



# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo] St.  
Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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## The Ascension of the Lord – Year B – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Edwin Ogbuka  
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### WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

### WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Newry: 11.00am  
5<sup>th</sup> 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

Facebook: [facebook/dioceseofsale](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale)



Bishop Greg Bennet elected Vice President of Australian Catholic Bishops conference.

Bishop of Sale, Greg Bennet, will take on the role after Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, retired from the position at the end of the maximum three, two-year terms. "I am pleased to have the

opportunity to be vice-president to Archbishop Costelloe whose leadership within conference and broadly across the Church has been so clearly reaffirmed by his re-election," Bishop Bennet said. To read the media release, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/45fhfsnm>

### Launch of the Diocesan Consultation Process:

Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, May 19, the Diocesan Consultation Process will be launched in all the parishes of the Diocese of Sale. The Bishop invites all of us to participate in a two-part consultation process of prayer, and attentive listening, to gather ideas on what pastoral initiatives are needed to help our Diocese to become more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary as we together face the opportunities and challenges of our time. Let's pray to the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our



consultation process.

**A special leaving collection next weekend 18th and 19th May for Trinity Families. Please give generously for our Diocese Charity.**

**Planned giving envelopes are available at the back of the Church in Heyfield and Maffra. The new planned giving program begins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please pick up your envelopes to save money on postage. If you are new to the parish and would like to participate in the Panned Giving program please contact the office on 5147 1921 or email: [Maffra@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Maffra@cdsale.org.au). With the increases due to the cost of living, any increase in your planned giving amount would be greatly appreciated.**

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. May 12-19

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's at 5.30pm.

Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at St John's at 10am.

Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> at St Andrews at 10am.

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. St Mary's will be hosting lunch at St. John's Geoff Webster Hall at 12pm.

St Mary's will be providing the soup.

Cost is \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family.

The guest speaker will be Mary Hartwig and her topic is Christian Meditation.

Lunch will include homemade soup, sandwiches and slices.

There will be a raffle, monies raised will be used to purchase new corflute Easter signs for the Maffra Community notice boards.

**Father is away from the 14<sup>th</sup> May till 4<sup>th</sup> July there will be no weekday Masses during this time.**

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-**

**Parish Luncheon Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

**All Welcome!**

**The evening meals on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 \$204.50

Thank you for supporting us.



**We welcome the children being baptised this weekend at St Mary's Maffra. We also welcome the children who were baptised last weekend.**

**There will be no more baptisms until Father comes back.**

**Caritas AUSTRALIA 60 YEARS 1964-2024**

**SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL**

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

**DONATE NOW** [www.caritas.org.au/suda](http://www.caritas.org.au/suda)  
1800 024 413

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-  
Recently Deceased: Josef Saleta**

**Anniversaries:**

Dolly Hammond, Rupert & Doris Grumley, Arthur Douglas, Katrina Zmijewski, John McMahon, Margaret (Peg) Keary, Logan Blitner, Catherine Shingles, Annabella Harkin, Jim Merrett, John Machalik, Eileen Edwards, Mary Higgins Snr.  
Fr. Aeneas Hennesy, Mg James (Jim) O'Mara

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:**

Jessica Durrant, 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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**PRESBYTERY:** \$ 626  
**ST. MARY'S PG:** \$ 130  
**ST. MICHAEL'S PG:** \$ 185  
**LOOSE COLLECTION TERMINAL:**  
**FOR APRIL** \$ 154  
**LOOSE THROUGH BANK:**  
**FOR APRIL** \$ 50  
**DD & CC FOR APRIL**  
**DD & CC FOR MAFFRA** \$ 2860  
**DD & CC FOR HEYFIELD** \$ 600

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.



### MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MAY)

LITURGY:	Sun: 19 <sup>th</sup>	Office
READER:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Smyth
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Trevor Fogarty
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Trevor Fogarty
COMPUTER:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Kierce and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Hartwig & Anne Munro
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Phelan & Sylvia Neaves
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of MAY	Francis Dwyer

### HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MAY)

READER:	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Taylor
FLORISTS:	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Donohue
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF MAY	Heather Higgins

### ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (MAY)

READER	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF MAY	Marie Johnston & Trish Sunderman

### 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:**

**FR KEN CLARK EV**

**GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE**

**13 CHURCH STREET**

**COWWARR, VIC 3857**

**TEL: 0403383873**

**BLOG:**

**[HTTPS://GIPPSLANDORDINARIATE.WORDPRESS.COM](https://gippslandordinariate.wordpress.com)**

Popes Prayer Intention for the month of May: FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS

"Every vocation is a 'diamond in the rough' that needs to be polished, worked, shaped on every side."

**POPE FRANCIS**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



**BISHOP** Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year.

He said "As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always

find a necessary place for those who need our help. To achieve this, Trinity Families Fund needs to continue to grow its funds so that this mission of service can be more effective. It is important to keep at the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area. While there are many calls upon our donations at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area."

Bishop Greg urges everyone to give generously to the May 2024 Appeal by donating. Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in the church.

**Sale Diocese's own Charitable fund.**

**Please donate generously.**

**[www.trinityfamilies.org.au](http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au)**

**Phone 5614 5141**

### **SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will shortly receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are being made for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus  
has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler

of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia



### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

### 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.



Confirmation Sunday  
19<sup>th</sup> May.

St Michael's Heyfield and  
St Mary's Maffra Grade 6  
children will be making  
their confirmation on  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.  
Bishop Greg Bennett will  
be celebrating this

confirmation Mass. Please prayer for these children  
as they journey into full catholic life.