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St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 4th October, 2026.

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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 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

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Principal: Julian Blackford

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DIOCESAN WOMEN'S EVENT

You are cordially invited to join the women of the diocese for a dinner and talk by Dr Kim Daniels celebrating the strength, resilience and expanding horizons of women in the life and mission of the Catholic Church

**NAVIGATING THE UNSEEN
WOMEN LEADING WITH
RESILIENCE**

7:00 pm Oct 14th
St. Patrick's Parish Hall,
Pakenham

Kim Daniels directs the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, where she is an adjunct theology professor & Mission Advisory Board member. She served on the Vatican Dicastery for Communication (2016-2020) and as a United Nations expert leading digital mission study. An advisor to Catholic leaders—including the USCCB—on religious liberty, immigration, and human dignity, Kim holds degrees from Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School.

DR. KIM DANIELS

To register, scan QRcode or visit
trybooking.com/DOZKU

COST: \$30/ person
Tickets Essential.
Register by October 4th

Dinner and soft drinks provided

Diocesan Women's Event: Navigating the Unseen – Women Leading with Resilience

Women from across the diocese are invited to gather for an evening dinner and talk celebrating the strength, resilience, and expanding horizons of women in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Guest speaker Dr. Kim Daniels—Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University and member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication—will share insights on leadership, faith, and renewal.

Date: Wednesday, October 14th

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Pakenham

Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner & soft drinks)

RSVP: Bookings are essential by October 4th. Secure your tickets online at trybooking.com/DOZKU or scan the QR code on the promotional flyers in the church foyer.

Invitation to Celebrate 175 Years of Catholic Life in Gippsland

The Parish of Yarram warmly invites you to join us on Sunday the 15th November 2026 at 11:00 Mass as we celebrate 175 years since the beginning of the Catholic Church in Gippsland.

In 1851, Gippsland was established as a Catholic Mission with Father David Holohan appointed to Tarraville as its first priest with Father Joseph Martin as his assistant. Father Martin subsequently became the first resident priest of Gippsland and established a Catholic School at Tarraville.

By 1854, Father Patrick Verling had been appointed and built St Patrick's Church, Tarraville, the first Catholic Church in Gippsland. From these humble beginnings, the Catholic community grew through churches, schools, convents and parishes to become what is now the Diocese of Sale.

Although St Patrick's Church was demolished in the 1940's, a small part of its floorboards was later made into a tabernacle. This precious reminder of the first Catholic Church in Gippsland remains a tangible link with our beginnings.

We invite you to join us in giving thanks for 175 years of faith, community and Catholic life in Gippsland, and to celebrate the rich heritage that began in Tarraville in 1851.

Sunday, 15th of November:

11:00 am Mass: Celebrated at St Mary's Catholic Church, Commercial Road Yarram. Bishop Greg Bennet will be in attendance and will celebrate Mass with Father Darren Howie.

Refreshments & History: Following Mass, we will gather at the St. Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments. Memorabilia will be displayed with the addition of a short talk about our history.

A tour of St. Mary's Catholic School will also be made available.

RSVP: Kindly RSVP to Sue Benc at suebenc57@gmail.com.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-
Parish Luncheon Monday 5th October, 2026, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings. All Welcome!
The evening meals on Monday 5th October, 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 COLLECTION FUNDRAISER:
Thanks to all who are bringing cans and bottles for collection. Cans and bottles can be deposited in bins near St. Mary's toilets. Amount raised to date **(+\$122.10) = \$1912.30**

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

March for the Babies 2026 – Melbourne

Join the annual peaceful walk through Melbourne to mark the 18th anniversary and advocate for the unborn.
Date: Saturday, 10 October 2026
Time: Meet at 1:00 PM
Location: Treasury Gardens (Corner of Spring St & Wellington Parade, Melbourne)
Dress Code: Wear pink and/or blue
Signs will be provided on the day. To ensure a peaceful, family-friendly environment with police presence, please leave loudspeakers, horns, and noisemakers at home.
Attendance is free, but pre-registration is required for individuals, families, and groups. Reserve tickets at trybooking.com/events/landing/1626138 or find more details at marchforthebabies.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-
Anniversaries:
(Babe) Diesel Jack Batalha/Godward, Patrick Johnston, Phylis Fraser, Josef Kowal, Lex Bennett, Ray Woodhouse, Col Collings, Bernard (Bernie)Daly, Peter Killeen, Gweneth Marx, Mary Saunders, John O'Brien, (Mervyn John) Jack Donohue, Leo Harkin, Robert (Bob) Ayton, Joan Feeney, Joe Coloe, Stephen Payne, Violet Jensen, Jean Lestrangle.
Frs. William O'Brien, John Walsh, Michael O'Leary

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit: A.J. Smith, John Slattery, Fr Michael Willemssen, Christine Schoenmaekers, Gary Goddard, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Linda Allman, Coral Justice, 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	
2 WEEKS	
PRESBYTERY:	\$ 835
ST. MARY'S PG:	\$ 310
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	\$ 250

THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY INCREASED THEIR PLANNED GIVING. HOPING THAT OTHERS MAY ALSO THINK OF INCREASING.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY
Monday 5th Oct: **No Mass.** Maffra. No Adoration. (St. Faustina Kowalska)
Tuesday 6th Oct: Heyfield **9.30am Mass. / Maffra Rosary 2pm.**
Wed.: 7th Oct: Maffra, **9.30am Mass Rosary/ Adoration after Mass.** (Our Lady of the Rosary)
Thursday 8th Oct: Maffra-Rosary 8.20am **9.30am Mass.**
Friday 9th Oct: Maffra - Rosary 8.20am. **9.30am Mass.** (Sts. John Henry Newman and Denis)
Sat. 10th Oct: Maffra Rosary 8.20am. **9.30am Mass.**

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 to pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese and also 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 OCTOBER 2026

READER:	SUN: 11 TH	MARGARET SLATTERY
COMMENTATOR:	SUN: 11 TH	STEVE MCANULTY
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER:	SUN: 11 TH	TREVOR FOGARTY
COLLECTORS:	SUN: 11 TH	KEVIN KIERCE & SOMEONE
COMPUTER:	SUN: 11 TH	NICK MUNRO
FLOWERS:	SUN: 11 TH	ROSEMARY WIRKEN
SACRISTY:	SUN: 11 TH	SYLVIA NEAVES & PAULINE PHELAN
HOLY VESSELS:	MONTH OF OCTOBER	DONNA SEBASTIAN

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER OCTOBER VIGIL

READER:	SAT: 10 TH	CARMEL PITTARI
FLOWERS:	SAT: 10 TH	HEATHER HIGGINS

ST ITA'S NEWRY ROSTER OCTOBER

READER:	SUN: 11 TH	N/A
CLEANER:	SUN: 11 TH	CHRISTA/RAELENE

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

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Ageing and Awakening: Life's Surprising Gifts

Growing old is a unique experience, one we share with many others in society today. It is a time of life that both challenges and benefits us, a time that invites us to grow personally as we manage changes such as retirement, having more time and fewer demands, and experiencing physical and psychological limits. The ageing process is enriched if we take stock of our lives and take charge of how we might live now and into the future.

Three two-hour sessions invite participants in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's to explore the many aspects of growing older in today's Australia. For more information, see the flyer in the church foyer.

Where: St. Patrick's Parish, Pakenham

Address: 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, Vic 3810

When: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesdays 13th, 20th and 27th October 2026

Cost: \$10 per session or small donation

Register: Phone Parish Centre 59417315; Email parishoffice@stpatrickspakenham.com.au, or leave your details on the sheet in the foyer.

THE RITUAL AND THE REASON
Exploring The Parts of The Mass

Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Every word, gesture, symbol, and prayer helps us encounter God and grow as a community of faith. As we explore the parts of the Mass, we will discover not only what we do, but why we do it. From the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing, each ritual invites us to listen, respond, give thanks and be transformed by God's presence.

Date: Saturday, 10th Oct 2026
Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm
Venue: Our Lady Help Of Christians, Narre Warren

Date: Saturday, 17th Oct 2026
Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm
Venue: St Michael's, Traralgon

Cost: \$10/person

Presenter: Fr Brian Nichols
Fr. Brian Nichols is a lecturer at Catholic Theological College and a member of the Department of Systematic Theology. He lectures in liturgical theology and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He is Parish Priest of Sandy Bay/Taroona parish in Hobart. Fr. Brian holds a Bachelor of Theology from the University of Divinity, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from St Anselmo (Rome).

Register 

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The Ritual and The Reason: Exploring The Parts of The Mass

Every ritual in the Mass has a purpose. Join us to explore what we do and why we do it—from the Sign of the Cross to the Final Blessing—so we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence.

Choose a Session:

Narre Warren (Our Lady Help Of Christians): Saturday, 10th Oct 2026 | 10:00am – 3:00pm

Traralgon (St Michael's): Saturday, 17th Oct 2026 | 10:00am – 3:00pm

Register Today:

Online: cdsale.org.au/events

Phone: 61 3 5614 5163

Email: newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all..

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a

winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

World Mission Sunday special collection will be held on the weekend of 17th and 18th October.

Office will be closed Tuesday 6th October.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Throughout October, our parish joins with Shine a Light to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against Domestic and Family Violence. Shine A Light is a Sale Diocese program, developed with Catholic Social Services Victoria, enabling Parish communities to equip themselves with knowledge, tools and a deeper understanding of how to recognise and appropriately respond to family and domestic violence. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

In this first week, our reflection focuses on "Nurturing Good Fruit," inspired by this Sunday's Gospel. Just as a well-tended vineyard yields a rich harvest, we are each invited to cultivate kindness, mutual support, and dignity within our homes and parish family. When we nurture one another with patience and care, we build a community where everyone can truly thrive.



to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2026: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.

Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

AMEN



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