



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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4th Sunday of Easter – Year B – 21st April, 2024.

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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

Tuesday Mass & Adoration 2.00pm
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

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SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL

25 million people including 14 million children are in dire need of humanitarian assistance.



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1800 024 413



Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the United Nations. 9 million have been displaced from their homes making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world!

Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine.

Since the outbreak of violence Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. Partners also have access to remote border towns in Chad and South Sudan, enabling them to support those displaced overseas.

As late as the end of last year, one partner reported seeing 4,200 refugees arrive there each day, around 90% of them women and girls. The Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference has raised concerns "the international community has forgotten the Sudan crisis" and called on the Caritas network across the world to "engage their respective governments, donors, and the wider international community to urgently pick up and advocate for the needed resources to avert the looming famine."

Caritas Australia take solace in the breadth of our partner network in the region. Their tireless work ensures the generosity of our supporters here in Australia reaches people in need.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413



In a telegram to Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin conveyed Pope Francis' deep sadness over the violent attack at a local shopping centre in Sydney, Australia. The Pope assured his spiritual support for all affected, offering prayers for the deceased, the injured, and the first responders. He invoked divine blessings of consolation and strength upon the nation. For more information visit : cdsale.org.au/news

Please note that there will be no 9am Mass on Sunday 28th April. Also no Newry Mass.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 6th May 2024, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 6th May 2024, 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

We are collecting cans and bottles with 10cent refund for fund raising to help pay for parish functions (E.G. the Centenary). Bins are next to the Church toilets at Maffra, please help support this project by collecting and placing cans and bottles in the bins.

So Far we have made \$
Thank you for supporting us.

Donations for Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or handed in at the Church or parish office over the next week. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this appeal. Rest assured that your money will be put to excellent use by Caritas in helping poor families to develop ways to feed themselves.

There will be a Special Leaving collection for the Seminarians next Sunday 28th April.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY:	\$ 668
ST. MARY'S PG:	\$ 135
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	\$ 80
LOOSE COLLECTION TERMINAL: FOR MARCH	\$ 183
LOOSE THROUGH BANK: FOR MARCH	\$ 50
DD & CC FOR MARCH	
DD & CC FOR MAFFRA	\$ 4181
DD & CC FOR HEYFIELD	\$ 2430

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Mary Withell, Millie Anderson, Doris De Bono, Lawrence Moran, Dawn Worcester, Gertrude Allman, Jake Kovco, Daniel Gleeson, Stefan Wasalski, Sharon Meldrum, Daniel Allman, Lillian Dudfield, Barry Harrington, Frank Green, Kevin (Ned) MacManus, Henry Binek, Norman McLean, Lynette Cadman, Charles Gray.

Frs. Joseph B Collier, Michael Hallinan, Thomas Hurley, Maurice Hoyne.

Care for the Sick: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like the Eucharist brought to them, please advise us on 5147 1921.

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit:

Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, Kevin Bennett, Marge Canny, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, 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: Terry Donahoe
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

.REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (APRIL)

LITURGY:	Sun. 28 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 28 th	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 28 th	Maureen Moulton
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 28 th	Michael Dillon
COMPUTER:	Sun. 28 th	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 28 th	Kevin Kierce and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 28 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 28 th	Rosemary Wirken & Mary McLaverty
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 28 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of APRIL	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (APRIL]

READER:	Sat. 27 th	George Bogusz
FLORISTS:	Sat. 27 th	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF APRIL	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (APRIL)

READER	Sun. 28 th	N/A NO MASS TODAY
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF APRIL	Christa Dwyer

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

MIRBOO NORTH: ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 2ND

SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM

CONFESSION: BEFORE EACH MASS

ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

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Churches in the parish please write your name and how many are attending. Thank you. Please note that there will be no 9am Mass on Sunday the 28th April.

The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



R.S.V.P. – With numbers for catering essential by 15th April 2024 to Parish Office 0351471921 Maffra@cdsale.org.au
A sign-up sheet is available at the back of all

Integrity in Our Common Mission

National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in the dioceses of the Catholic Church in Australia

National code of conduct key to improving integrity. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has unveiled a national code of conduct for

people ministering in Catholic dioceses around Australia.

details regarding the media release and a link to the 32-page document, Integrity in Our Common Mission can be accessed on the diocesan website/news section at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cvtsu>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Parish Prayer

Oh Holy Father in heaven, you have given us all that we have. In humility, faith and love we implore you to hear our humble prayer for the unity and vibrancy of our parish family. Bind us in your love. Unite us through your Son Jesus. Strengthen us through your Holy Spirit. Holy Virgin Mother Intercede for us that our parish may be a source of love, hope, peace, unity and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of April: For the role of women



FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

"Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."

- Pope Francis -

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.