



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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The Ascension of the Lord Year A – 17th May, 2026.

Welcome Back Father Edwin, hope you had a relaxing time with your family.



TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL – 2026

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region.

providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support.

Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Every dollar makes a difference. Please donate generously. www.trinityfamilies.org.au Phone 5614 5141. There will be a special collection taken up 23rd & 24th May after all the Masses.



Are you interested in flower arrangements we are seeking volunteers to join our wonderful ladies who are already doing a magnificent job of arranging flowers every week for the altar and the church. If you are interested in volunteering please give thought to this. You can contact Willie on 0429140362. Or email at Maffra@cdsale.org.au

You will need a WWCC as part of the Child Safety Standards. This is for St Mary's Maffra and St Michael's Heyfield.

The National Count of Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over the first four weeks of May, with the first weekend of the Count taking place on 2/3 May 2026.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity commences on Monday, May 18th at 10am at St John's Anglican Church. Wednesday 20th will be held at St Mary's at 2pm, and Friday 22nd will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church at 10am. Could all those attending St Mary's please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

On Sunday 24th which is Pentecost Sunday, there will be a lunch at St John's Hall. Could parishioners please provide loaves of sandwiches for the lunch.

Please see Mary Hartwig after mass if you are able to do either or both of these things.

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PARISH SECRETARY:

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 : 12.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

Wednesday to Saturday : 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Any time by request

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm
OR any other time by request

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday,

Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am
followed by Mass

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra

Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

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

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 1st June 2026, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings. All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 1st June 2026, 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 and bottles 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 another \$142.80 last week which brings the total to \$1668 to date. Thank you for supporting. Also thank you to Christa and Don Dwyer for making the exchanges every time.

Final Parish Mass & Farewell

The community of St. Vincent's Church, Morwell East, invites you to a day of remembrance and thanksgiving on Saturday, 23rd May 2026.

12:30 PM: Luncheon & Memories (St. Vincent's Hall) An opportunity to share stories and celebrate our shared history over a meal.

4:30 PM: Benediction (St. Vincent's Church)

5:00 PM: Final Mass of Thanksgiving

RSVP: By 20th May 2026 by calling 51-342849.

Location: Cnr. Hunt and Barry Street, Morwell. Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Annabella Harkin, Jim Merrett, John Machalik, Eileen Edwards, Mary Higgins Snr, Dulcie Watts, Francis Anton, Frank Wieloch, Marjery Kennedy, Patricia Hurley, Charles Fermio, Margaret McLaren, Sr. Irene McCormack, Thomas Henebery, Vincent Cummins.
Frs. Robert Mead, Martin Roche.

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit: John Slattery, Ted Costello, Fr Michael Willemsen, Keith Higgins, Barry Cullen, Christine Schoenmaekers, Jim and Cathy Allman, 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

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 641
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 235
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 150

PIETY STALL

For sale in our Piety Stall at St Mary's Church are rosary beads, medals, cards, key chains and Sacramental gifts.

DARGO MASS 31ST MAY 12NOON.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 18th May: No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (St. Pope John I)

Tuesday 19th May: Heyfield 9.30am Mass. / Maffra Rosary 2pm.

Wed. 20th May: Maffra, 9.30am Mass Rosary/ Adoration after Mass. (St. Bernardine of Siena)

Thursday 21st May: Maffra-Rosary 8.20am Mass 9.30am.

Friday 22nd May: Maffra - Rosary 8.20am. Mass 9.30am (St. Rita)

Sat. 23rd May: Maffra Rosary 8.20am. Mass 9.30am

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.

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:

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

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER MAY 2026

READER:	SUN: 24TH	MARY HARTWIG
COMMENTATOR:	SUN: 24TH	KEN DARCY
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER:	SUN: 24TH	TREVOR FOGARTY
COLLECTORS:	SUN: 24TH	NICK MUNRO & SOMEONE
COMPUTER:	SUN: 24TH	MARY FJELLNER
FLOWERS:	SUN: 24TH	TRISH VARDY & AILEEN ROMANIN
SACRISTY:	SUN: 24TH	MARIANNE & CHAS BAGGULEY
HOLY VESSELS:	MONTH OF May	FRANCIS DWYER OR MARIAN SEARLE

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER MAY VIGIL

READER:	SAT: 23RD	CARMEL PITTARI
FLOWERS:	SAT: 23RD	PITTARI FAMILY

ST ITA'S NEWRY ROSTER SUNDAY MAY

READER:	SUN: 24TH	N/A
CLEANER FOR FEBRUARY:	SUN: 24TH	RAELENE HANRATTY

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

CONFESSION: BEFORE EACH MASS

ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

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COWWARR, VIC 3857

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WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU

The Catholic Church in Australia is gearing up for a nationwide measure of Mass attendance. In

May, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research will conduct the 6th National Count of Attendance.

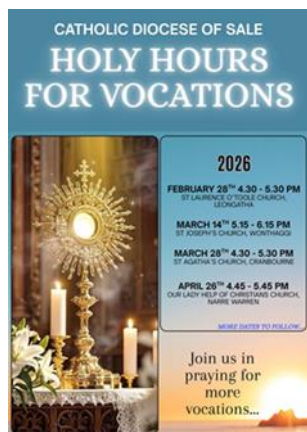
This year marks 25 years of collecting valuable insights into long-term trends within the Catholic Church. According to the 2021 National Count, about 8.2 per cent of Australia's Catholic population attended Mass on a typical weekend in May.

For more information: Visit the [National Centre for Pastoral Research](#)



That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone

has access to quality food.



HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS – DIOCESE OF SALE

THE DIOCESE OF SALE INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO JOIN IN PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO ASK THE LORD FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS.

MAY 31ST: ST MICHAEL'S, TRARALGON, MASS 5.00 -

6.00 PM, HOLY HOUR 6.00-7.00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE UNITE IN PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH.



Fresh Fire Fall

Join us for Fresh Fire Fall, a special day of spiritual renewal and community. This event is hosted by the CCR Sale Diocese in conjunction with Charis Australia.

The day will feature Mass, Praise, Worship, and a Talk centered on the message of 2 Timothy 1:6: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,

which is in you through the laying on of my hands" — 2 Timothy 1:6

Date: 30th May 2026. Time: 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Location: St Ita's Church, Drouin.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia..

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia..

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

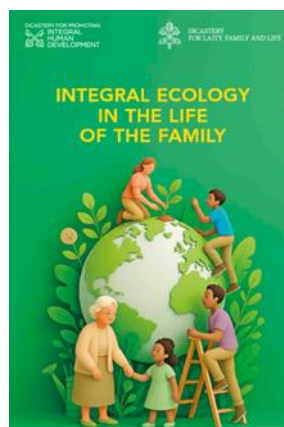
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Confirmation Saturday 23rd May at St Mary's Maffra at 2pm.



Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family

The Vatican has issued a document, Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family, which highlights the link between caring for creation and nurturing human life within the family.

The document responds to Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV's calls to listen to the cry of the poor and the Earth, drawing on Laudato Si' and Amoris

Laetitia. It was developed through collaboration between Vatican dicasteries, theologians, consultants and married couples. It emphasises the family as a foundation for society and a model of care, highlighting values such as selflessness, solidarity, and respect for life. The document offers practical guidance for families, Church communities and individuals to respond to environmental challenges and promote the flourishing of all people. Find the document here <https://bit.ly/4tJvHzt>