



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A, 15TH MARCH, 2020

PARISH PRIEST:

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PRIEST EMIRITUS:

Fr. Frank Young

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Willie Schoenmaekers

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: 12.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

Wednesday: 5.00pm
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 10.00am
2nd Friday Stretton Park 10.00am
Saturday: 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Saturday: After Mass 10.00am

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm

OR any other time by request

EXPOSITION: Maffra

Wednesday: After 5.00pm Mass

BAPTISMS:

During or After the Vigil / Sunday Mass

MARRIAGE:

At least six months' notice requested.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD

Principal: Jenny Miller
Davis St. Heyfield - 3858
Phone: 5148 2514

ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

Principal: Jason Slattery
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860
Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Sale

RE: (COVID-19) 'Coronavirus'

The advice should be considered alongside local and national health guidance, including from the Commonwealth Department and is prepared in collaboration with the National Office for Liturgy and Catholic Health Australia.

The following recommendations are believed to be proportionate to the current understanding of the coronavirus and the risks outlined by health authorities. They are consistent with the Catholic Church's prerogative to protect those who are most vulnerable.

1. Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.

2. Holy Water should be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water should continue to be available for people to take home.

3. Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near entrances. Similar provisions should be considered for settings used for the Sacrament of Penance

4. When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.

5. All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hands before and after distributing. Appropriate means should be made available.

6. Parishes should suspend distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice. The faithful should be reminded that Christ is fully present under either species.

7. The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva. In celebrations of the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, it is therefore recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. Ministers should seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hands.

8. The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass - whether due to coronavirus or some other condition - or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/1\ifassOnDcmand>). [Continued on last page]

Catholics may be reassured that, should they contract COVID-19 and become seriously ill, priests will continue to ensure they receive the sacraments and other appropriate pastoral care.

Individuals should follow the advice of local health authorities when conducting services in hospitals and aged care facilities, as well as those who conduct pastoral visits to other settings, including people's homes, prisons and detention centres.

Other Catholic ministries, including schools and hospitals, will communicate with their own communities based on the advice they receive and their local circumstances.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will continue to monitor advice from health authorities and other episcopal conferences. This advice will be updated as and when appropriate.

**In Domino,
Patrick O'Regan
Bishop of Sale.**

[NB: Edited to fit in the front page]

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

LENTEN GROUP: has commence and will be held on Thursdays during Lent led by Anne Munro and Mary Hartwig in the meeting room 1pm. at the Presbytery. Booklets are available for \$10. All Welcome.

CHILD SAFE TRAINING

Could all parish volunteers please save the date of Sunday 26 April from 2pm to 4:30pm for Parish Child Safe training. To be held in Sale. Further details to follow.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ROSTERS: MAFFRA

The new rosters will be out next weekend. They commence on the 22nd March, except for the Counting and Flower rosters which are still current.

DARGO MASS: Sunday 29th March Why not come along and support the fire ravaged area for either lunch at the hotel or maybe a picnic by the river after Mass. If you leave early you could stop off at a café along the way for a coffee or maybe breakfast.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION – March 28th - April 1st. 2 0 2 0 by Fr Richard Leonard, SJ
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come | Listen | Grow
Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren (03) 9704 7935
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren VIC 3805

For more information please look at the flyer at the back of the Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Mary & George Moran, Howard Moran, Jack Slattery, Lawrence Carr, Maria Wieloch, Rita Hammond, Roy Sutton, Dorothy Ward, Gladys Morgan, Grace Lotton, John Wasalski, Euhenia Basona, Gerard Egan, Fay Scheffer, Mary Allman, Margaret Gannon, Mary (Molly) and Cyril Hurley, Annie Bradbury, Geoffrey McMahon
Mgr Daniel (Dan) McCartan Frs. Walter O'Connor, Andrew Ryan, Mgr Joseph (Joe) Daly

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit:

Gerald Zed Hurley, Belinda Weatherley, Archie Schacht, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, John Phelan, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Lorraine Weatherley, Evelyn Bourke, Gerry Gray, Lee Allman, Father Frank, Maree Welsh, and all those who seek our prayers.

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.

Recitation of Holy Rosary:

Maffra: Thursdays at 8.55am and First Thursday – for mothers, fathers, unborn babies and those involved in abortion.

Newry: Thursday at 7.30pm (not during School Holidays)

Heyfield: Prior to Vigil Mass 5.30pm.

Cowwarr: Wednesday at 9.45am.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you have recently moved to our parishes or would like to register yourselves as parishioners, we ask that you kindly contact the Parish Office. 5147 1921

Email: Maffra@cdsale.org.au

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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

ST. MARY'S: Terry Donahoe
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

SLIGHTLY CATECHETICAL -----

CONFESSION: IT PUTS YOU STRAIGHT WITH EVERYONE

Penance, aka confession, is the sacrament of the forgiveness of sin. You can't beat it for convenience. It's available practically whenever. Tell a priest you want to go to confession and you'll get his attention. One bishop I know was cornered on an airplane. Another passenger figured out what was going on and asked if he could confess too. It must have been an interesting game of musical seats. An interesting question for priests might be: Where was the strangest place you ever administered the sacrament of penance? The answers I've gathered include "in a sports bar, at a graduation party" and "on the golf course, walking up the fairway."

Confession has benefits. Here are ten:

1. Confidentiality guaranteed. There's nothing like confessing your sins to someone guaranteed not to tell anyone else. Sometimes you need to talk in absolute confidence. Even under subpoena, a priest can't tell anyone what's said to him in confession. He can't even hint at it. Now that's confidentiality.

2. Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. Like going into a sparkling living room in your home, it's nice when clutter is removed – even if it's your own.

3. A balm for the desire for revenge. When you have been forgiven you can forgive others. If the perfect Jesus forgives me, who am I to want to avenge the slights in my life. Think: "Why did they promote him over me?" or "Mom played favourites!"

4. Low cost therapy. It's free, which makes it cheaper than a psychiatrist for dealing with guilt.

5. Forced time to think. Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. To examine our lives and acknowledge failings marks the first step of making things right with God, others and ourselves. Life can be more worth living when you ponder the meaning of your own life.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY:	\$ 655
ST. MARY'S PG:	\$ 141
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	\$ 650

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [MARCH]

WELCOMER:	Sun. 22 nd	Leanda Helmke
LITURGY:	Sun: 22 nd	Office
READER:	Sun. 22 nd	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 22 nd	Henry Scholtes
COMPUTER:	Sun. 22 nd	Kevin Christensen
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	Sun. 22 nd	Bernadette Wiggins & Marg Durrant
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	Sun. 22 nd	Leanda Helmke, Michael Dillon, Trish Vardy
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 22 nd	Roy Shelton, Noel Bennett & John Telling+1
HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:	Sun. 22 nd	Dorothy Smyth
VISITING TEAM:	Sun. 22 nd	Jean Greenslade and Pat Fogarty
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 22 nd	Kate Coleman
FLORISTS:	Sun. 22 nd	<u>No Flowers during Lent</u>
SACRED VESSELS:	MONTH OF MARCH	Maureen Moulton
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 22 nd	Barb & Rob Woodhouse
COUNTING TEAM	[This Weekend 15 th]	Barry and Judy Bennett
	[Next Weekend 22 nd]	Recorder: Mary McLaverty
		Rosemary Wirken and Val Johnstone
		Recorder: Barbara Gray
CUPPA AFTER MASS	Sun. 19 th Apr	N/A

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [MARCH]

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:	Sat. 21 st	George Bogusz
READER:	Sat. 21 st	George Bogusz
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	Sat. 21 st	Trevor & Christine Donohue
FLORISTS:	Sat. 21 st	<u>No Flowers during Lent</u>
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF MARCH	Heather Higgins



ST ITA'S NEWRY [MARCH]

READER	Sun. 22 nd	Jo McCaughan
CHURCH CLEANING	[MONTH OF MARCH]	Raelene Hanratty

- Stations of the Cross during Lent: Newry – Fridays at 7am
- Stations of the Cross during Lent: Maffra – Fridays at 3pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent: Heyfield – Fridays at 5pm
- Tuesday 17th March No 9am Mass at Heyfield
- Friday 20th March – Whole School Mass – Maffra 10am
- Friday 20th March – Whole School Mass – Heyfield 12noon
- Sunday 29th March – Dargo Mass 12noon

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS:

HOLY MASS: ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, COWWARR - 9.30am
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – [SUNDAYS PRIOR TO MASS]

WEEKDAYS:

ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, COWWARR

MONDAY: 9.00am TUESDAY: 6.00pm WEDNESDAY: 10.00am followed by Adoration till 11.00am
THURSDAY: 10.00am FRIDAY: 6.00pm SATURDAY: 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: Holy Mass 6.00 pm followed by Adoration till 12.00am

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Confession 9.30am; Holy Mass 10.00am; Rosary and Adoration till 11.30am

Contact: Very Rev. Fr. Ken Clark 03 5148 9477 or 0403 383 873 or
gippsland@ordinate.org.au

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that

Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' *'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'*

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, *'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'* So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: *'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'*

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

MYSTERY OF FAITH:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
First Reading.: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13
Second Reading.: Eph 5:8-14
Gospel Reading: Jn 9:1-41