



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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4th Sunday of Advent – Year C – 22nd December, 2024

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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: **9.30am**

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra –Thursday,
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

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 Fye
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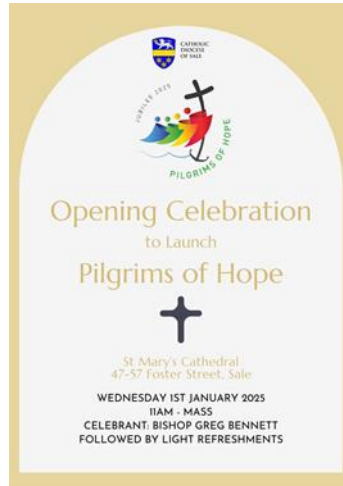
ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

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Pilgrims of Hope

In 2025 Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Jubilee. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Join us as we celebrate the opening of this year-long journey of hope and faith at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on 1st Jan 2025. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, will begin at 11:00am and all are welcome. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be available. There will be an opportunity for you to pray and reflect on the diocesan themes for the year as well as considering how you can be a pilgrim of hope in 2025.

For sale in our Piety Stall are the St Mary's Church Centenary booklet for \$10, Columban Calendars \$11 and Christmas cards from 50c, candles, book marks, rosary beads, medals and nativity set. These items would make great Christmas presents, if anybody is interested in purchasing.

DARGO MASS: 29th Dec.: Mass at 12noon. Why not bring a picnic lunch or go to the hotel for lunch if you like you could stay a few nights and celebrate New Year's Eve in the High country. There are accommodations and camping sites, but not sure on availability so if you're thinking of making a holiday of it why not contact them and find out now.

There is a list for Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses at the back of St Mary's Church for various volunteers (readers etc.) please fill in and help make Christmas an enjoyable night and day.

Office will be closed from 3pm on the 24th December till the 14th January. The Bulletin won't be emailed during that time but there will be bulletins with readings only in the Churches during that time.



Father Edwin, Christa, Barbara, Angie and Willie would like to wish our parish community a Very Blessed Christmas and A Joyful New Year. All the best for 2025.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 3rd February 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 February 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 \$627.40 to date. Thank you for supporting.



Cuppa after Mass today, Sunday 22nd December at St Mary's Maffra, please bring a plate to share.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:- Anniversaries:

Margaret and John Egan, Clem Higgins, Chantelle Stoddart, Noel (Joe) Murphy, Craig McLindin, Arthur Wicks, Margaret Cullen, Ellen Bourke, Antoni Medwik, James Haw, Michael Lee, John Campbell, John McGrath, Tony Lestrangle, Joyce Blackledge, Jeff Harvey, Noreen Lestrangle, Eliza Morgan, Jack Van Der Velden.

Frs. James Duffy, John Nolan, Daniel Lordon.

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:

Maree Lambrecht, 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 McAnulty
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 627
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 248
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 125

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES/ ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/ ROSARY

Monday 23rd Dec.: No Mass. Maffra. No Adoration.

Tuesday 24th Dec: Heyfield No morning Mass / Maffra No Rosary Christmas Eve Masses please check page 3 of this bulletin or website for Christmas Mass times

Wed. 25th Dec: Maffra, Christmas Day please check page 3 of this bulletin or website for Mass times.

Thursday 26th Dec: Maffra- Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am. (St Steven, The First Martyr)

Friday 27th Dec: Maffra -Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am (St John, Apostle & Evangelist)

Sat. 28th Dec: Maffra -Adoration/ Rosary, 8.20am, Mass 9.30am. (The Holy Innocents Martyrs)

Anointing Mass 1st Friday of each Month.



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

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Father will be holding Advent reflections on Fridays 3pm during Advent starting 29th November this will be held in Presbytery. All welcome.

Free Advent Resource

Help your parish community reflect on the possibilities for hope, peace, joy and love with our new parish resource. It is suitable for both parish prayer groups and individuals

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resource/parish-materials/advent-parish/>

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (DECEMBER)

LITURGY:	Sun: 29 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 29 th	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 29 th	Maureen Moulton
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 29 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 29 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 29 th	Roy Shelton and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 29 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 29 th	Rosemary Wirken
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 29 th	Sylvia Neaves & Pauline Phelan
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of DECEMBER	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (DECEMBER)

READER:	Sat. 28 th	George Bogusz
FLORISTS:	Sat 28 th	Christine Donohue.
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF DECEMBER	Carmel Pittari

ST JOSEPH'S DARGO (DECEMBER)

READER	Sun. 29 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF DECEMBER	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

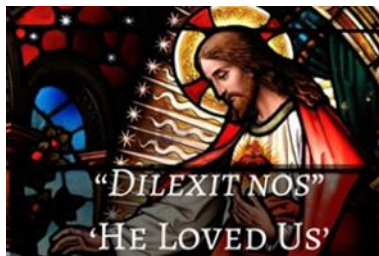
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"He Loved Us": Pope Francis' New Encyclical On The On The Human And Divine Love Of The Heart Of Jesus Christ Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, Dilexit Nos ("He Loved Us"),

explores the tradition and ongoing relevance of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This powerful message calls for a renewal of authentic devotion, reminding us of the tenderness of faith, the joy of service, and the fervor of mission.

To read the encyclical click <https://tinyurl.com/24ju4vwh>

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS: 2024

Christmas Eve – Tues. 24th December:

Heyfield – (Carols @ 5.30pm) Mass @ 6pm

Maffra – (Carols @ 8.30pm) Mass @ 9pm

Christmas Day – Wed. 25th December:

Maffra Mass @ 9am

Newry Mass @ 11am

Feast of the Holy Family – Normal Mass times

Heyfield Sat. 28th Dec. 6pm Mass

Maffra Sun. 29th Dec. 9am Mass

Dargo Sun. 29th Dec. 12noon Mass

NEW YEARS DAY MASS – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,

Maffra Wed. 1st January at 9am.

Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.

There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.

This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please Donate today:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia.

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done..

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into

Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52



Diocesan Assembly 2024-2025

Consultation & Prayer

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.

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.