



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-4.00pm.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – 3rd August, 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 9.30am

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

Special Collection for CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend 2nd and 3rd August, is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

JUBILEE OF PRAYER GROUPS
Saturday 16th August 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea
(16-18 Scarborough Street, Inverloch)
3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition, Benediction & Cuppa

St Joseph's
(27-29 Dowling Street, Wonthaggi)
5:00 pm-6:00 pm
Prayer Group displays, 6pm Night Prayer of Church, 6:30pm Mass

Pilgrims are invited to begin their pilgrimage at Inverloch with the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, before continuing on to Wonthaggi for the 6:30 pm Mass.

RSVP: 13th August at 5672111 or Wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au

Jubilee of Prayer Groups- Saturday, 16 August 2025

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, all are warmly invited to a special gathering honouring the many prayer groups in our diocese. The day will take place across two locations.

The first part of the gathering will take place at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch (16–18 Scarborough Street) from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This time together will include Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition, Benediction. This will be followed by a cuppa at 4:00 pm.

The celebration will continue at St Joseph's, Wonthaggi (27–29 Dowling Street) from 5:00 pm. There will be

prayer group displays around the church and foyer, followed by Night Prayer at 6:00 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm.

Pilgrims are encouraged to begin their journey at Inverloch and then travel on to Wonthaggi for the evening liturgy.

Please RSVP by 13 August by calling 03 5672 1111 or emailing Wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au.



Congratulations to the child being Baptised this weekend in Maffra. May her faith grow in her journey with Jesus.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 4th August 2025, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 4th August 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.

St Mary's Parish is selling wood for \$10 a bag to help raise money for the Parish. You can contact the office during office hours on either 0429 140 3620 or 51 471921 or Christa on 0456 713 686

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

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.

New Rosters for St Mary's Maffra are at the back of the Church. Please pick them up and check if everything is ok. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Recently Deceased: Hilding Fjellner Anniversaries:

James Beha, Felicia Hughes, Ron Fraser, Ann Stubberfield, Julia Scott, Alice McMahon, Pat Flaherty, Laurel Telling, John Dowling, Jozef Frasunek, Percy Lee, Allen Pawley.
Frs. John McGirr, Peter J MC Cormack, Joseph Martin.

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:

Fr Michael Willemsen, Keith Higgins, Barry Cullen, Christine Schoenmaekers, Dick Moulton, 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 McAnulty
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 680
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 280
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 110

DO YOU HAVE A NOTICE FOR THE BULLETIN? Let the office know by Wednesday the week prior.
Maffra@cdsale.org.au, 51471921

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 4th Aug. No Mass. Maffra. **No Adoration.** (St. John Vianney)

Tuesday 5th Aug.: Heyfield **No Mass,** Maffra Rosary 2pm (Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)

Wednesday 6th Aug.: Maffra, **No Mass No Adoration/Reconciliation.**

(Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Thursday 7th Aug.: Maffra-, Rosary, 8.20am, **No Mass.** (St. Sixtus 11, Pope)

Friday 8th Aug.: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, **No Mass.** (St Mary of the Cross Mary MacKillop)

Saturday 9th Aug: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, **No Mass (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)**

Sunday 10th Aug: Maffra - Parish Rosary, 8.25am followed by 9am Mass

Sunday Parish Rosary

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 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.

No Weekday Masses while Father Edwin is away.

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

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (AUGUST)

LITURGY:	Sun: 10 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 10 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 10 th	Margaret Slattery
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 10 th	Michael Dillon
COMPUTER:	Sun. 10 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 10 th	Roy Shelton and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 10 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 10 th	Marg Durrant & Gil Wals
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 10 th	Sylvia Neaves & Pauline Phelan
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of AUGUST	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (AUGUST)

READER:	Sat. 9 th	George Bogusz
FLORISTS:	Sat. 9 th	Pittari Family
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF AUGUST	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (AUGUST)

READER	Sun. 10 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF AUGUST	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

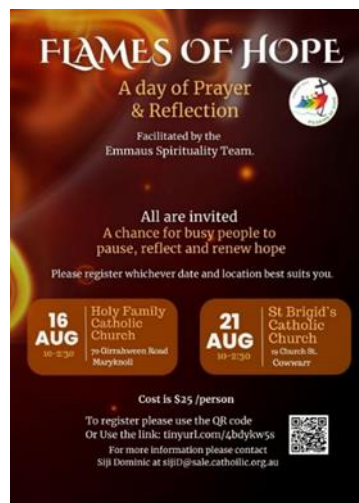
13 CHURCH STREET

COWWARR, VIC 3857

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FLAMES OF HOPE
A day of Prayer & Reflection
Facilitated by the Emmaus Spirituality Team.

All are invited
A chance for busy people to pause, reflect and renew hope
Please register whichever date and location best suits you.

16 AUG Holy Family Catholic Church
70 Girraheen Road, Maryknoll
10:00am - 2:30pm

21 AUG St Brigid's Catholic Church
13 Church St, Cowwarr
10:00am - 2:30pm

Cost is \$25 /person
To register please use the QR code
Or Use the link: tinyurl.com/4bdykw5s
For more information please contact
Sijj Dominic at sijj11@sale.catholic.org.au

As part of the Jubilee celebration, the Diocesan Pastoral Life and Mission Team is offering a day of prayer and reflection which is being facilitated by the Emmaus Spirituality Team.

This special day, entitled 'Flames of Hope' is an opportunity for busy people to pause, reflect, and renew their hope in the light of faith.

The day is being offered twice and you are invited to attend at whichever

location and date suits you best:

Saturday 16 August at Holy Family Catholic Church, 70 Girraheen Road, Maryknoll – from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Thursday, 21 August at St Brigid's Catholic Church, 19 Church Street, Cowwarr – from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Please register in advance by scanning the QR code on the poster or using this link: tinyurl.com/4bdykw5s

Bishop Greg warmly invites young people from across our

diocese to the Vocations Come and See event—a time for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Join us for prayer, hear vocation stories, ask questions, and take the next step in discovering where God may be calling you.

Come and see where He may be leading you.

Date: 17th August, 2025

Time: 3:00- 4:00 pm



Venu: St Patrick's parish, Pakenham 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810

In conjunction with National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate

Eucharistic Adoration
As a diocese, let us pray together to the Lord of the Harvest for more vocations



in a diocesan holy hour for vocations — a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more

vocations.

Place and time: Saturday, 2nd august, 11:00 am – 12:00 Noon St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, Sunday.

10th August, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?.

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

SUNDAY MASS:

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Popes Intentions



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Caritas Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413
Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza

Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,
You meet us in the darkest places.
Every year, when we light our Easter candle,
we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'
We pray today that all people may work with you
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May this fragile light be a sign of our hope
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