



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Third Sunday of Lent – Year C – 23rd March, 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.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 Fye
Davis St. Heyfield - 3858
Phone: 5148 2514

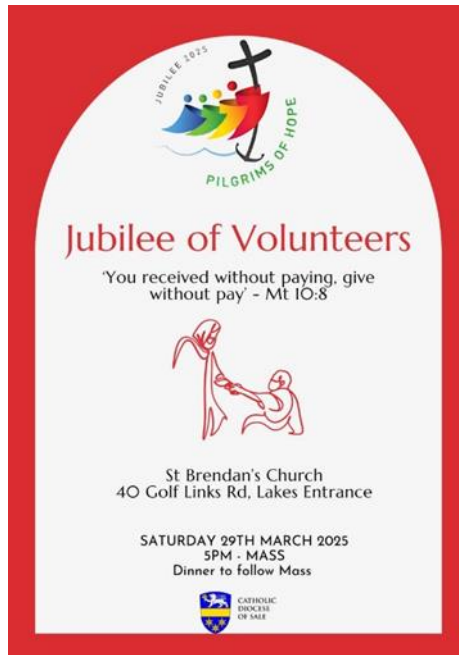
ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

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Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

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



Jubilee of Volunteers

The Jubilee of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who generously serve through volunteering.

The Diocese of Sale invites all volunteers to a special Jubilee of Volunteers Celebration:

Date: Saturday, 29 March 2025, Time: 5:00 PM, Venue: St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance

The event will include: Thanksgiving Mass honouring volunteers

Volunteer stories sharing experiences of service

Smorgasbord dinner to celebrate together, RSVP parish office by 21st March 2025

This Jubilee celebration is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of volunteers and reflect on the importance of service in the Church. For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



No Dargo Mass next weekend 30th March.

No Mass on Thursday 27th March in Maffra.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 7th April 2025, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 7th April 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 \$856 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 gifts. \$2 sale of select items.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the phone line is down at the Presbytery, if there is an urgent matter you need to discuss then please do not hesitate to contact Father Edwin on 0469 733 929 or Willie on 0429 140 362.

Stations of the Cross during Lent:
Heyfield: Tuesday after 9.30am Mass
Maffra: Friday 3pm

Cuppa after Mass this Sunday 23rd March in Maffra. Also for sale are Cupcakes for \$3 which is a fund raiser for Caritas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Serafina Lewandowski, Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly, Ron McLaverty, Bill Janos, Tom McCole, Laura Clark, Frank Sim, Nancy Kelly, Jonathon McKinndal, Jean Fogarty, Dolly Coleman, Lila Higgins, Blanche (Peg) Kelly.
Frs. James O'Kean, Patrick F. Quigley, Gerard Toner

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: \$ 744
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 157
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 355

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 24th Mar: No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (Saint Catherine of Sweden, Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Goldamez)

Tuesday 25th Mar: Heyfield 9.30am. Mass / Maffra Rosary 2pm The Annunciation of the Lord (St Dismas the Good Thief)

Wed. 26th Mar: Maffra, Mass 9.30am., Adoration/Reconciliation after Mass. (St. Ludger)

Thursday 27th Mar: Maffra- Rosary, 8.20am, No Mass (St. Rupert of Salzburg)

Friday 28th Mar: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am. (St. John of Capistrano)

Sat. 29th Mar: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am. (St Eustace of Luxeuil)

Anointing Mass 1st Friday of each Month at Stretton Park



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

From 1st Friday of February the Healing Masses will take place at Stretton Park down the end of Corridor 1 or under the Gazebo in the court yard please check on arrival. Mass will start at 11am everyone is welcome. Please come and support our sick and elderly.

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MARCH)

LITURGY:	Sun: 30 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 30 th	Mary Hartwig
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 30 th	Dorothy Smyth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 30 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 30 th	Mary Fjellner
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 30 th	Nick Munro and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 30 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 30 th	<u>No Flowers During Lent</u>
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 30 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of MARCH	Francis Dwyer

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MARCH)

READER:	Sat. 29 th	Leanda Helmke
FLORISTS:	Sat 29 th	<u>No Flowers During Lent</u>
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF MARCH	Heather Higgins

ST ST JOSEPH'S DARGO (MARCH)

READER	Sun. 30 th	N/A NO MASS
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF MARCH	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:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

13 CHURCH STREET

COWWARR, VIC 3857

TEL: 0403383873

BLOG:

[HTTPS://GIPPSLANDORDINARIATE.WORDPRESS.COM](https://gippslandordinariate.wordpress.com)

The Pope's Prayer Intention: For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



St Michael's Parish, Traralgon on Sunday 30th March 3 – 4.30pm

AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

**Sunday, 30th March 2025
3:00-4:30 pm**

**St Michael's Parish
33-35 Kay St, Traralgon VIC 3844**

A stirring in your heart for God?
What this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to
share in his ministry as a Priest?



The DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PHASE TWO REPORT – NOW AVAILABLE!

The Diocesan Consultation Phase Two Report – 'LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT FIVE YEARS 2026-2030' is completed and is now available on the Diocese of Sale website:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/>

The printed report is at the back of Heyfield and Maffra Churches.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written

down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

(R.) Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

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

Lenten Prayer

God of our journey we are all pilgrims of hope brought together by your love and your wish that we may all be one. We pray that in this Year of Jubilee when we are called to greater justice and care for our common home that we may Unite Against Poverty.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed and the renewal of creation. May our compassionate minds and generous hearts help bring about a world where all can live in peace. May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer bring us closer to your loving heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.