



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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – 10th 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

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Principal: Julian Blackford

4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860

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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 517111 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.

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 10-2:30	Holy Family Catholic Church 70 Girrahween Road, Maryknoll	21 AUG 10-2:30	St Brigid's Catholic Church 19 Church St, Cowwarr
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Cost is \$25 /person
To register please use the QR code
Or Use the link: tinyurl.com/4bdykw55
For more information please contact
Siji Dominic at sijiD@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 Girrahween 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/4bdykw55

Friday 15th August 9.30am whole school Mass, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy day of obligation.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 1st September 2025, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings. All Welcome!**

The evening meals on Monday 1st September 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 \$1124.90 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.

DARGO MASS: Why not take a leisurely drive to Dargo on Sun 31st August and make it a family day out with either a picnic lunch or lunch at the Hotel. Mass 12noon followed by lunch of your choice. Take in the beautiful views of the snow covered mountains.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Herb Bennett, Kevin Jongbloed, Clare Anderson, Janina Uzynski, Len Tudor, Brendon Hackwill, Edward (Ted) Clark, Elizabeth (Betty) Hill, John Coleman, Anthony (Tony) Dowdell, Ted Desmond, Blore Family (Madge), B.A. (Bob) Santa Maria, Josephine Lincoln, Bill Daly, Steve Whelan.
Bishop Patrick Lyons, Fr. Donal Madigan OMI.

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: \$ 771
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 133
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 160

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 11th Aug. No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (St. Clare of Assisi)

Tuesday 12th Aug.: Heyfield No Mass, Maffra Rosary 2pm (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

Wednesday. 13th Aug.: Maffra, No Mass No Adoration/Reconciliation.

(Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus)

Thursday 14th Aug.: Maffra-, Rosary, 8.20am, No Mass. (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

Friday 15th Aug.: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, 9.30am whole school Mass. (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Saturday 16th Aug: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, No Mass (St Stephen of Hungary)

Sunday 17th 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: 17 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 17 th	Margaret Slattery
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 17 th	Steve McAnulty
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 17 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 17 th	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 17 th	Kevin Kierce and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 17 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 17 th	Leonee Seymour
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 17 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of AUGUST	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (AUGUST)

READER:	Sat. 16 th	Joe Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 16 th	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF AUGUST	Carmel Pittari

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (AUGUST)

READER	Sun. 17 th	N/A NO MASS
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF AUGUST	Ruth O'Brien

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

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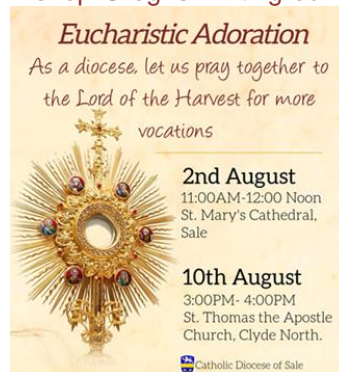
Bishop Greg warmly invites young people from across our



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

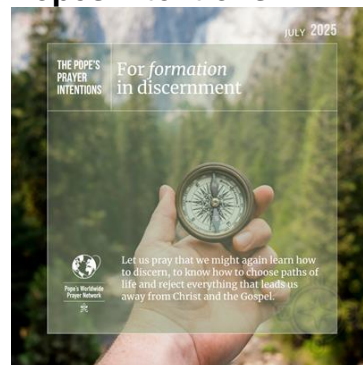


in a diocesan holy hour for vocations — a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the harvest to inspire more men and women to the answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more

vocations.

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

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.

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 to dispel the darkness of violence and war.
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.
May they find healing and lasting peace.
Amen.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the

dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

SUNDAY MASS:

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

INVITATION TO MAFFRA/HEYFIELD/COWWARR PARISHIONERS

To help celebrate the Jubilee year of Hope, some parishioners are planning a local pilgrimage to Inverloch/Wonthaggi next Saturday 9th August for the 'Jubilee of Prayer Groups' celebration. The itinerary will be;

- Saturday August 16th - Leave Maffra Presbytery at 12pm.
- Check in at accommodation in Inverloch between 2 and 2.30p.m.
- Travel to the 'Our Lady Star of The Sea' church at 3p.m. for the Holy hour and cuppa.
- Following the Cuppa, travel to Wonthaggi for the 'Prayer Group' display, prayers and Mass at 6.30p.m.
- Return to Inverloch for a meal out before retiring for the night.
- (perhaps a quick swim in the ocean J... just kidding!)
- Sunday morning, Rosary for peace as we drive home.

If you would like to come and join in this opportunity for fun and fellowship, car pooling is available/encouraged and accommodation (motel or Air BNB) will be organised depending on numbers.

- Payment for accommodation is up to each attendee.
- Contribution for fuel can be offered.

Please contact Christa on 0456713686 or Don on 0428556636 before the 13th of August (Wednesday) so that we can RSVP with numbers if you'd like to come.

MAFFRA PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATION ORGANISATION

On Sunday September 28th, Maffra parish will host the 'Jubilee of Catechists' celebration as part of the Diocesan programme. Organisation of this event will begin with a meeting at the home of Terry and Cheryl Donahoe,

3p.m. THIS MONDAY (11th August) 113 Carpenter St. Maffra.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this event you are welcome to attend. Enquiries, please contact Terry 0408471560 or Christa 0456713686..

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
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An official Pilgrimage
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PILGRIMAGE - 9th - 20th September 2025



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In 2025 this national Pilgrimage, which journeys from Melbourne to Adelaide and on to Sydney, will take place from the 9th – 20th September.

Places are still available & further details can be obtained & bookings made by contacting Sr Annie Bond on 0406 195 861.