



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.

For Emergencies: St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale, Phone 5144 4100

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



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – 24th August, 2025

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Edwin Ogbuka

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0469 733 929

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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, 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

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)

MAFFRA PARISH JUBILEE OF CATECHIST CELEBRATION.

We are asking parishioners, young and old, to write a paragraph of memories of how the Faith was passed on to you over the years. Was it by parents, grandparents, catechists, Nuns, RCIA etc? These will be printed as a small booklet for the celebration weekend. Feel free to add your name or be anonymous, but we would appreciate knowing what decade. eg 1960s, 80s etc.

Please return to Anne Munro by Sunday 7th September if possible. fredannemunro2@bigpond.com 107 Carpenter Street Maffra. Or place in box in the church porch.

Teaching as an Opportunity for Encounter

A Day for Catechists and Sacrament Coordinators

and registration, visit: [cdsale.org.au/events](https://www.cdsale.org.au/events)

Catechists and Sacrament Coordinators are invited to a special day of formation focused on helping young people grow in their faith through curiosity, creativity, and connection.

Two sessions available:
Tuesday 16 September
10:00 am – 2:30 pm
St Mary's Chapter House, 47 Foster St, Sale

Saturday 20 September
10:00 am – 2:30 pm
St Patrick's Parish Centre, 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham
For more information

This weekend Cuppa after 9am Mass in Maffra on the 24th August for Father Peter Bickley's last weekend Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Richard Johnston, Joan Hanratty, Pat Powell, Valma Williamson, George & Allie Gray, Stefan Penkara, Kevin Conway, Florence (Greg) McCarthy, Henry (Harry) Justice, Unita (Nita) Nye, Leo Allman, Phylis Fraser, Barbara Payne, Kerri Ann Harrington, Thomas (Tommy) Feeney, Leonora (Angela) Howson, Evelyn Sage, Bernard Kelly, Nellie and Myles Allman, Josephine & Leslie McQuillen, Ella Long, Cecilia Heywood, Verna Murphy, Pat Lincoln. Fr. Patrick Cremin, Joseph Martin, William Shinnick (died 1912).

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:	\$ 752
ST. MARY'S PG:	\$ 110
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	\$ 50

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 25th Aug. No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (St Joseph Calasanz, St Louis)

Tuesday 26th Aug.: Heyfield No Mass, Maffra Rosary 2pm)

Wednesday. 27th Aug.: Maffra, No Mass No Adoration/Reconciliation. (St. Monica)

Thursday 28th Aug.: Maffra-, Rosary, 8.20am, No Mass. (St. Augustine)

Friday 29th Aug.: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, No Mass. (Passion of St. John the Baptist)

Saturday 30th Aug: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, No Mass

Sunday 31st 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: 31 st	Office
READER:	Sun. 31 st	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 31 st	Maureen Moulton
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 31 st	Trevor Fogarty
COMPUTER:	Sun. 31 st	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 31 st	Roy Shelton and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 31 st	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 31 st	Rosemary Wirken
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 31 st	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of AUGUST	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (AUGUST)

READER:	Sat. 30 th	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat. 30 th	Pittari Family
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF AUGUST	Carmel Pittari

ST JOSEPH'S DARGO (AUGUST)

READER	Sun. 31 st	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF AUGUST	N/A

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

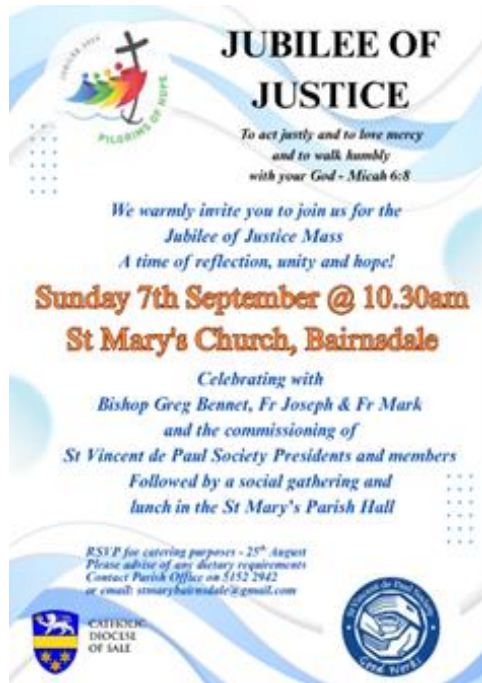
13 CHURCH STREET

COWWARR, VIC 3857

TEL: 0403383873

BLOG:

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



JUBILEE OF JUSTICE

*To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly
with your God - Micah 6:8*

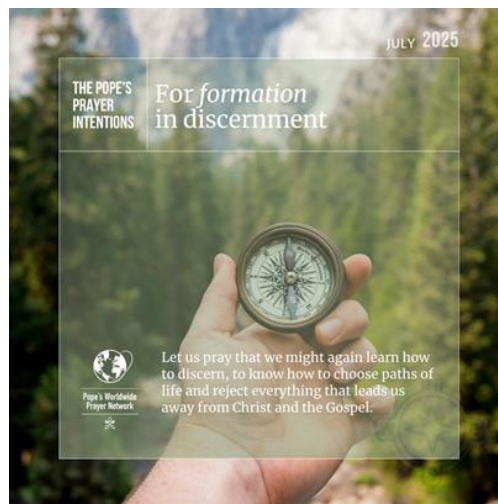
We warmly invite you to join us for the
Jubilee of Justice Mass
A time of reflection, unity and hope!

Sunday 7th September @ 10.30am
St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale

Celebrating with
Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Joseph & Fr Mark
and the commissioning of
St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents and members
Followed by a social gathering and
lunch in the St Mary's Parish Hall

RSVP for catering purposes - 25th August
Please advise of any dietary requirements
Contact Parish Office on 5152 2942
or email: stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

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Popes Intentions

Pope's Prayer intention for August For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more

difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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.

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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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**

2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned

outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

SUNDAY MASS:

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1. 7-14

The poster features a blue and purple header with the text 'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP' and 'An official Pilgrimage lead and run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart'. Below the header are two images: a photograph of a small wooden building with a chimney and a black and white portrait of a nun in a habit. At the bottom, there are logos for the pilgrimage and the text 'PILGRIMAGE - 9th - 20th September 2025'.

"In the Footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop" is an official Pilgrimage lead and run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

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.