



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C – 1st June, 2025

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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, Friday, Saturday: 9.30am

Thursday 5.30pm

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra

Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra –

Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am

followed by Mass

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Any time by request

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm

OR any other time by request

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

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THE GIFT AND PRESENCE OF PROFESSED WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS IN THE DIOCESE OF SALE

The Diocese of Sale is blessed by the service of clergy and religious whose commitment to the mission of the gospel enriches our life in Christ. This is exemplified by their faithful witness across our parishes, in schools and colleges, in service of Catholic Education and the pastoral life of the Diocese. Throughout Church history religious orders have been established by their founders in response to the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Church by bringing both contemplative and apostolic gifts to the service of others.

The presence of consecrated and vowed religious women and men throughout our Diocesan history has been a sign of grace. Under Church Law, the bishop solely approves the presence and missionary activity of religious orders and institutes. It is the law of the Catholic Church that religious superiors or province leaders request permission of a bishop to reside in a diocese and to undertake approved ministries.

Today there are four Religious Orders who enjoy such mutual approval by Bishop Greg: Sisters of Our Lady of the Nativity (Cranbourne), Brigidine Sisters (Catholic Education), Marist Brothers (Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Office), and the Oblates of Immaculate Mary (Parish of Moe-Newborough), and other international religious clergy ministering in our parishes. Other clergy or religious visiting or residing in the Diocese must complete necessary safeguarding checks and require the permission of the bishop to undertake public ministry in any form.

The presence of professed and consecrated religious women and men in our Diocese of Sale remains a sign of hope to all of us.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Combined Churches will be holding a week of prayer for Christian Unity from:

Monday June 2nd at St John's Anglican Church at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea

Wednesday June 4th at St Mary's Catholic Church at 2pm.

Friday June 6th at St Andrew's Uniting Church, 2pm, followed by afternoon tea.

The week will culminate with Pentecost Lunch on Sunday June 8th at Geoff Webster Centre.



Please pray for the children receiving their Confirmation next weekend in Heyfield, may the Holy Spirit, empower them to live a life of faith, service, and witness.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 2nd June 2025, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 2nd June 2025, 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 AND BOTTLE COLLECTION (NO COFFEE CUPS OR CARDBOARD):

Thanks to all who are bringing cans for collection. Please deposit cans and bottles into the bins. Please don't leave plastic bags next to the bins or bottles and cans in plastic bags. Cans and bottles don't need to be sorted, the machine at the collection point sorts everything including crushed cans. We have collected \$1000 to date. Thank you for supporting.

For sale in our Piety Stall are the St Mary's Church Centenary booklet for \$10, rosary beads, medals, cards and Sacramental gifts available.

POSITION VACANT – Assistant Parish Secretary - Part Time

A position has become available at the St Agatha's Parish Office in Cranbourne. The primary purpose of this role is to provide secretarial and administrative support to the Parish Secretary.

This is a permanent part-time position, working three days per week, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Occasional work outside regular office hours may be required on a voluntary basis. To apply:

Please address your application to the Parish Priest and email it to parishoffice@stagathas.org.au by Thursday, 5th June 2025. Applications should include a cover letter and a current resume. For a copy of the full position description, please contact the parish office via email or call (03) 5996 1985.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Marj Mossissey, Marita Keary, Leo Wirken, Ray Cusack, Keith (MICK) Hanratty, Mark Doolan, Brian Keady, Rosina (Rose) Robinson, Margaret McLaverty, Isabel Reid, Joan Brick, Thelma Hoppner, Oscar Bates, Mary McCarthy (Valencia Creek), Keith Payne, Syd Hird, Roberts Urbans, John Cusack, Zofia Michalik, Una Killeen. Frs. Cornelius Cremin, James Byrne, Mgr Edward (Ned) Hynes.

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:

Christine Schoenmaekers, Dick Moulton, Hilding Fjellner, Jim and Cathy Allman, Tim Daly, Gary Goddard, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, 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: Steve McNulty
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 668
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 100
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 140

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 2nd June **No Mass.** Maffra. No Adoration. (Sts. Marcellinus & Peter)

Tuesday 3rd June Heyfield 9.30am Mass, Maffra Rosary 2pm (St St Charles Lwanga and Companions.)

Wed. 4th June: Maffra, 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration/Reconciliation after Mass.

Thursday 5th June: Maffra-, Rosary, 8.20am, **5.30pm Mass.** (St Boniface)

Friday 6th June: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, 9.30am Mass (St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat)

Saturday 7th June: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, **Stretton Park 11am Mass.**

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: Contact John Cooney 51489220

DO YOU HAVE A NOTICE FOR THE BULLETIN? Let the office know by Wednesday the week prior. 51471921

Parish Fund Raiser – A big thank you to Christa and Don Dwyer who graciously accepted to continue with collecting the cans for the fund raising.

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (JUNE)

LITURGY:	Sun. 8 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 8 th	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 8 th	Maureen Moulton
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 8 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 8 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 8 th	Roy Shelton and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 8 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 8 th	Trish Vardy & Aileen Romanin
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 8 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of JUNE	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (JUNE)

READER:	Sat. 7 th	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat. 7 th	Pittari Family
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF JUNE	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (JUNE)

READER	Sun. 8 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF JUNE	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 ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

13 CHURCH STREET

COWWARR, VIC 3857

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A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY OF HOPE AND FAITH

The Jubilee Year is a year-long spiritual journey, inviting all the faithful to deepen their hope and faith in Christ. As pilgrims we will enter into a spiritual and physical journey towards renewal and growth in the faith.

In celebrating the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, I pray that the Diocese of Sale will have encountered the Holy One who reveals his love. Bishop Greg Bennet

Jan	1st	Opening Celebration of the Jubilee Year	St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
Feb	23rd	Jubilee of Artists	St Joseph's Church Warragul
Mar	29th	Jubilee of Volunteering	St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance
Apr	6th	Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers	St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup
May	25th	Jubilee of Workers	St Mary's, Cowes
	31st	Jubilee of Families and Grandparents	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
Jun	15th	Jubilee of Lay Ministers, and Leaders	St John's, Trafalgar
	27th	Jubilee of Clergy	St Laurence O'Toole's, Leongatha
Jul	19th	Jubilee of Youth	Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren
Aug	16th	Jubilee of Prayer Groups	St Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi
Sep	7th	Jubilee of Justice	St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale
	13th	Jubilee of Consolation	St Michael's Church, Berwick
	28th	Jubilee of Catechists	St Mary's Church, Maffra
Oct	4th	Jubilee of Marian Spirituality	St Patrick's Church, Pakenham
	5th	Jubilee of Migrants	Sacred Heart, Morwell, Lumen Christi, Churchill
	19th	Jubilee of Missions	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moe - Newborough
Nov	16th	Jubilee of Choirs	St Michael's Church, Traralgon
	29th	Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor	St Mary's Church, Yarram
Dec	7th	Jubilee of Prisoners	St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
	21st	Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year	St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North

During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world! - Pope Francis



DIocese of SALE



STEPS OF HOPE

a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Eastern Europe

8th - 22nd October, 2025

Divine Mercy Shrine - Krakow

Infant Jesus Shrine - Prague

Black Madonna (Czestochowa)

And many other attractions on the way

For more details check the flyer in the foyer

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

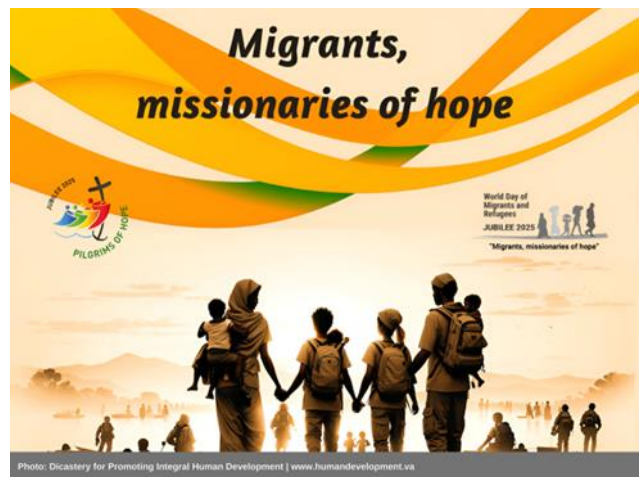
NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

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

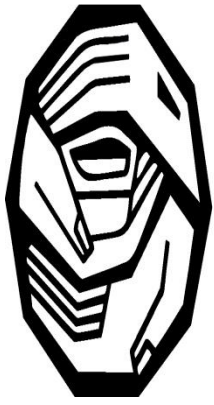


Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). WRD is designated by the United Nations to honour refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and to promote solidarity with them for a "world where refugees are welcomed."

The Church encourages us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

DURING WINTER ADORATION AND WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE PRESBYTERY AT THEIR USUAL TIMES. ALL WELCOME!

Planned giving envelopes are available from the back of each of the Churches Heyfield, Maffra, and Newry. Please collect to save on postage. The new planned giving year starts on 1st June 2025.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

THE STORY OF JACK KELLY

John Francis Kelly was born in 1896 to a mountain cattle family in the remote foothills of the Great Dividing Range at Glenmaggie, in Gippsland. His parents were Patrick and Rosanna Kelly (nee Garvey). He was the ninth child in an Irish family of seventeen children and was known by all as Jack. His schooling was at Gravel Hill State School, across the Macalister River. His catholic faith was handed down to him by his family.

He grew up with horses and cattle and became an excellent stockman. At the start of the First World War, in 1914, he became head stockman at Robert Gilder's Glenfalloch Station in the hills at Licola. While mustering cattle in late 1947 at Holmes Plains he fell from his horse and was badly concussed. After some dramatic coordination between the police, forestry staff, medics and RAAF he was rescued by Neil McInnes who flew a little Tiger Moth airplane with great skill. Jack was flown in an unconscious state, in this crop dusting plane, tied to a hay bale. He was taken to Sale Hospital, where he spent five weeks recovering.

In the early 1950's Jack purchased the freehold property called "The Lower Block" on the left hand branch of the Avon River, between Golden Point and Huggett's Crossing. He brought his cattle down from the High Plains before Winter, each year, to graze on the property. In 1958 he built a hut with assistance from Kevin Higgins and family. Later he retired from this property and moved into a house in Princess St, Maffra. During this time he did some work for the Foster Family at Boisdale, riding his horse to and from work. Jack had never married, and in his old age the Maffra St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers rendered him a great deal of assistance that enabled him to remain in his house until he died. He appreciated this assistance so much that he bequeathed his estate to the Maffra Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. This money was used to construct the first building that the Maffra Conference owned, and it became the centerpiece of their operation on church land. This building is the "Jack Kelly Shed", and is now joined by eight other sheds that enable the monthly sale to happen. And indeed, this monthly sale is often referred to as the "Jack Kelly Sale".

Jack Kelly passed away on the 25th April, 1983 at the age of 87, and was buried in the Maffra Cemetery. The building named after him continues to stand and be used as the clothing shed. It's a testament to a highly regarded cattleman who showed his appreciation to those who assisted him in his later years.

This information was organized and presented at the suggestion of our longest serving Vincentian, Peter Smyth.



Members and Volunteers of the St Vincent's De Paul Conference Maffra.



Catholic Parishes of:
ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. ITA'S
Warragul + Drouin

PILGRIMAGE IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE

FEATURING 4 NIGHT AEGEAN CRUISE WITH EPHESUS

11TH – 24TH APRIL
2026

LED BY
FR BRENDAN
HOGAN, DIOCESE
OF SALE

15
DAYS

PACKAGE PRICE:
per person (twin share)

AUD\$ 8,990*

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM/CABIN
SUPPLEMENT:

\$2,095*

FULLY
ESCORTED

*Conditions apply. Subject to change. Price is based on minimum group size of 25 pilgrims. ** Strict limits apply on single cabins. Pilgrims opting for single supplement may need to twin share on the cruise. Subject to cabin availability.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Dear Pilgrims,

I write to you with hope and enthusiasm for our pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul, in April 2026. St Paul has been one of the most influential figures in the history of Christianity. Through his numerous letters we can confidently say that no Christian is without his influence. His conversion has been the inspiration of many throughout the centuries, for nothing is impossible for God. As we make our way through these important steps we pray for open minds and hearts so that we too can be inspired to be bold

and brave Christians that our world needs at this time.

I look forward to sharing the journey with you, listening deeply to the movement of the Holy Spirit as we ponder his life and gaze upon his traveled path.

Fr Brendan Hogan



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Fr Brendan, Olive Tree Travel or by
2. To secure your place on the pilgrimage, a deposit is due by 30th May 2025
3. Final Balances will be due by the beginning of February 2026.

[CLICKING HERE](#)

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