



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A, 28TH June, 2020

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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: 12.00pm

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

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

Day	Church	Time
Tuesday	St. Michael's, Heyfield	9:30am
Wednesday	St. Mary's, Maffra	9:30am
Thursday	St. Mary's, Maffra	9:30am
Friday	St. Mary's, Maffra	9:30am
Saturday	St. Michael's, Heyfield	6:00pm
Sunday	St. Mary's Maffra	9:00am
Sunday	St. Ita's, Newry or St. Brigid's Cowwarr	11:00am
Sunday	St. Mary's, Maffra	4:30pm

Please continue bookings for **Weekend Masses** Between 10:00am to 12:00pm on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. 0490 384 454

This weekend the restrictions were supposed to be lifted to being able to have 50 people celebrating at any of the Masses, but due to an outbreak in Victoria we are back to 20 people at any one Mass, please continue to booking your weekend Mass times. The Masses are as above. Please keep praying for this pandemic to be over.

Also don't forget to if you miss out on a Mass you can view Mass online:

Taken from the Melbourne Catholic website

We are pleased to share that during this time of physical isolation due to COVID-19, the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be televised free to air on C31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs) as well as live streamed on our website and YouTube channel. We invite you to share the news widely, particularly with those who might be limited to TV viewing.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

ROSTERS – FLOWERS

Sunday 5th July:

Barbara Gray & Barbary Gordon

VINNIES – MAFFRA – COVID - 19

In response to Covid – 19, [Maffra Vinnies is continuing its welfare work, but has for now suspended its Monthly Sales and has closed receiving ALL donations of Clothes, toys, furniture etc.](#) Thank you for your understanding.

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:**

Claire Costello, 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.

BULLETIN ON THE WEB

You can now download our parish bulletins from the website

[cdsale.org.au/maffra](https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-Parish-Social-Profiles/15-Sale/Maffra.pdf)
[cdsale.org.au/heyfield](https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-Parish-Social-Profiles/15-Sale/Heyfield%20-Cowwarr.pdf)

OUR PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE BASED ON THE 2016 AUSTRALIAN CENSUS IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE:

<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-Parish-Social-Profiles/15-Sale/Maffra.pdf>

<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-Parish-Social-Profiles/15-Sale/Heyfield%20-Cowwarr.pdf>

or

<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Annie Walkley, Bessie Wyatt, Stuart McLinden, Len Breheny, Dorothy O'Malley, Joe Dawson, Grace Cummins, Veronica Rice, Leonard Cartner, Ivy Weir, David Morgan, George (Frank) Heywood, Ron Fraser, Leo Dwyer.

Frs. Michael Dwyer, Eugene O'Connell, Michael Dwyer, Prof. Fr. Sylvester Barry, Mgr. William (Bill) Walsh, Mgr John Gallagher.

"An Act of Spiritual Communion My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

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.

[Adapted from Moe parish]

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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

❖ What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Catholics are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to *cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist*. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'" (*Ecclesia Eucharistia*, no. 34).

❖ How Do I Make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations for how to make a 'spiritual communion' when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.

Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.

Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org) and a Sunday Gospel reflection on our [YouTube channel](#). Additionally, a weekly televised Sunday Mass is available to watch at [adw.org/tvmas](https://www.adw.org/tvmas).

Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Pray one of the following prayers of spiritual communion [see above left]

Close with the sign of the cross

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider

yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading: Zec 9:9-10

Second Reading: Rom 8:9.11-13

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 10:37-42

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet . . . (Matthew 10:41)

So who exactly are these "prophets" Jesus is talking about?

In the early Church, it was common for men and women to be commissioned by the Church as traveling prophets. Their calling was to visit other churches and speak God's word to them, just as Jesus sent out his disciples in today's Gospel. They were called prophets because they were recognized as being able to speak God's words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It was considered an honor to welcome such a person into your home and care for him while he ministered to your church—as the woman in today's first reading cared for the Old Testament prophet Elisha.

As time went on, however, false prophets began to set themselves up in opposition to the local church leaders. Their presence and their messages caused division and confusion. Because it was fraught with

controversy, the practice faded, and the official role of prophet fell to local bishops instead.

But that doesn't mean that ordinary prophets disappeared from the Church. In fact, they're all around us today. You may even be one! That's because a prophet is nothing more—and nothing less—than someone through whom the Holy Spirit speaks.

That means that your spouse might be speaking prophetically when he or she encourages you to keep up with your prayer time. Or a child coming to you in the middle of the night might be bearing a prophetic message: Time to deny yourself, take up your cross, and care for this little one. And you may be a prophet when you tell a coworker about God's work in your life.

God is always speaking to us. He's always trying to get our attention. He's always asking us to welcome his messengers into our lives. Even the ones we least expect.

"Holy Spirit, help me to hear you speaking through the people you will place in my path today."

Taken from WAU website.

During this challenging time, many of us may be unable to attend Mass.

The Word Among Us, with the help of the USCCB, is honored to provide complimentary access to the daily Mass readings and our entire website to help people pray from home. Find out more. <https://wau.org/coronavirus>

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE

Loving God,
in your faithfulness,
grant to the Diocese of Sale
a shepherd whose watchful care
and kindly zeal
will continue the good work
of his predecessors.
In your love for us,
give us a shepherd who will lead us
in being Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.
Help him to fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to build up your
holy Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son
and our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. Amen.