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St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday– Year C – 19th & 20th April, 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

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY VIGIL – 26th April

6.00pm Mass @ St Michael's Heyfield and will include the Blessing of Divine Mercy images. Confession will be available at 5:45pm

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.

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.

FATHER AWAY and OFFICE CLOSURE: Father Edwin will be away from the 21st – 26th April so there will be no morning Masses. Also the Office will be closed from the 21st – 29th April. There will be a bulletin that week.



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

Donations for Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or handed in at the Church or parish office over the next week. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this appeal. Rest assured that your money will be put to excellent use by Caritas in helping poor families to develop ways to feed themselves.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 5th 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 5th 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 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 \$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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Caritas fundraiser we raised \$51 last weekend. Total raised \$ 294.80 thank you to all who purchased and help raise these funds. Thank you to Angie who with her children baked the homemade goods. What an effort to help Caritas during lent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Joff Wain, Patricia (Pat) Coleman, Vladys Bogusz, Mary Withell, Millie Anderson, Doris De Bono, Lawrence Moran, Dawn Worcester, Gertrude Allman, Jake Kovco, Daniel Gleeson, Stefan Wasalski, Sharon Meldrum, Daniel Allman, Lillian Dudfield, Barry Harrington, Frank Green, Kevin (Ned) MacManus, Henry Binek, Norman McLean.

Frs. Joseph B Collier, Michael Hallinan, Thomas Hurley, Maurice Hoyne.

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 McNulty
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$
ST. MARY'S PG: \$
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 21st Apr: No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration. (St. Anselm, St Conrad od Parzham)

Tuesday 22nd Apr: Heyfield No Mass Maffra Rosary 2pm (Pope St Caius)

Wed. 23rd Apr: Maffra, No Mass. (St. George, St Adalbert)

Thursday 24th Apr: Maffra-, No Mass. (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

Friday 25th Apr: Maffra- No Mass (St. Giovanni Battista Piamarta)

Saturday 26th Apr: Maffra- No morning Mass. (St Mark the Evangelist)

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: 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 (APRIL)

LITURGY:	Sun: 27 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 27 th	Kevin Kierce
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 27 th	Dorothy Smyth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 27 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 27 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 27 th	Roy Shelton and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 27 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 27 th	Mary Hartwig & Anne Munro
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 27 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of APRIL	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (APRIL)

READER:	Sat. 27 th	Joe Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 27 th	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF APRIL	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (APRIL)

READER	Sun. 27 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF APRIL	Christa Dwyer

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:

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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.

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Check in regularly so you don't miss out!

EASTER VIGIL MASS READINGS

FIRST READING: Gen 1:1. 26-31

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe. **(R.)**
2. You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age to age. You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: the waters stood higher than the mountains. **(R.)**
3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys: they flow in between the hills. On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; from the branches they sing their song. **(R.)**
4. From your dwelling you water the hills; earth drinks its fill of your gift. You make the grass grow for the cattle and the plants to serve man's needs. **(R.)**
5. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. Bless the Lord, my soul!" **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for

my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph! Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea! The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation. This is my God and I extol him, my father's God and I give him praise. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name. The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea, the flower of his army is drowned in the sea. The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. **(R.)**

3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. **(R.)**

4. You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made. The Lord will reign for ever and ever. **(R.)**

THIRD READING: Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4

Walk in the way of God and you will live in peace for ever.

Listen, Israel, to commands that bring life; hear, and learn what knowledge means. Why, Israel, why are you in the country of your enemies, growing older and older in an alien land, sharing defilement with the dead, reckoned with

those who go to Sheol? Because you have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. Had you walked in the way of God, you would have lived in peace for ever. Learn where knowledge is, where strength, where understanding, and so learn where length of days is, where life, where the light of the eyes and where peace. But who has found out where she lives, who has entered her treasure house? But the One who knows all knows her, he has grasped her with his own intellect, he has set the earth firm for ever and filled it with four-footed beasts, he sends the light – and it goes, he recalls it – and trembling it obeys; the stars shine joyfully at their set times: when he calls them, they answer, 'Here we are'; they gladly shine for their creator. It is he who is our God, no other can compare with him. He has grasped the whole way of knowledge, and confided it to his servant Jacob, to Israel his well-beloved; so causing her to appear on earth and move among men. This is the book of the commandments of God, the Law that stands for ever; those who keep her live, those who desert her die. Turn back, Jacob, seize her, in her radiance make your way to light: do not yield your glory to another, your privilege to a people not your own. Israel, blessed are we: what pleases God has been revealed to us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

EPISTLE: Rom 6:3-11

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?.

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened..

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

SUNDAY MASS:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31