

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times Year A – 8th November, 2026.

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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.Noon

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

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Memorial Mass for all our deceased parishioners and loved ones will be held on Nov 19th Thursday. 6.30pm.

Please remember your November offerings envelopes.

Come and Be Filled: CCR Day of Renewal with Bishop Greg
Are you spiritually exhausted, seeking deeper/inner peace, or longing for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit? Come and join us for a powerful day of prayer, praise, and transformation at this year's Renewal Day with Bishop Greg.
Our theme is: "Come and Be Filled," inspired by Jesus' Beatitude: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6).
Come empty and leave overflowing with God's grace, love, and spiritual gifts.
Date: Saturday, 14th November 2026
Time: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Venue: St Michael's Church Traralgon
Featuring:
Uplifting praise and worship
Inspiring teachings and testimonies
Holy Mass and Adoration
Individual prayer ministry for in-filling, healing, and empowerment
Bring a friend, an open heart, and a hunger for more of God!
For more information, please contact Cathy (Traralgon Prayer Group Leader: 0432588195); Lindsay (Diocesan CCR Chair: 0432375391); or Anushka (Diocesan CCR Sec: 0436961111).

175 Years of Faith & Heritage in Yarram – You're Invited! Join the Catholic Parish of Yarram in celebrating 175 years of Catholic life across Gippsland. Bishop Greg Bennet will join Fr Darren Howie and diocesan clergy to celebrate a special Anniversary Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday, 15 November 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Commercial Road, Yarram. Following Mass, all are welcome in the St Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments, a brief local history talk, an exhibition of historical memorabilia, and school tours. RSVP: Please email Sue Benc at suebenc57@gmail.com with any dietary requirements. More Details: https://tinyurl.com/5n77pu6y.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 7th December, 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 December, 2026, 6pm at the New Rainbow Chinese Restaurant Maffra. RSVP a Must 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 (+$122.10) = $1912.30

PIETY STALL

For sale in our Piety Stall at St Mary's Church are rosary beads, medals, cards, key chains and Sacramental gifts. 2027 Columban Art Calendars are now available at $11 per calendar.

If you are new to our parish and would like to give to the parish planned giving then please do not hesitate to contact the office on 0429140362 or email: Maffra@cdsale.org.au

The planned giving program helps support the running of the church and parish staff.

TRAVELLING TO DIOCESAN EVENTS:

Anyone wanting to travel to Yarram for the 175 years of Faith and Heritage On November 14th can car pool with Sylvia Neaves. Sylvia has 2 spare seats.

If parishioners plan to attend various Diocesan events, spread the word so that others may be able to share the ride.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Petronella (NELLIE) Van Den Broek, Dudley Grumley, Jessie Donahoe, Patrick (Barney) Higgins, Connie Gray, Julie Williams, Bob Dunsmuir, Czeslaw (Charlie) Ponichtera, Margaret (PEG) Zenner, Carmel Coleman, Joseph Broda, Edward Bates, Gertrude Calvert, Noreen Collins.

Fr. James O'Donnell, Mgr John Cunningham, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Fr Peter Harris.

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:	$ N/A
ST. MARY'S PG:	$ N/A
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	$ N/A

THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY INCREASED THEIR PLANNED GIVING. HOPING THAT OTHERS MAY ALSO THINK OF INCREASING.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 9th Nov: No Mass.
Tuesday 10th Nov: Heyfield 9.30am Mass. / Maffra Rosary 2pm. (St. Leo the Great)
Wed.: 11th Nov: Maffra, 9.30am Mass Rosary/ Adoration after Mass. (St. Martin of Tours)
Thursday 12th Nov Oct: Maffra- Rosary 8.20am 9.30am Mass. (St. Josaphat)
Friday 13th Nov: Maffra - Rosary 8.20am. 9.30am Mass (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)
Sat. 14th Nov: Maffra Rosary 8.20am. 9.30am Mass.

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 November 2026

Reader:	Sun: 15th	Ken Darcy
Commentator:	Sun: 15th	Trevor Fogarty
Extra Ordinary Minister:	Sun: 15th	Michael Dillon
Collectors:	Sun: 15th	Roy Shelton & Someone
Computer:	Sun: 15th	Mary Hartwig
Flowers:	Sun: 15th	Leonee Seymour
Sacristy:	Sun: 15th	Dean Brown
holy vessels:	month of November	Francis Dwyer or Marian Searle

Heyfield Parish Liturgical Roster November vigil

Reader:	Sat: 14th	Carmel Pittari
Flowers:	Sat: 14th	Pittari Family

St Brigid's Cowwarr Roster November

Reader:	Sun: 15th	N/A
Cleaner:	Sun: 15th	Geraldine Morgan

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
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https://gippslandordinariate.wordpress.com



Social Justice Statement: Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division
In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its latest Social Justice Statement, Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division. The bishops call on all faithful to help foster a more cohesive and peaceful Australia by cultivating a "culture of encounter"—choosing forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation, and active listening across differences.
To read the full statement, access resources, and watch the launch recording, visit: https://tinyurl.com/yc3m9d2v



The LAMP Youth Festival: Faith in Action
All youth and young adults aged 13 to 30 are warmly invited to the upcoming LAMP Youth Festival, themed "Faith in Action: Change Starts with You." Join us for a full day of games, dance, food, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass.

Date: Saturday, 21st November
Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Lunch provided)
Location: St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High St, Berwick VIC 3806
Age Group: 13 – 30 years old
Donation Drive: Please bring two or more non-perishable food items. All collections directly support the John Mc Foundation Inc.

Entrance Antiphon:
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm:
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water**. (R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise**. (R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy**. (R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (**R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon:
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next weekend's readings: Sunday mass
First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2026: For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

World Day of the Poor on 15 November calls us to leave our comfort zones, accompany those experiencing hardship, and address rising food insecurity. Bishop Tim Harris urges Christians to build genuine relationships and advocate for justice. Read the full message at https://tinyurl.com/5djrt328
Purchase a Caritas Australia Global Gift this Christmas

With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day.
Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that re?ects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse the full range of Global Gifts: https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria
Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.