Our Sunday Liturgy:

Introduction:
We are called to be Holy, just as God is Holy. We are to love one another, not just those who are close to us but those from afar and those we might even consider to be enemies.

Entrance Antiphon (or Hymn):
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.

1st Reading:
A reading from the book of Leviticus: 19: 1 – 2, 17 – 18
You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading:
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 3: 16 – 23.
All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel:
Love your enemies.

Message to take home:
OUR FEELINGS DO NOT MAKE US GOOD OR BAD. THE CHOICES WE MAKE DO, TO MOVE BEYOND BAD CHOICES AND CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES WE NEED GOD’S HELP. People may find themselves, without even wanting to, feeling incredibly angry, jealous, grasping or lustful and can easily become disturbed and discouraged because they believe these feelings, which even though they do want them, are an indication that there is something fundamentally wrong with them and that they are not suited to the Christian life. The life of grace does not take away all the harmful effects of original sin. People can have feelings at an incredibly strong and persistent intensity to do things contrary to Gospel teaching and as long as they are not deliberately brought to mind, deliberately kept there or wilfully enjoyed there is nothing wrong, they are simply temptations. It is what we do with these feelings which makes us good or bad. There is nothing wrong in being a passionate person. Many of the saints were passionate people. St Ignatius Loyola before his conversion was noted for brawling and after his conversion, his passionate nature remained and he had to learn, with the help of the Holy Spirit and spiritual direction, to channel it into positive ways. St. Anthony of Egypt had many temptations against purity. He experienced them very strongly but did not give in to them. His experience of them did not make him a sinner - not even a poor disciple. If however somebody experiences strong temptations to anger because they have drunk too much, taken illicit substances, or looked at inappropriate material, then that is an altogether different matter. In fact our struggle against these things is praiseworthy because they show that we love God more than ourselves. Did not Our Lord say: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole mind, body and strength and your neighbour as yourself. There are those who think the requirements of the Faith are just too much or just too contrary to how they would like to live. Even those who love God more than themselves at times feel, when they follow those teachings which they find particularly challenging, almost as if they are throwing their whole lives away or putting them on the line. They have as it were taken a leap of faith only to discover that instead of losing their lives they find them. We are called to mould Our Faith according to the teachings of Christ, not Our Faith according to our feelings.
WEEKEND MASSES:

**MAFFRA:**
- Sunday 9.00am

**HEYFIELD:**
- Saturday 6.00pm

**COWWARR:**
- 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

**NEWRY:**
- 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.00am

**DARGO:**
- 5th Sunday 12 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Maffra:
- **MONDAYS:** availability will be announced at Masses the Sunday prior.
- 22nd Feb: Wed 5pm - followed by 1/2 hour Adoration & Reconciliation
- 23rd Feb: Thur. 9.30am
- 24th Feb: Fri. 10.15 am
- 25th Feb: Sat. 9.30am

Heyfield:
- 21st Feb: Tues. 9.30am (28th Feb there will be a Laurina Lodge Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

Maffra: Saturday – For Half Hour after 9.30am Mass

Heyfield: 5.20pm-5.45pm prior to Saturday evening Mass

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RECITATION OF HOLY ROSARY:

Maffra:
- Before Masses in May and October

Heyfield:
- Tuesdays at 9.15am (Except on 2nd Tuesday - at Laurina Lodge 10am)

Newry:
- Thursday at 7.30pm

Cowwarr:
- Wednesday at 9.45am

COWWARR:
- 1st Friday of the month – night

HOLY ROSARY:
- Before Saturday Masses at Heyfield

Maffra: 1st Thursday – 9am before Mass (for Mothers and unborn babies)

Newry: Every Thursday – 7.30pm (No Rosary during January)

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

Anniversaries: Megan Bourke, Charles Lincoln, Raymond Welsh, Joyce Bodel, Leo McCole, Edmund Lasich, Eileen Young, Sean Munro, Jettie Van De Velde, Mabel Justice, Jim Fogarty, Wilma Thistlethwaite, Betty Cross.

Frs. Gerard Coffey, Myles Hyland CM,

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

John Telling, Gordon Clark, Lyn McLindin, Lorraine Weatherley, Brad Coridas, Pat McMahon, Leo Dwyer, Evelyn Bourke, Geraldine, Ann Martin, Fr. Bernie O’Brien, Rosa Papas, Lee Allman, Gerry Gray, Father Frank, Maree Welsh, Laura Mowat, and all those who seek our prayers.

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MAFFRA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday 23rd February, 7.30pm at Presbytery.

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NEW ROSTERS: will be available in the next couple of weeks at the back of the Church.

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RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES

An invitation is extended to all to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Pat O’Regan on Sunday 5th March at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share. As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the day. Choir rehearsal 1.30-2.30 pm at the Cathedral. To register your interest and receive the music pack, please contact Sophy Morley on pastoral@sale.catholic.org.au as soon as possible or phone the diocesan staff on 5622 6687,

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HEYFIELD NEWS:

1) Resumption of the video afternoon will be on Sunday the 5th of March @ 2pm, St Michael's Hall, Heyfield.
2) Next Heyfield/Cowwarr Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be 25th February after Saturday evening mass.

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JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES: Next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd February, 1.30pm at Rosemary Wirken’s Place.

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ST. MARY’S MAFFRA PARISH AND SCHOOL WALKING GROUP: Would you like to get fit and meet others? Come and join us for a walk on Thursdays during school term. Meet at presbytery drive way 8.50 and walk around the Maffra wetlands. Children most welcome, pram pushing available. Enquiries to Christa Dwyer 51451415 christadwyer@aussebb.com.au or parish office 51471921
MAFFRA:

WELCOMERS: Sun. 26th Feb. Dorothy Smyth (Please be at Mass 15 min. earlier)

LITURGY: Sun. 26th Feb. Office

COUNTING TEAM: Sun. (tonight) 19th Henry & Annette Scholtes

RECORDER: Mary McLaverty

LECTOR: Sun. 26th Feb. Charles & Chas Bagguley

COMMENTATOR: Sun. 26th Feb. Willie Schoenmaekers

COMPUTER OPERATOR: Sun. 26th Feb. Leanda Helmke (Please set up by 8.30)


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Sun. 26th Feb. Frank Hall, Pat Fogarty, Rosemary Wirken

COLLECTORS: Sun 26th Feb. Kevin Kierce, Bill Gray, Dick Moulton + 1

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Sun. 26th Feb. Dorothy Smyth


FLOWERS: Sun. 26th Feb. Debbie Kardinaal & Sue Kewming

HOLY VESSELS: (Month of Feb.) Angie Coleman

SACRISTY: Sun. 26th Feb. Barb & Rob Woodhouse

CUPPA AFTER MASS: Sun. 19th Mar. to be announced

HEYFIELD:

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Sat. 25th Feb. Maureen Coleman

READER: Sat. 25th Feb. Maureen Coleman

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: Sat. 25th Feb. Eileen Rodaughan & Helper

FLOWERS: Sat. 25th Feb. Ellen Mahony & Teresa Taylor

LINEN: Month of Feb. Maureen Coleman

NEWRY:

READER: Sun. 26th Feb. Vincent Hurley

CLEANER: Month of Feb. Margaret Gray

PLANNED GIVING:

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ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Reconciliation:
Thursday 16th March: Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop @ 7pm
Thursday 23rd March: First Reconciliation @ 7pm

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE NIGHT

Everyone is invited to join us for scrumptious tea of savoury and sweet pancakes (including Gluten free) on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at the Maffra Uniting Church Hall at 5.45pm for 6pm tea.

Cost: $10- per person or $25- per family

All profits will be used to support the Maffra Primary School Breakfast program.

Enquiries: Rev Sandra Houghton 0428 649243

ACTION FOR LIFE

Worried by a present or past pregnancy?
We may be able to help with referrals.

Please contact
Marianne
0407 353 750.
Action for Life

Sale Counselling Service
52-54 MacArthur St, Sale, 3850
Phone: (03) 5144 4868
info@ccaregipps.org.au
Monday & Tuesday 9 – 5 pm
Wednesday 9 – 12 pm

Counselling services for individuals, couples and families
DIARY: 2017

Thur. 23rd Feb. – Josephite Associates – Meeting – 1.30pm – Rosemary Wirken’s Place
Thur. 23rd Feb. – Maffra Finance Committee Meeting – Presbytery – 7.30pm
Sat. 25th Feb. – Heyfield/Cowwarr Pastoral Council Meeting – After Mass
Sun. 5th Mar. – Video Afternoon – 2pm – St Michael’s Hall Heyfield
Sun. 5th Mar. – Rite of Election for Catechumens & Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates – 3pm
Frid. 10th - 13th Mar. – Centenary of the Wonnangatta Murders 4x4 trip
Thur. 16th Mar. – Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop @ 7pm
Thur. 23rd Mar. – First Reconciliation @ 7pm

ORDINARIATE SERVICES:
Heyfield:
Sunday: Holy Mass: 10am
Cowwarr:
Wednesday: Holy Mass & Adoration: 10am
1st Friday Devotions: Mass: 7pm: Adoration till midnight
1st Saturday Devotions: Mass: 10am
Followed by Exposition, Rosary & Adoration

CENTENARY OF THE WONNANGATTA MURDERS 4X4 TRIP

Friday 10th – Monday 13th March (Long weekend) 2017.

Tentative Itinerary:
1) Fri: Leaving St. Ita’s Church Newry 6.30pm sharp to Talbotville via Dargo (Camping at Talbotville).
2) Sat: Leave for Wonnangatta Station via Eaglevale with a visit to Harry Smith’s Hut. Travel to Wonnangatta where we camp the next 2 nights.
3) Sun: Mass in the Valley with Fr. Jeff Klenjan. Explore the valley and listen to the stories. Day trip for keen 4x4 drivers, details to be finalised.
Mon: Home via Zeka Spur track and Howitt hut, possibly Guys hut and Dimick’s lookout if time permits.

Cost: $50 Donation per vehicle requested to help fund Heart Region Catholic Youth Group. Donation for fuel if not travelling in own vehicle.

NB MAKE SURE YOUR 4X4 IS CHECKED/SERVICED PRIOR TO LEAVING. YOU WILL NEED TO CARRY EXTRA FUEL. Ambulance cover essential.

Enquiries/ Further Details: Don Dwyer 0428556636 christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au

ST. MARY’S MAFFRA PRESBYTERY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: TODAY Sunday 19th February.
8.30 am: St. Mary’s school leaders ring church bell.
8.40am: Rosary of thanksgiving in church led by school children.
8.50am: Slideshow of old photos
9.00am: Mass
10.00am: Travel out to visit the graves of priests in Maffra and Sale.
12.30pm: Meet at Mons. Callanan’s grave in the grounds at St. Mary’s Maffra for prayer.
12.35pm: St. Mary’s school leaders ring church bell to begin lunch
12.40pm: onwards: BBQ Lunch, presentation/ sharing of stories and booklet, blessing of renovations, display in presbytery, olden day games for children.
The parish will supply sausages, bread and sauce as well as some vegetable burgers for vegetarians. Every family is invited to bring a salad or dessert to share. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. For any further information, please contact a member of the Parish Pastoral Council: Roy Shelton, Veronica Dwyer, Michael Dillon, Kevin Christensen, Terry Donahoe, Pauline Hall, Jason Slattery, Christa Dwyer or Father Howie.

NEW PARISHIONERS or NEW ADDRESS: You are invited to ring the office on Tuesday’s, or Thursday’s with details or email details to marymaf@aussiebb.com.au. We would like to formally welcome you to our Parishes.

RIDES TO AND FROM MASS: Anyone needing a ride to and from Mass, can call the parish office on Thursdays, 51471921 and a ride will be arranged.