your tent: he will put you in his angels’ charge to guard you wherever you go.

They will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone; you will tread on lion and adder, trample on savage lion and dragons.

‘I rescue all who cling to me, I protect whoever knows my name, I answer everyone who invokes me, I am with them when

they are in trouble; I bring them safety and honour. I give them life, long and full, and show them how I can save.’

Mass Timetable

- Sunday 10th May
Mass: Sunday 10.30am* onwards

* PLEASE NOTE THAT AS THE CHURCH IS REQUIRED TO BE CLOSED,

STREAMING OF THE WEEKEND MASS will be on YouTube under WAHID RIAD

Please tune in on the day for Mass.

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 on Envelope number as a reference. Thank –you.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please return your Project Compassion boxes/Lenten envelopes to the Presbytery. Thank you.

ALLELUIA Everyone

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!!
Indeed He is Risen!
And we rise with Him.

No matter what we face,
particularly this Easter season,
we are victorious because

He lives and has
conquered everything by
His death and Resurrection.

Alleluia Everyone!

A Blessed Easter season to everyone in the Parish and the whole of the Mt. Alexander Shire.
May God bless you All
and protect you and
all your loved ones.

I am so grateful for your

support and encouragement especially at this time.

You are all in my prayers
and thoughts and all the
Masses offered for you all.

I love you all heaps.

Alleluia! Praise the Lord.

Fr Wahid Riad, Parish Priest

Confessions

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

Please contact him on 0419-511-064.



May the blessing of the
Divine be an especially
bright benediction upon
Mothers everywhere on your
blessed day.

Happy Mother's Day.

We wish all the Mothers and
Grandmothers a wonderful
Mother's Day.