



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 18th 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

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)

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



In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

*Name changed for privacy



WEEK 2 THEME

Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Our month-long journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues throughout October as we focus on fostering a parish culture centred on safety, mutual respect, and heartfelt care. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week's theme, "Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts," connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone is called to the feast—to be welcomed with honour, dignity, and genuine kindness. When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.

For resources visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/salwr>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-
 Parish Luncheon Monday 2nd November, 2026, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings. All Welcome!
 The evening meals on Monday 2nd November, 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. 2027 Columban Art Calendars are now available at \$11 per calendar.

175 Years of Faith & Heritage in Yarram – You're Invited! Join the Catholic Parish of Yarram in celebrating 175 years of Catholic life across Gippsland. Bishop Greg Bennet will join Fr Darren Howie and diocesan clergy to celebrate a special Anniversary Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday, 15 November 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Commercial Road, Yarram. Following Mass, all are welcome in the St Mary MacKillop Hall for light refreshments, a brief local history talk, an exhibition of historical memorabilia, and school tours. RSVP: Please email Sue Benc at suebenc57@gmail.com with any dietary requirements. More Details: <https://tinyurl.com/5n77pu6y>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-
Anniversaries:
 Stanislaw Wasalski, Bill Davis, Kim Watson, Tom Fogarty Jnr., Tom Lanigan, Jim Booker, Patricia (Pat) McMahon, Agnes Phelan, Ollie Bravo, Ned Lowrie, Helen Birch, Maria Broda, William (Bill) Jeffrey, Patrick (Patty) Phelan, Dora Coloe, Wladyslaw (Wally) Dyblik, Ron Ronalds, Sheila McCarthy, Marjorie Forder, John Kusiak.
 Frs. Michael Patrick Curran (died 1930), Edward. O Donoghue

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
 PRESBYTERY: \$ N/A
 ST. MARY'S PG: \$ N/A
 ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ N/A

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 19th Oct: **No Mass.** Maffra. No Adoration.
 Tuesday 20th Oct: Heyfield **9.30am Mass. / Maffra Rosary 2pm.**
 Wed.: 21st Oct: Maffra, **9.30am Mass Rosary/ Adoration after Mass.**
 Thursday 22nd Oct: Maffra-Rosary 8.20am **9.30am Mass.** (St. John Paul II)
 Friday 23rd Oct: Maffra - Rosary 8.20am. **9.30am Mass.**
 Sat. 24th Oct: Maffra Rosary 8.20am. **9.30am Mass.** (St. Anthony Mary Claret)

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: 25 TH	JASMINE MUNRO
COMMENTATOR:	SUN: 25 TH	MAUREEN MOULTON
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER:	SUN: 25 TH	STEVE MCANULTY
COLLECTORS:	SUN: 25 TH	ROY SHELTON & SOMEONE
COMPUTER:	SUN: 25 TH	MARY HARTWIG
FLOWERS:	SUN: 25 TH	TRISH VARDY & AILEEN ROMANIN
SACRISTY:	SUN: 25 TH	DEAN BROWN
HOLY VESSELS:	MONTH OF OCTOBER	DONNA SEBASTIAN

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER OCTOBER VIGIL

READER:	SAT: 24 TH	JOE PITTARI
FLOWERS:	SAT: 24 TH	PITTARI FAMILY

ST ITA'S NEWRY ROSTER OCTOBER

READER:	SUN: 25 TH	N/A
CLEANER:	SUN: 25 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:

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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.

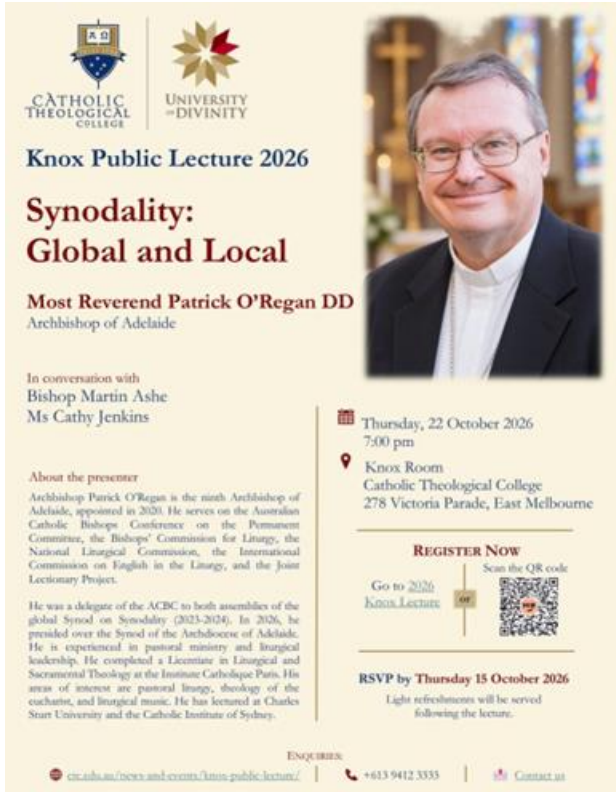
Where: St. Patrick's Parish, Pakenham

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 flyer for the Knox Public Lecture 2026 features the logos of Catholic Theological College and the University of Divinity at the top. A portrait of Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is on the right. The title 'Synodality: Global and Local' is prominently displayed. Below it, the speaker is identified as Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop of Adelaide. A conversation with Bishop Martin Ashe and Ms Cathy Jenkins is also mentioned. The event details specify Thursday, 22 October 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Knox Room at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. A 'REGISTER NOW' section includes a QR code and a link to the event page. The RSVP deadline is Thursday 15 October 2026, with a note that light refreshments will be served. Contact information for enquiries is provided at the bottom.

Knox Public Lecture 2026: Synodality – Global and Local
Join Catholic Theological College (University of Divinity)
for the annual Knox Public Lecture, presented by the Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop of Adelaide. Archbishop O'Regan, a delegate to both assemblies of the global Synod on Synodality (2023–2024) and leader of the 2026 Synod of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, will explore synodality from both international and local perspectives. The evening will also feature a conversation with Bishop Martin Ashe and Ms Cathy Jenkins.
Date & Time: Thursday, 22 October 2026 at 7:00 pm
Venue: Knox Room, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
RSVP: Registrations are essential by Thursday, 15 October 2026
Hospitality: Light refreshments will be served following the lecture
Bookings & Enquiries:
Register online at ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture or call +61 3 9412 3333.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me..

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell

us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine..

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



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

OCTOBER: For mental health ministry

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of life, You know the innermost depths of our hearts—the light and shadows within us, the silent wounds that sometimes no one sees. Today we bring before you our brothers and sisters who struggle with challenges to their mental health, who suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression, or any other mental illness. You call them by name, with tenderness, and in You they find dignity and hope. Forgive us for the times we have looked the other way, feeding the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. May your Church be an open house, a safe space where everyone has a place— a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear.

We pray to you, Lord, for those who care: professionals, family members, volunteers— men and women who, with patience and love, build bridges of understanding and comfort. Give them strength and compassion to sustain others. Send your Spirit upon us, that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church, and thus become a living sign of your mercy, which never abandons and always restores. Amen.

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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