



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Year C –14th September, 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 : 12.00pm

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

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Principal: Julian Blackford

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

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE: THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation. The amount given was \$362.30 plus those who donated online.

MAFFRA & HEYFIELD PARISH JUBILEE OF CATECHIST CELEBRATION. 27th & 28th September.

Heartfelt thanks to those who have taken time to write and share their stories of their faith journey.

***Please note that we are extending the due date to Sunday 14th September. ***

Please write a paragraph or more of memories of how the Faith was passed on to you over the years, to be printed in a small booklet for the celebration weekend.

Feel free to add your name or remain anonymous, but please include the decade. eg, 1960's, 80s etc. Please return to Anne Munro, 107 Carpenter Street Maffra. Email fredannemunro2@bigpond.com Or place in the box in the church porch. Thanks in anticipation, Anne.

"There will be a cuppa after Mass in Maffra on Sunday 28th September as part of our Jubilee celebration. Please bring a plate of food to share."



Safeguarding Sunday, 14 September

Today we gather on Safeguarding Sunday, a time to pause and reflect on our shared responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message of God's

call to justice, compassion, and speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. As a church, we are called to be a community that is safe, welcoming and hope-filled. In our everyday lives, let us remain attentive to those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent ones" in our society, the people without a voice? Perhaps today, God is inviting you to stand alongside them. Through prayer, support, or direct action, each of us are called to take part in God's work of justice and care.

"The Annual Maffra Financial Statements for 12 months to 31/03/2025 are now on the Noticeboard in the Church. After adjustments, the Church Account made a small profit thanks largely to Interest Received from Investments due to better interest rates available. This will drop back this year with rates now reducing.

The House account returned a small loss for the year with income very similar for the previous year."

Office closure. The office will be closed next week 16th, 17th, and 18th. If there is anything urgent please email me at Maffra@cdsale.org.au or contact me on 0429 140 362. Also Father will be available.

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:

Monica Le Grande, Maria Le Grande, Joan McCarthy, Bill Phelan, Gerald Coleman, Des Egan, Fred Munro, James Hall, Paul Brick Jr., Kathleen Fawaz, John (Jack) Telling, Gerald O'Dwyer, Elaine Brown, Susan Carter, Carmel Lee, Maria (Mary) Pasquali. Frs. Thomas Hurley, John Howard, John Russell, Daniel (Tim) Hourigan

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, 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:	\$ 774
ST. MARY'S PG:	\$ 243
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	\$ 100

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 15th Sept. No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (Our Lady of Sorrows)

Tuesday 16th Sept.: Heyfield 9.30am Mass, Maffra Rosary 2pm. (Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian)

Wednesday. 17th Sept.: Maffra, 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration/Reconciliation after Mass.

Thursday 18th Sept.: Maffra-, Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am. Adoration/Reconciliation (St. Joseph of Cupertino)

Friday 19th Sept.: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am. Mass 9.30am.

Saturday 20th Sept.: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, 9.30am Mass

Sunday 21st Sept.: Maffra - Parish Rosary, 8.25am followed by 9am Mass (St. Matthew the Apostle)

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 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 (SEPTEMBER)

LITURGY:	Sun: 21 st	Office
READER:	Sun. 21 st	Dorothy Smyth
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 21 st	Trevor Fogarty
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 21 st	Trish Vardy
COMPUTER:	Sun. 21 st	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 21 st	Roy Shelton and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 21 st	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 21 st	Mary Hartwig & Anne Munro
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 21 st	Sylvia Neaves & Pauline Phelan
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of SEPTEMBER	Francis Dwyer or Marian Searle

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (SEPTEMBER)

READER:	Sat. 20 th	Leanda Helmke
FLORISTS:	Sat. 20 th	Pittari Family
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	Heather Higgins

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (SEPTEMBER)

READER	Sun. 21 st	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	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:

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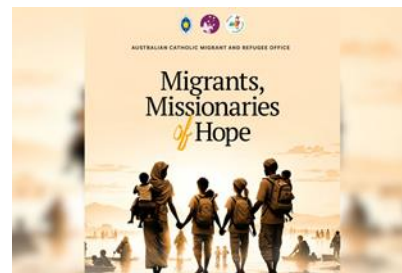


Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action

This theme highlights that while open discussions are crucial, words alone are not enough: we must turn dialogue into meaningful action.

NAPCAN acknowledges that while conversations can raise awareness, challenge harmful norms, and spark new ideas, real change happens when we take steps to create safer environments for children that prevent them from harm.

This year, we are focusing on moving beyond conversations to concrete actions that prevent harm and instead, focussing on strengthening support systems, and empowering communities to actively protect children. By shifting from conversation to action, we can ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences real safety, care, and protection.



Time to deepen solidarity with migrants and refugees
Australian Catholics are encouraged to reflect on stories of hope as they mark

the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, October 5.

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has produced a set of resources based on the theme for this year "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope", which is aligned with the Jubilee of Migrants.

To read the media statement please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydmckrf9>

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Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect.

Leo P.P. XIV

Popes Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention this month is "For our relationship with all of creation." The video comes out within the context of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical period from September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) that unites Christians from various denominations in prayer and action for the care of the earth.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable

and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**

2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **(R.)**

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**

4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

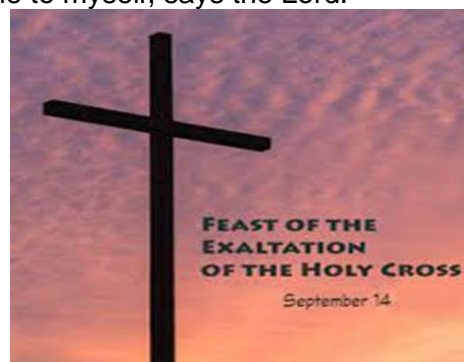
GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:****SUNDAY MASS:**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



. MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT OF OUR LADY OF SION CONVENT TO ENHANCE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING

We are excited to share a major announcement for the Diocese of Sale. The iconic Our Lady of Sion Convent and school campus site is set for a significant \$40 million redevelopment, one of the largest education projects ever undertaken in the Diocese. To read the full joint statement from Bishop Greg Bennet and the Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Mr Paul Velten, please visit the official news announcement: <https://tinyurl.com/y94vbfzw>



150 year old, Historic St. Joseph's Dargo: Saturday.

(Leave Maffra Presbytery 10am return 4.30pm)

Matt. 1:24 "When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him..."

Deep in the mountains, founded in the early times of goldfields and cattlemen. Revisit history, enter into the timber lined, peaceful, rustic church and feel the breath of the Spirit in the silence and smell as you spend time in prayer and contemplation with . Visit the cemetery and finish with a BYO picnic lunch in the church grounds.



St. Michael's Heyfield: Saturday.

Jude 1:9: "But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'"

Visit the tranquil timber town at the foot of the mountains. Join local parishioners at 5.15pm for Rosary and Mass at 6pm. Stay in the town at the RV camp (free), motel or on the shore of Lake Glenmaggie (Cost applies) Or, camp/stay free at Newry.



St. Mary's Church Maffra: Sunday

1858 To St. Bernadette : "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Immerse yourself in the intricate beauty and peace of this Century old church. Feel the connection to the past as you join parishioners for 8.25am Rosary, 9am Mass and a cuppa after. Meander to the old school and convent site and head out to Newry (Mass) or St. Brigid's Cowwarr (Adoration and prayer) via a look at the Newry church.



St. Ita's Newry: Sunday

St. Ita: Three things that God loves dearly:

- true faith in Him with a pure heart,
- a simple life with religion,
- and generosity inspired by charity.

Enter into the tiny township for 11am Mass in the 135yr old church amongst the paddocks.



St. Brigid's Cowwarr: Sunday

St. Brigid: "I would wish a great lake of ale for the King of Kings; I would wish the family of heaven to be drinking it throughout life and time."

Finish off with Adoration and Benediction at 1230pm in this beautiful, historic church followed by a BYO shared lunch at 1p.m. in St. Joseph's hall in the grounds of St. Brigid's Cowwarr.

