



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

Phone: 03 5147 1921 email: Maffra@cdsale.org.au

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-4.00pm.

For Emergencies: St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale, Phone 5144 4100

Diocesan website: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/>



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 06th September, 2026.

PARISH PRIEST:

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WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
1st & 3rd Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am
2nd & 4th Sunday - Newry: 11.00am
5th Sunday – Dargo : 12.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

Wednesday to Saturday : 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Any time by request

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm
OR any other time by request

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday,

Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am
followed by Mass

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra

Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

BAPTISMS:

During or After the Vigil / Sunday Mass

MARRIAGE:

At least six months' notice requested.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD

Principal: Shane Fyfe
Davis St. Heyfield - 3858
Phone: 5148 2514

ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

Principal: Julian Blackford
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860
Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

Facebook: facebook/dioceseofsale

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacons wives) of our Diocese. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish. Please give generously. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Position Vacant - World Youth Day Project Officer

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission.

This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information, visit

<https://www.doscel.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant/>



School Art Competition 2026

Primary and secondary students are invited to take part in Catholic Earthcare's Annual Art Competition, exploring the theme of 'Living Water'.

Art supply vouchers will be awarded as prizes.

Bishop's Award (primary and secondary):

1st \$300 | 2nd \$200 | 3rd \$100

People's Choice Award: \$300 (primary and secondary)

For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5bbjwamu>

The office will be closed next week. (Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th Sept.) Open again on the 15th September.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-
 Parish Luncheon Monday 7th September, 2026, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings. All Welcome!
 The evening meals on Monday 7th September, 2026, 6pm at the Sporting Club Maffra. Contact details 0408057413. All welcome.
 The parish Luncheon and Dinner is a monthly event who meet for fellowship as a parish community, they meet on the 1st Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

Parish Fund Raiser CAN COLLECTION FUNDRAISER:
 Thanks to all who are bringing cans and bottles for collection. Cans and bottles can be deposited in bins near St. Mary's toilets. Amount raised to date (+\$122.20) = \$1790.20

PIETY STALL
 For sale in our Piety Stall at St Mary's Church are rosary beads, medals, cards, key chains and Sacramental gifts.



Are you interested in flower arrangements we are seeking volunteers to join our wonderful ladies who are already doing a magnificent job of arranging flowers every week for the altar and the church. If you are interested in volunteering please give thought to this. You can contact Willie on 0429140362. Or email at Maffra@cdsale.org.au You will need a WWCC as part of the Child Safety Standards. This is for St Mary's Maffra and St Michael's Heyfield.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-
 Recently Deceased: Christina Slabicki

Anniversaries:
 Mona Marshall, William (BOB) Currey, Bill Harvey, Peter McMahon, Frank Neaves, Peter Edey, Mary Keady, Margaret Whelan, Dave Colman, Charles O'Malley, Tony Van der Broek, Kate Kenevan, John Sargent, Connie Edge, Joe & Dorothy Roche, Leslie McQuillen, Wladyslaw (Danny) Danischewski, Emil Lewanowski, Cecilia Allman. Fr Andrew Wise, William Shinnick (died 1912)

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit: A.J. Smith, John Slattery, Fr Michael Willemsen, Christine Schoenmaekers, Gary Goddard, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Linda Allman, Coral Justice, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, and all those who seek our prayers

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH
 Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS
 ST. MARY'S: Steve McAnulty
 ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

We have gluten free host available for Holy Communion at all Masses, if you please let Father know that you are wanting a gluten free host before Mass.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
 PRESBYTERY: \$ 737
 ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 240
 ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 140

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY
 Monday 7th Sept: No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration.
 Tuesday 8th Sept: Heyfield Funeral 11am Mass. / Maffra Rosary 2pm. (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 Wed.: 9th Sept: Maffra, 9.30am Mass Rosary/ Adoration after Mass. (St. Peter Claver)
 Thursday 10th Sept: Aug: Maffra- Rosary 8.20am 9.30am Mass.
 Friday 11th Sept: Maffra - Rosary 8.20am. 9.30am Mass.
 Sat. 12th Sept: Maffra Rosary 8.20am. Mass 9.30am (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

During winter Maffra week day Masses will be held in the Presbytery.

Each Sunday morning, prior to the 9am Sunday Mass at Maffra, a Parish Rosary is offered, starting 8.25am, to pray for Our Blessed Mother's intentions, thank her for her prayers and intercession and to pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese and also pray for Parishioners intentions. During these often uncertain times and our daily challenges we are reassured that Our Blessed Mother will hear our prayers and present them to Her Son. Everyone is welcome.

Anointing Mass 1st Friday of each Month at Stretton Park please check on arrival where the Mass will be celebrated. Mass will start at 11am everyone is welcome. Please come and support our sick and elderly.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES STRETTON PARK/MCDONALD WING: 1st week of the month please consider attending to support the elderly. For details, contact Trish 0428471621

COMBINED CHURCHES:
 Contact Mary Hartwig 0431408336

MenAlive – MENS FELLOWSHIP AND SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Do you have a notice for the bulletin? Let the office know by Wednesday the week prior. Maffra@cdsale.org.au, 51471921

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER SEPTEMBER 2026

READER:	SUN: 13 TH	KEVIN KIERCE
COMMENTATOR:	SUN: 13 TH	MICHAEL DILLON
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER:	SUN: 13 TH	SYLVIA NEAVES
COLLECTORS:	SUN: 13 TH	ROY SHELTON & SOMEONE
COMPUTER:	SUN: 13 TH	MARY HARTWIG
FLOWERS:	SUN: 13 TH	MARY HARTWIG & ANNE MUNRO
SACRISTY:	SUN: 13 TH	DEAN BROWN
HOLY VESSELS:	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	FRANCIS DWYER OR MARIAN SEARLE

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER SEPTEMBER VIGIL

READER:	SAT: 12 TH	GEORGE BOGUSZ
FLOWERS:	SAT: 12 TH	PITTARI FAMILY

ST ITA'S NEWRY ROSTER SEPTEMBER

READER:	SUN: 13 TH	N/A
CLEANER:	SUN: 13 TH	CHRISTA/RAELENE

PERSONAL ORDINARIATE MASSES

COWWARR: ST BRIGIDS'

MONDAY: 9.00AM

TUESDAY: 6.00PM

WEDNESDAY: 10.00AM

THURSDAY: 10.00AM

FRIDAY: 6.00PM

SATURDAY: 10.00AM

SUNDAY: 9.30AM

CONFESSION: BEFORE EACH MASS

ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

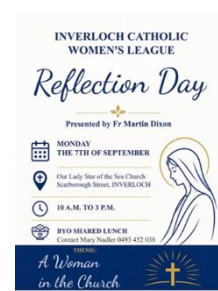
13 CHURCH STREET

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Inverloch Catholic Women's League Reflection Day
The Inverloch Catholic Women's League warmly invites you to a spiritual Reflection Day. Come along for a day of prayer, community, and deeper insight.

Theme: A Woman in the Church
Presenter: Fr Martin Dixon

When: Monday, 7th September 2026 | 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Scarborough Street, Inverloch

Catering: BYO Shared Lunch

Enquiries: Please contact Mary Nadler on 0493 452 038 for further details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage: Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi

Celebrating the Eighth Centenary of the Death of St Francis of Assisi

Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year.

This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a



journey of the heart. Together, we will travel to Benambra—nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains—home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 2nd

6:00 PM – Transitus (St Mary's, Bairnsdale)

A Transitus Service is a special prayer service celebrated on

the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The word transitus is Latin for “passing over” or “transition.” It commemorates St Francis’ passage from earthly life into eternal life with God.

Saturday, October 3rd

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer (St Mary's, Bairnsdale)

12:00 PM – Jubilee Mass (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)

Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra) - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass!

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle (Benambra Footyclub) - Fellowship and food for all! Please bring a plate to share.

3:00 PM – Conclusion (Immaculate Conception, Omeo)

Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure.

Location Information

St Mary's: Corner of Pyke St & Main St, Bairnsdale

St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benambra

Immaculate Conception: 79 Day St, Omeo

All are warmly welcome to be part of this unforgettable diocesan pilgrimage.

For more information visit: cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi.

Please note that on this day that all parishioners from Heyfield and Maffra are encouraged to participate in this journey. Therefore there will be no 6pm Vigil Mass in Heyfield.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God..

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



Multicultural Day:
United in Faith
Celebrate Culture,
Heritage, and Unity!

Join us at St Mary's Cathedral as our parish family comes together to honor our diverse community.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, 13th September 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

Highlights

Performances: Traditional songs and dances.

Food: Delicious dishes from around the world.

Fun: Community fellowship for all ages.

All Are Welcome! Bring family and friends to celebrate with us.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2026: For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Pray with the Pope:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amén.

Lord of Life, You have given us the gift of water, source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope. It quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds.

We thank You, because it is also a symbol of your grace and love that renews us through Baptism. Today we ask You to teach us to safeguard it with gratitude, justice, and responsibility.

Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children. We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity.

May your Spirit make us pilgrims of the essential, able to live with simplicity, denouncing waste and pollution, defending the right of every brother and sister to drink without fear and without inequality.

May our care for water be a sign of love for the Creator and a commitment to the lives of the poor, educating new generations to value and protect the Earth's resources. Amen.