



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.

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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 19th November, 2023.

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Willie Schoenmaekers

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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 Friday : 9.30am

1st Saturday of each month 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

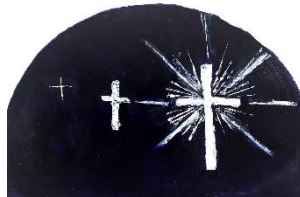
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860

Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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



<https://www.cdsale.org.au/sa>

SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

We are called to be children of light not darkness. Today our Diocese joins together to Shine a Light on the Domestic Violence that occurs behind the shield of the family home. Pray for its end and find out what you can do by reading the resources available at:

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of November:

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 4th December 2023, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on 4th December at 6pm will at Farmers Arms Newry. Same contact details as above.

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.

Columban 2024 calendars are now available at the Piety Stall \$10, also available are packets of Christmas cards \$8

The Parish has purchased a copy of A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE – A Mass-Kit in the Saddle Bag. Which is available for loan to our parishioners. If you are wanting to borrow this book please contact the office and we will make arrangements. Maffra@cdsale.org.au or 0429140362

THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF MAFFRA IS HOLDING ITS ADVENT LUNCH

AT ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH, ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26 AT 12PM. COST \$10.

ST MARY'S WILL BE PROVIDING THE SLICES. ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT

MARY HARTWIG 0431408336.

St Mary's Maffra Financial Statements (Un audited) for year ending 31st March 2023.

These are now on the notice board at the back of the Church (Church and House Accounts)

Parish Centre – Feedback Report

The Committee thanks those who have so far given feedback. Its work continues, with no conclusions yet made. An interim report with the Themes gathered is on the Church's Noticeboard. Copies are at the Choir entry door bookcase, or are available via the ParishOffice.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

James & Jess Daly, Paul Matarczyk, Peter 'MAURIE' McCarthy, Henry Smyth, Ted & Amy Rouse, Michael Higgins, Muriel Powell, Bill Fullerton, Peter Gannon, Nellie Allman, Magdalene Ponichtera, Rueben Cullen, Betty McLeod, Joan Davis, Dolly Lee, Doris Ballard, John Higgins.

Mgr. William (Bill) John Caffrey, Frs. Edward O'Malley, Raymond Alphonse (Tim) McInnes, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey

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:

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, Gerry Gray, and all those who seek our

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: \$ 797
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 470
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 455

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (NOVEMBER)

LITURGY:	Sun. 26 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 26 th	Michael Dillon
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 26 th	Julia Moulton
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 26 th	Trevor Fogarty
COMPUTER:	Sun. 26 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 26 th	Roy Shelton and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 26 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 26 th	Barbara Gordyn & Barbara Gray
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 26 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of NOVEMBER	Francis Dwyer

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (NOVEMBER)

READER:	Sat. 25 th	Philip Taylor
FLORISTS:	Sat. 25 th	Christine Donohue
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (NOVEMBER)

READER	Sun. 26 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	Connie 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 ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

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COWWARR, VIC 3857

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Invitation



Ecumenical Advent Conversation

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland,
and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale,
invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation –
a seasonal study of the Psalms and Canticles of the Lectionary Cycle
alongside some of the great Advent themes.



The Conversation will be led by biblical and theological scholars
from the Yarra Theological Union,
a college of the University of Divinity, Melbourne:

Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Lecturer in Biblical Studies ...

... and Dr Ross Fishburn, The Academic Dean.

There will be an opportunity for those present to participate in the question time
and dialogue following each address.

Thursday 23 November 2023

10am – 3.30pm

Morning tea (from 9.30) & a light lunch will be served
\$25 per person

RSVP 17 November 2023

Booking essential: info@theabbey.org.au



1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880

Mary's Advent Journey

Journey with Mary in her response to God's call
Become aware of God's presence this Advent

Four Thursdays: 30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, 21 Dec

Two time options: 10.30am or 7.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
496 Princes Highway Narre Warren



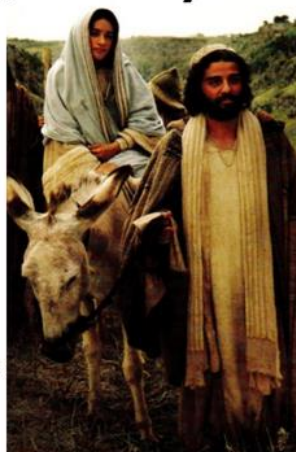
BOOKINGS: Parish Centre:

03-9704-7935, olhc@olhc.org.au

FREE to attend, donations towards
the ministry are welcome, thank you

Facilitators: Theresa Denny and Geraldine Naismith,
Emmaus Spirituality Ministry

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place..

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The

man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading:: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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.