



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – Year C – 23rd February, 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 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

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Jubilee of Artists 23rd February

What: St Joseph's Warragul and St Ita's Drouin & St Ignatius Neerim South parishes are hosting the Diocesan Jubilee of Artists.

Artists are invited to submit photographs of up to three art works which speak to the Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. That is a church which brings about a New Creation where

people can live in peace and justice. Artists are asked to include a brief profile of themselves and the impulse behind their works. Why: Our contribution to Pope Francis' Jubilee of Hope. That we may rejoice with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. That sacred art may reveal true beauty, a glimmer of the Spirit of God, which opens the human soul to a sense of the eternal.

Where: Marian Room at St Joseph's Church, Warragul.

Jubilee Celebration Mass at St Joseph's 11 am, Bishop Greg's blessing of the exhibition 12pm, shared lunch at Teachers Centre 1pm.

When: a) Photo of work(s) [and profile] submitted via email by 4pm Mon 10th Feb,

b) Delivery of work to Marian Room by 2pm Fri 21st Feb,

c) Exhibition date – Sunday 23rd February 2025

How: Exhibits of paintings, sculpture and other mediums as selected by the Committee need to be delivered to the Marian Room between 10am and 2pm on Thursday 20th Feb and Friday 21st Feb. The Committee will mount and display one work from each contributor. (Easels welcomed)

JUBILEE OF ARTISTS COMMITTEE [Contact 56231642] Warragul@cdsale.org.au

Ash Wednesday 2025 Wednesday 5th March Masses for

St Michael's Heyfield

9.30am whole school Mass.

St Mary's Maffra

12noon whole school Mass.

7pm after hour's parish Mass.

Electric Lift Chair wanted: Fr Ken Clark's rheumatoid arthritis is getting worse. What would help is an electric recliner and lift chair to help him. Does anyone have one that is sitting around and not being used? Do you know of any? Please let Fr Ken know: 0403383873.



Our Parishes Delegates

Father Edwin, St Mary's Primary School Principle Julian Blackford, Bishop Greg, Ruth and Ed O'Brian and Terry Donahoe.

(Missing Christa Dwyer.) Diocesan Assembly Communication for Parishioners is on the

notice board. And will be emailed out.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 3rd March 2025, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on Monday 3rd March 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, candles, book marks, rosary beads, medals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-
Recently Deceased: Rosemary Davis (Helen Dezaayer's sister)
Sr. Julie Ogbole SON (Cranbourne)
Anniversaries:

Edmund Lasich, Eileen Young, Sean Munro, Jettie Van De Velde, Mabel Justice, Jim Fogarty, Wilma Thistlethwaite, Elizabeth (Betty) Cross, Mary McMahan, Nellie Pearce, Michael Schoenmaekers, John Justice Mahoney, Susannah Goding, Ursula McCarthy, Paul Wiwczaruk, Thelma Reedy, Paul Dolan, Charles Ruthberg, Arthur Leighton, Mathew Watson, Margaret Murray, Nan Humphrey
Frs. Gerard Coffey, Myles Hyland CM, John Shanley, Joseph O'Hagan, Daniel O'Shea, Tom O'Connell

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:

Dick Moulton, Hilding Fjellner, Jim and Cathy Allman, Tim Daly, Gary Goddard, Pat Coloe, Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, 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: \$ 567
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 125
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 110

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 24th Feb.: No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration.

Tuesday 25th Feb: Heyfield 9.30am. Mass / Maffra Rosary 2pm (Sts Aloysius Versiglia & Callistus Caravario)

Wed. 26th Feb: Maffra, Mass 9.30am., Adoration/Reconciliation after Mass.

Thursday 27th Feb: Maffra- Rosary, 8.20am, **Mass 5.30pm.** (St. Gregory Of Narek)

Friday 28th Feb: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am

Sat. 1st Mar: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am.

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: 2 nd	Office
READER:	Sun. 2 nd	Margaret Slattery
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 2 nd	Steve McAnulty
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 2 nd	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 2 nd	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 2 nd	Kevin Kierce and Someone.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 2 nd	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 2 nd	Trish Vardy & Aileen Romanin
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 2 nd	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of MARCH	Francis Dwyer

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MARCH)

READER:	Sat. 1 st	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 1 st	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF MARCH	Heather Higgins

ST BRIGID’S COWWARR (MARCH)

READER	Sun. 2 nd	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF MARCH	Carmel & Fr Ken Clark

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 vocations to the priesthood and religious life- February 2025

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.

“REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR”
(Matt 3:2)

A Weekend Lenten Retreat for Everyone!

Venue:
At St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Clyde North

Dates:
March 8th Saturday 11am to 4.30pm
March 9th Sunday 12.30 to 5pm with Mass

Speaker: Bro Colin Calmiano -India (International Catholic preacher)

For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 5998 0947 / Jon 0411 381 924 / Emma 0418 918 787



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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23
The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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 is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia.

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat

you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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



› READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

Sirach 27:4-7

); 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

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.

Diocesan Assembly Information Report from the Maffra/Newry/Dargo/Heyfield/Cowwarr delegates: Fr. Edwin Ogbuka, Edward and Ruth O'Brien, Terry Donahoe and Christa Dwyer. 14th – 15th February 2025

Dear Parishioners.

Having attended the Diocesan Assembly, we realise the vital importance of communicating promptly to all parishioners that which transpired so as to inform you of;

- Who attended the assembly.
- The establishment of the theme of the assembly.
- The purpose of the assembly.
- Some of the insights that came from such a large, local assembly.
- That which we delivered/shared on our and your behalf.
- Some of the findings of the Assembly.
- A brief glance at the draft development of the main, Diocesan pastoral priorities for the next five years.

WHO ATTENDED THE ASSEMBLY.

- Bishop Greg Bennet.
- Br Tony Clark, Team Leader Pastoral Life and Mission, Diocese of Sale
- Members of Catholic organisations and schools.
- Delegates from all parishes in the Diocese.
- Interfaith and non local observers.
- Some Diocesan staff members.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THEME OF THE ASSEMBLY/ PURPOSE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

- Initially, all interested individuals from Diocesan parishes, schools and organisations were invited to contribute their thoughts on experiences, initiatives, challenges and spiritual reflection over the past five years. These were collected last year using a variety of group discussions/forums.
- The documented feedback was then submitted to the Diocesan Mission Council Team to help organise the theme and framework for the Assembly.
- The cumulative information from all the parishes, schools and organisations was collated into 12 Pastoral Priorities for the Assembly delegates to discuss and prioritise further over the two day consultation process.

(Delegates were at tables of seven or eight from a variety of parishes/roles within the Diocese. A total of 28 tables were used.)

- The information collected will now be used to formulate a draft for a five year Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

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INSIGHTS/FINDINGS FROM THE ASSEMBLY/ INFORMATION SHARED ON OUR and YOUR BEHALF/DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN PRIORITIES.

The most significant insight was that overwhelmingly all parishes recognised the most pressing priorities needing attention as being;

- The need for Engaging and Nurturing Youth.
- Building stronger Parish - School collaboration and partnership.
- Developing leadership and faith formation.
- Strengthening community bonds, especially with enhanced communication throughout the Diocese.
- There was also concern regarding financial burdens (Although this wasn't addressed as a priority on its own).

There were other priorities considered very significant, but the above priorities rated the highest in terms of importance.

As delegates, we each shared, representatively, the information gleaned from our own discussions at parish levels. The finding from the Assembly will now be evaluated by the Diocesan Mission Team so that implementation of priorities can be addressed. The 'how to' was not discussed at this stage, but we can certainly be assured that we are not alone in our concerns and challenges and that they have been heard at a Diocesan level.

Yours in Christ

Father Edwin, Ed and Ruth O'Brien, Terry Donahoe and Christa Dwyer.

19 February 2025

References

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