



# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

**St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]**

**St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr**

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## Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C –31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Edwin Ogbuka

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Willie Schoenmaekers

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### WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

### WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Newry: 11.00am

5<sup>th</sup> 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)

### FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for a clergy care nurse (two days per week equivalent).

Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation>. The foundation is most appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons in sickness and retirement. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.

### MAFFRA PARISH JUBILEE OF CATECHIST CELEBRATION. 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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 7<sup>th</sup> September if possible. [fredannemunro2@bigpond.com](mailto: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

sp@dioceseofsale.org.au'. There is also a QR code and a quote from Pope Benedict: 'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but an encounter with an event, a person, which gives a new horizon and decisive action.' Pope Benedict - Deus Caritas Est 2005."/&gt;

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

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

**Parish Luncheon Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

Bryan Grumley, Margaret Conway, Stephen Johnston, Jo Stemberger, Helena Bednarczyk, Brian Cross, Colin Collings, Brian Morgan, Br. Ignatius Allman M.S.C. Marilyn Pitt, Laurence O'Dwyer, Eileen Molphy, Mona Marshall, William (BOB) Currey, Bill Harvey.  
Frs. John Kavanagh, Michael Patrick Curran (died 1930)

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 Willemssen, 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:** \$ 788

**ST. MARY'S PG:** \$ 230

**ST. MICHAEL'S PG:** \$ 290

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (St. Giles)**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.:** Heyfield 9.30am Mass, Maffra Rosary 2pm.

**Wednesday. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.:** Maffra, 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration/Reconciliation after Mass. (St. Gregory the Great)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** Maffra-, Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am.

Adoration/Reconciliation

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am. Stretton Park Mass 11am. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, 9.30am Mass

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** 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.

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

Anointing Mass 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (SEPTEMBER)

LITURGY:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Office
READER:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen Moulton
COMMENTATOR:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Hartwig
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Dillon
COMPUTER:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Kierce and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Kardinaal & Sue Kewming
SACRISTANS:	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Neaves & Pauline Phelan
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of SEPTEMBER	Francis Dwyer or Marian Searle

## HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (SEPTEMBER)

READER:	Sat: 6 <sup>th</sup>	George Bogusz
FLORISTS:	Sat: 6 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	Heather Higgins

## ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (SEPTEMBER)

READER	Sun: 7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	N/A <u>(Could someone please clean)</u>

## 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)



## 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

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](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### FIRST READING: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

**Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

**You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Luke 14:1. 7-14

**All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that,

when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

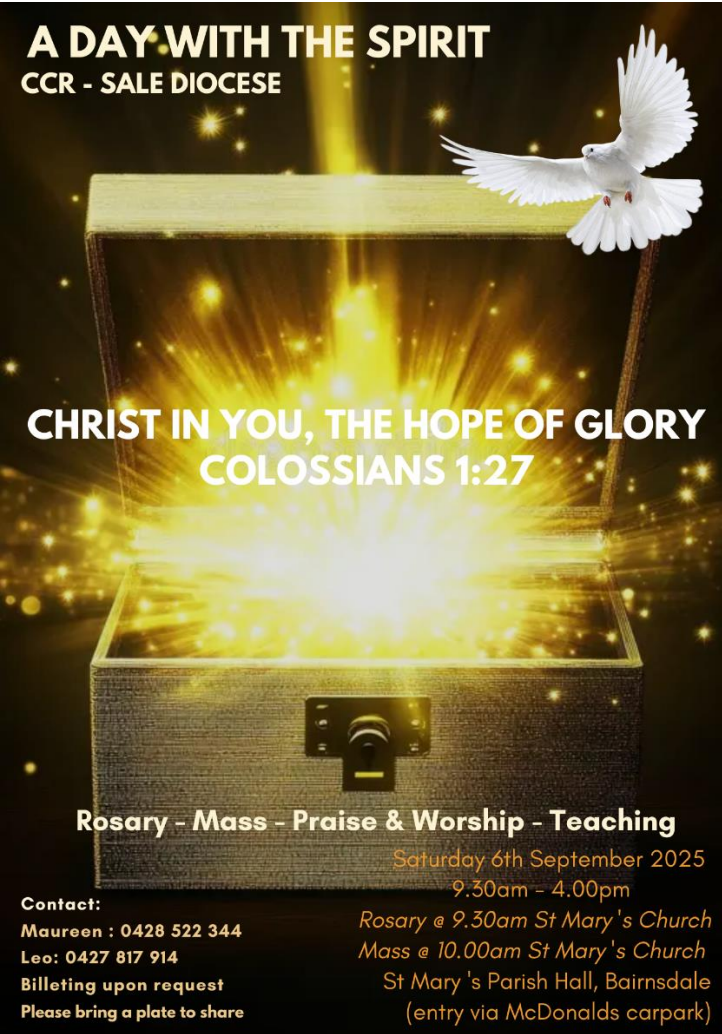
#### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

##### SUNDAY MASS:

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading: Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



**A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT**  
CCR - SALE DIOCESE

**CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY**  
**COLOSSIANS 1:27**

**Rosary - Mass - Praise & Worship - Teaching**

Saturday 6th September 2025  
9.30am - 4.00pm

**Contact:**  
Maureen : 0428 522 344  
Leo: 0427 817 914  
Billeting upon request  
Please bring a plate to share

Rosary @ 9.30am St Mary's Church  
Mass @ 10.00am St Mary's Church  
St Mary's Parish Hall, Bairnsdale  
(entry via McDonalds carpark)