



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-4.00pm.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B – 28th July, 2024

PARISH PRIEST:

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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 to Saturday: (During

Winter Presbytery) 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

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Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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



helping them contact their families and advocating in Australia and internationally for safe and fair working conditions. The two Sea Sundays – to be held on July 21 and 28 - will give an even greater opportunity for Catholics to pray for and support seafarers. For More information please visit <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news>.



FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

"Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope."
- Pope Francis -

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: FOR PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK THE HOLY FATHER ASKS "FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK TO GIVE STRENGTH FROM THE LORD TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT AND THEIR LOVED ONES,

BECOMING A VISIBLE SIGN OF COMPASSION AND HOPE FOR EVERYONE."

Safetrac Training: most parishioners have been experiencing problems logging on to safetrac training. The Diocesan safety officer has been notified and the following response is needed.

"Please generate a password at the log in page by clicking on the Forget your password | Create a password link, make sure to fill in the form correctly with your username, email address, and the 6-digits code.

Please allow up to 10 minutes for this to be delivered to your email address. (Please check the Spam/junk in case you didn't receive the email)." **I have also emailed you a following sheet.**

Sacristan are urgently needed for Maffra Sunday Masses please contact Marianne on 0407 353 750.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 5th August 2024, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 5th August 2024, 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

We are collecting cans and bottles with 10cent refund for fund raising to help pay for parish functions (E.G. the Centenary).

Bins are next to the Church toilets at Maffra, please help support this project by collecting and placing cans and bottles in the bins.

So Far we have made \$298.10

Thank you for supporting us.



Congratulations to Marie Davis who was presented with her 50 year service pin as a Volunteer to the local Maffra Conference of St Vincent De Paul last week. On behalf of Father Edwin and the parishioners of St Mary's Parish Maffra we would like to thank Marie for her 50 years of service and a job well done.

Please note:

Thursday 15th August Mass in Maffra will be at 9am not 9.30am.

For sale in our Piety Stall is the St Mary's Church Centenary booklet for \$10 if anybody is interested in purchasing one.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Maree Carrolan, Joan Marchesi, Elizabeth Beha, Christopher Robson, May Buxton, Wladyslaw Bednarczyk, Wendy Westland, Donald Scheffer, Helena Derix, Alice Woodhouse, John Lowrie, Peg & Laurie O'Brien, Margaret Leach, Barbara Bartlet, Val Deely, James (Jim) Beha.

Frs. Michael Murphy, Reginald (Reg) Wilson, Francis Feruga S.Chr

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:

Jessica Durrant, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, Kevin Bennett, 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: Terry Donahoe
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 495
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 2258
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 165

Please note: During winter St Mary's Maffra week day Masses will be held in the presbytery.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (AUGUST)

LITURGY:	Sun: 4 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 4 th	Maureen Moulton
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 4 th	Mary Hartwig
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 4 th	Michael Dillon
COMPUTER:	Sun. 4 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 4 th	Roy Shelton and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 4 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 4 th	Rosemary Wirken & Mary McLaverty
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 4 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of AUGUST	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (AUGUST]

READER:	Sat. 3 rd	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 3 rd	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF AUGUST	Carmel Pittari

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (AUGUST)

READER	Sun. 4 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF AUGUST	Ruth O'Brien

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

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13 CHURCH STREET

COWWARR, VIC 3857

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BLOG:

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Australia's Catholics contribute ideas ahead of Rome assembly. From February to April, hundreds of Catholics contributed their thoughts to the Australian Summary, an eight-page document which has been sent to the Vatican ahead of the October Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. To read the media release, and the full document and testimonials, please

visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ye4d2scw>

YOUTH EVENT FOR AGES 15 - 30: MADE IN HIS IMAGE - 'I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made' Psalm 139:14



In a world where our Self Image is often obscured by social media & peers, come and be empowered as you rediscover your true identity, value & self image in Christ! God has a unique plan and purpose for your life! You were made for so much more!

Join us for a fun and reflective day of Praise & Worship, Games, Inspiring Talks & Testimonies, FREE Food, Reflection, Prayer & Mass!

Sunday 11th August

12.30pm - 6.00pm, St Thomas the Apostle Church. 5 Fiorelli Blvd Cranbourne East. Please register <https://www.trybooking.com/CTJTL> For further enquires: parish@stthomasap.org.au

SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will shortly receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are being made for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia.

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve

hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer 2024-2025



Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy. Blow fresh life through our tired dreams. Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us. Light up the windows of our joy and purpose. Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.

Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible. May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core.

May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others.

May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.

May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another.

Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pray for Us.



Diocesan Consultation meeting: Phase 1 – Review

During June and July, everyone in the Diocese of Sale is invited to participate in the First Phase of the Diocesan Consultation. The aim of this first consultation is to look back over the past five years (2019 to 2024), and together, to reflect on the question: "As people of faith and

mission, what has God's Spirit been doing in and through us during these past five years?" The simple meeting process invites participants to be guided by God's Word and prayer, to engage in attentive listening to themselves, to each other, and to the Holy Spirit, using a method called, 'Conversations In The Spirit'. This will be explained at the meeting. It is important that everyone's stories, memories and perspectives are heard. Please use the 'Consultation and Assembly Prayer' to help prepare yourself for this exciting opportunity in our Diocese.