



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A, 2ND August, 2020

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Siju Xavier
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Fr. Frank Young

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Willie Schoenmaekers

WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: -6.00pm
1st & 3rd Sunday Cowwarr: 41.00am

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
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Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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

| Day | Church | Time |
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| 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,**
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 0490 384 454
Please do not leave any Messages on this
number for the voicemail is **NOT** set up on it.
Thank you.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal
8th and 9th August, 2020

As the social service agency for the Catholic Diocese of Sale, CatholicCare has been providing support to the vulnerable and marginalised in our community for many years/

The theme of this year's Sunday Appeal is "You can break barriers", this is an invitation to each of us to join CatholicCare in their mission to help break down the barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities. Each dollar raised during this appeal will help CatholicCare continue to provide much needed care and support to struggling individuals and families. CatholicCare has been part of the fabric of the Catholic community in Greater Melbourne, Geelong and Gippsland; helping those on the fringes of society for the past 85years, as the impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic continues; now more than ever Victorian families are in need of our help as they struggle to make ends meet.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

ROSTERS – FLOWERS

Sunday 9th August:

Debbie Kardinaal, Sue Kewming

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:

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.

BAPTISM:

Welcome Heidi and Bridget to St. Mary's Parish Family who were baptised on 1 August. Congratulations and God's choicest blessings as you begin to nurture your faith in God.

PLENARY 2020 UPDATE

As some parts of the country return to something closer to normal, there's a sense of relief that the two assemblies of the Plenary Council -- previously postponed due to COVID-19 -- are locked in. We will gather in Adelaide in October 2021, 12 months later than we had planned, for the first assembly. The second assembly will be held in Sydney in July 2022.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-
Anniversaries:**

Peg & Laurie O'Brien, Margaret Leach, Barbara Bartlet, Val Deely, James Beha, Felicia Hughes, Ron Fraser, Ann Stubberfield, Julia Scott, Alice McMahon, Pat Flaherty, Laurel Telling, John Dowling, Jozef Frasunek.

Frs. John McGirr, D. A. Donovan, Daniel Vincent Holohan.

**"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 and a Sunday Gospel reflection on our [YouTube channel](#). Additionally, a weekly televised Sunday Mass is available to watch at adw.org/tvmass.

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:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: *Is 55:1-3*

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *Rom 8:35. 37-39*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: *Mt 14:13-21*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that

is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

DAILY MEDITATION: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly. (Romans 8:37)

Julius Caesar. Alexander the Great. Napoleon Bonaparte. Genghis Khan. What do these men have in common? They were among the world's greatest conquerors. They waged military campaigns that took them far and wide, forming mighty empires along the way.

Would you include Jesus in that list? Or St. Paul? Or yourself, for that matter? We don't think of Christ, or Christians in general, as conquerors. Jesus died an ignoble death at the hands of the Romans. St. Paul was beheaded by the same empire. They looked more like the conquered than conquerors. Even today many Christians are martyred by those in power.

And yet through his sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, Jesus conquered the greatest enemies of all: sin and death. And because of our baptism into Christ, that's a victory we all share in—no matter what befalls us in this life.

Paul's words must have comforted the early Christians whenever they experienced persecution for their faith. Even when it looked like they were "losing," they knew they were actually "winning." They trusted that not even the worst calamity could separate them from Jesus (Romans 8:39)!

These verses can bring you comfort as well. You may be experiencing the kind of anguish and distress that St. Paul described. Or maybe you are repeatedly "losing" to a certain temptation. Whatever the case, know that as you cling to the Lord, you will "win" in the end. One day Jesus will welcome you into his heavenly kingdom, and everything will be made right and beautiful.

Until then, remember that God will never separate himself from you; his love is too strong, too real and solid. And through that love, you too will triumph over sin, death, and all the trials of life. You too will be a conqueror.

"Jesus, may I never be separated from your love!"

[Taken from WAU website.]

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

8th and 9th August, 2020

We understand that parish life has been profoundly affected by the social restrictions in place to help manage the spread of COVID – 19. We truly appreciate the energy and support you are providing to us to help make this year's Sunday Appeal possible.

The funds you raise during this year's Sunday Appeal will impact more than just an individual – you are providing the opportunity to help those who are most vulnerable to overcome the challenges they face, and rebuild their lives for the better.

Thank you again for helping to support the thousands of people we assist each year – by strengthening their relationships, increasing their resilience and improving their quality of life.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full. **You can donate online at www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible or there are envelopes available at the back of the Churches.**

PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide
We bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Greg Bennet, as the tenth Bishop of Sale.

May your Holy Spirit grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion, as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor and teacher.

May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways and, with loving care, watch over your people.

May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his home among us, may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan community, now entrusted to his care and leadership.

May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Sale, through our work and prayer together bear witness to Christ and the building up of your kingdom.

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

pray for us
pray for us.

