



# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

**St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]**

**St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter – Year A – 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

### PARISH PRIEST:

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### WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: **6.00pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

### WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Newry: 11.00am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Dargo : 12.Noon

### WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

### MAFFRA

Tuesday Mass & Adoration 2.00pm  
Wednesday to Saturday: 9.30am

### RECONCILIATION:

#### MAFFRA

Any time by request

#### HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm  
OR any other time by request

### DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday,

Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am  
followed by Mass

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

#### ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

Principal: Julian Blackford  
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860  
Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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

An Invitation from Bishop Greg and the Catholic Diocese of Sale community for you to attend the diocesan May devotion themed "Mary arose and went with haste" Lk 1:39, to be held at St Mary's Cathedral on 20th May 2023. In addition, there will be two reflection sessions by Very Rev Francis Otobo, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome.

"The Catholic Diocese of Sale cordially invites you to the 2023 Diocesan May Devotion"



**MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE**  
(Lk 1:39)

Date: Saturday 20th May 2023  
Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Sale

### Program

10:00- 10:30	Arrival/Reconciliation
10:30-11:00	Rosary Recitation
11:00- 11:45	Holy Mass
11:45 - 12:00	Break
12:00 - 12:30	1st Reflection ( Fr Francis Otobo )
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15 - 1:30	Devotional Songs of Praise
1:30 - 2:00	2nd Reflection ( Fr Francis Otobo )
2:00 - 3:00	Adoration / Divine Mercy Prayers/ Benediction
3:00	Closing and Departure.

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help continue to intercede for us, Amen.

### Cowwarr News

"A shared lunch occurs on the first Sunday of month at Cowwarr after the 11am mass. Please join us in the St Joseph's Hall. You are most welcome. St Joseph's hall is available during the weekday with great kitchen facilities for meetings and catchups."

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

**Parish Luncheon Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 0411436227 for bookings.**

### All Welcome!

The parish Luncheon is a monthly event who meet for fellowship as a parish community, they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

## World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity. 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

St Mary's Maffra Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 5pm. **(Please note time change)**  
St Andrews Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

St John's Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10am  
Luncheon at St John's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 12 midday. St Mary's Parishioners are asked if they can help provide slices for after the luncheon. Thank You.

## School News

**Heyfield:**  
**Leadership Mass & Dinner**  
Friday 19th May

**Heyfield & Maffra**  
**Catholic Education Week**  
Friday 19th May – 26th May

**Heyfield:**  
**Whole School Mass**  
Tuesday 23rd May 9:30am

**Maffra:**  
**Peace Mass – Bishop Phelan Stadium.**  
Friday 26th May – 11am  
Whole School busing over to Sale

**Heyfield & Maffra:**  
**Confirmation -**  
Saturday 27th May 6pm in Heyfield

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:- Recently Deceased:

### Anniversaries:

Katrina Zmijewski, John McMahon, Margaret (Peg) Keary, Logan Blitner, Catherine Shingles, Annabella Harkin, Jim Merrett, John Machalik, Eileen Edwards, Mary Higgins Snr, Dulcie Watts, Francis Anton, Frank Wieloch, Marjery Kennedy, Patricia Hurley. Mg James (Jim) O'Mara, Fr. Robert Mead

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:

Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, Kevin Bennett, Marge Canny, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, John Phelan, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Gerry Gray, 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: Terry Donahoe  
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 617  
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 155  
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 65

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



### MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MAY)

LITURGY:	Sun: 21 <sup>st</sup>	Office
READER:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Dillon
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jasmine Munro
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Roy Shelton and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rosemary Wirken & Mary McLaverty
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pauline Phelan & Sylvia Neaves
HOLY VESSELS:	<b>Month Of MAY</b>	Frances Dwyer

### HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (MAY)

READER:	Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Donohue
ALTAR LINEN –	<b>MONTH OF MAY</b>	Carmel Pittari

### ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (MAY)

READER	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	<b>MONTH OF MAY</b>	Marie Johnston & Trish Sunderman

### 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 ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT:

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16TH APRIL: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

- 1.30PM: MASS: DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:

- 2.30PM – 3.30PM: COWWARR (EXPOSITION, ADORATION, CONFESSION, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, BENEDICTION)

### Sunday Gospel Reflection

Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses.

The link to our website

is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospel-reflections>

and the link to our Facebook page

is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

### “In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop”

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, “In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop” commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop’s life and ministry.

For more information, questions, itinerary and application form, can be obtained at [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.



**World Communications Day** was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 14 this year). Pope Francis’ message this year has the theme ‘Speaking with the heart: The truth in love’ Access resources and the Pope’s message at: <https://bit.ly/2023WCD>

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

**They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: 1 Pt 3:15-18

**In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them..

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-21

**I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.



**LAUDATO SI' WEEK** is celebrated from the 16th – 24th May where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. The theme for 2023 is Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity. In Australia, these dates are different from the dates promoted internationally to enable us to fully celebrate National Sorry Day (May 26) and National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3). As a Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven *Laudato Si'* Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion. For more information visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>



### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20