



# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

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

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – Year C –27<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

## PARISH PRIEST:

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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 5.30pm

## 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

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 27th April

**9.00am Mass @ St Mary's Maffra will include Blessing of Divine Mercy images**

**2:30pm Holy Hour @ St Mary's Maffra - to include Confession & Benediction and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Please bring your Divine Mercy images to Mass on Divine Mercy Vigil /Divine Mercy Sunday, if you would like Fr Edwin to bless them.**



**Everyone is welcome at 2.30pm HOLY HOUR including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions, blessing of Divine Mercy images, closing with Benediction.**



**Pope Francis 1936 – 2025**

**May he rest in eternal peace in the loving arms of his Creator.**

**May we be like him , humble and joyous. Throughout his public life, Francis was noted for his humility, emphasis on God's mercy, international visibility as pope, concern for the poor, and commitment to interreligious dialogue.**

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

**Parish Luncheon Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

**All Welcome!**

**The evening meals on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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.

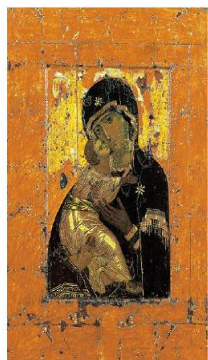
## Parish Fund Raiser



**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 \$1000 to date. Thank you for supporting.

**For sale in our Piety Stall are the St Mary's Church Centenary booklet for \$10, rosary beads, medals, cards and Sacramental gifts available.**



**MAY 7TH, 2025  
JOURNEYING WITH  
MARY**

May is the month of Mary

Mary has a special place in the hearts of the faithful. It is therefore fitting that we pay special attention to her and to her role in the history of salvation. Join others from around the diocese in a special 'Zoom' gathering as we celebrate Mary's significance through Art, Music, Song, Private Reflection, Scripture and Prayer. Led by Jane Mitchell and Mike Hansen

Led in song by acclaimed singer song writer, Jane Mitchell

See how specially chosen art pieces enhance our understanding of Mary and her role

Spend some time in personal prayer and quiet meditation

Link your own spiritual response to that of Mary's 'Yes'

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/45f8tsu>



May 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:- Recently Deceased: Pope Francis Anniversaries:

Lynette Cadman, Charles Gray, Bill Goss, Eula Cummins, Leonard (ALLIN) Tudor, John (Jack) Dwyer, Isabel Bates, Michael Derix, William (Bill) Bourke, Brian Bell, Maria Nicolaci, Allan Young, Peter Gannon, Josef Saleta, John (Jack) Coleman, John Trew, Gerald Laws, Irene Withell.

Frs. Timothy (Tim) O'Brien, Daniel Vincent Holohan

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:**

Christine Schoenmaekers, Dick Moulton, Hilding Fjellner, Jim and Cathy Allman, Tim Daly, Gary Goddard, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Marge Canny, 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:** \$ 964  
**ST. MARY'S PG:** \$ 142  
**ST. MICHAEL'S PG:** \$ 40  
**PROJECT COMPASSION:** \$3033  
**HOLY PLACES:** \$734

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Apr: **No Mass.** Maffra. No Adoration. (St. Peter Chanel)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Apr: Heyfield 9.30am Maffra Rosary 2pm (St Catherine of Siena)

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Apr: Maffra, **9.30am Mass followed by Adoration.** (St. Joseph Cottolengo, St Pius V, Pope)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Maffra-, **5.30pm Mass.** (St. Joseph the Worker)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Maffra- **Stretton Park 11am Mass** (St. Athanasius)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Apr: Maffra- **9.30am Mass.** (Sts. Philip & James Apostles)

**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:** Contact John Cooney 51489220

**DO YOU HAVE A NOTICE FOR THE BULLETIN?** Let the office know by Wednesday the week prior. 51471921



## MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MAY)

LITURGY:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Office
READER:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Smyth
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Moulton
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Moulton
COMPUTER:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Kierce and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Marg Durrant & Gil Wals
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Neaves & Pauline Phelan
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of MAY	Donna Sebastian

## HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MAY)

READER:	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Philip Taylor
FLORISTS:	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF MAY	Heather Higgins

## ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (MAY)

READER	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF MAY	Marie Johnston & Trish Sunderman

## 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 Monthly prayer intention - April:

**For the use of the new technologies:**

**Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.**



## A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY OF HOPE AND FAITH

The Jubilee Year is a year-long spiritual journey, inviting all the faithful to deepen their hope and faith in Christ. As pilgrims we will enter into a spiritual and physical journey towards renewal and growth in the faith.

*In celebrating the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, I pray that the Diocese of Sale will have encountered the Holy One who reveals his love. Bishop Greg Bennet*

<b>Jan</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Opening Celebration of the Jubilee Year	St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
<b>Feb</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jubilee of Artists	St Joseph's Church Warragul
<b>Mar</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Volunteering	St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance
<b>Apr</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers	St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup
<b>May</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Workers	St Mary's, Cowes
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jubilee of Families and Grandparents	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
<b>Jun</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Lay Ministers, and Leaders	St John's, Traralgar
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Clergy	St Laurence O'Toole's, Leongatha
<b>Jul</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Youth	Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren
<b>Aug</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Prayer Groups	St Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi
<b>Sep</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Justice	St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Consolation	St Michael's Church, Berwick
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Catechists	St Mary's Church, Maffra
<b>Oct</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Marian Spirituality	St Patrick's Church, Pakenham
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Migrants	Sacred Heart, Morwell, Lumen Christi, Churchill
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Missions	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moe-Newborough
<b>Nov</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Choirs	St Michael's Church, Traralgon
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor	St Mary's Church, Yarram
<b>Dec</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee of Prisoners	St Mary's Cathedral, Sale
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year	St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North

*During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world! - Pope Francis*



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## Stay Updated on Diocesan Events!

There are many exciting events happening across our Diocese! Stay informed and up to date by visiting the Diocesan Events Page. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. Visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events> Check in regularly so you don't miss out!

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and

stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### Parish Prayer

Oh Holy Father in heaven, you have given us all that we have. In humility, faith and love we implore you to hear our humble prayer for the unity and vibrancy of our parish family. Bind us in your love. Unite us through your Son Jesus. Strengthen us through your Holy Spirit. Holy Virgin Mother Intercede for us that our parish may be a source of love, hope, peace, unity and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

##### SUNDAY MASS:

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32.40-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

**Parish Fund Raiser - A Volunteer is needed in Maffra to take the fund raising Cans to the collection centre and bring the money raised back to the office if you are able to help out please contact Willie on 0429 140 362. The money raised goes to help with the up keep of the Church every little bit helps. Thank you.**