PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP – MAFFRA/ COWWARR-HEYFIELD
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3rd Sunday of Advent: Year B – 14th December, 2014

Our Sunday Liturgy:
Introduction:
Advent is the season of new things. So it is the season of hope. Hope is the virtue that knows that there is more to come.

Entrance Antiphon (or Hymn):
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading:
A reading from the prophet Isaiah: 61: 1-2, 10-11
I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:
My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading:
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians: 5: 16-24
May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel:
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John: 1: 6-8, 19-28
There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

Mystery of Faith:
When we eat this Bread and Drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon:
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.

Message to take home:
During Advent we are especially invited to open our hearts and minds to Christ who stands at the door and knocks, and if we open the door He will come in and sit at table with us. We are invited to answer the call to become more like Him. It is true that Our Faith is deeply personal. Pope Benedict Emeritus tells us that in Deus Caritas Est: Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, rather, it is an individual’s encounter of an event or person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. But our Faith is the one Faith working in individual hearts. People can avoid the challenge of becoming the reflection of Christ they are meant to be, often unwittingly, by modelling Christ into their own image and likeness. This is perhaps most obvious with people who gravitate to the extreme right or left of the Church. The example comes to mind of a cranky old priest who zeroed in on every teaching of the Church, or Scripture passage, which he could use as a means to channel his anger and frustration with life. When we make God in our own image and likeness we do not have to change. But we are called to change, to become an altogether new creation. Letting go and letting God requires a leap of faith and trust that God will catch us in the journey. We are all called to work at becoming the individual reflection of God, He desires for us.

WELCOME TO OUR BISHOP-ELECT: who has said about his appointment, “I feel humility as the path of service opens up more deeply before me and sadness that after 31 years of working in, and 56 years of being part of, the Diocese of Bathurst. I’m a little like Abram in being called away to Sale, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you’ (Genesis 12:1) “This is a memorable week for the Diocese of Sale, we have been mourning the passing of Bishop Jeremiah Coffey. May he rest in peace and may the good God continue to bless the Diocese of Sale,” Bishop-elect O’Regan said. We pray for the success of his Apostolic appointment.
WEEKEND MASSES:

Rosary before Mass:

MAFFRA:
Sunday 9.00am

HEYFIELD:
Saturday 6.00pm School Hall while church is being renovated

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. **
17th Dec: Wed 6pm followed by ½ hour Adoration & Reconciliation
18th Dec: Thur. 9.30am
19th Dec: Fri. 10.15am
20th Dec: Sat. 9.30am followed by ½ Reconciliation

Heyfield:
16th Dec: Tues. 9.30am School Hall

RECONCILIATION:

Maffra: Saturday – For Half Hour after 9.30am Mass
(And any other time by request).
Heyfield: 5.20pm-5.45pm prior to Saturday evening Mass

RECITATION OF HOLY ROSARY FOR OUR FAMILIES IN THIS YEAR OF THE FAMILY:

Maffra:
Before Masses in May and October
Heyfield:
Tuesdays at 9.15am (Except on 2nd Tuesday - at Laurina Lodge 10am)
Newry:
Tuesdays at 7.30pm
Cowwarr:
Wednesday at 9.45am

MAFFRA:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Wednesdays 6pm
Mass & Adoration in Church until 7pm

1st Friday of the month - 10.15 Mass (Healing and Anointing)

HEYFIELD:
3rd Tuesday of the month – 9.30 to 10.30am (Mass and Adoration)

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 Tuesday – 7.30pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:
Recently Deceased: Kevin McMahon, Kevin Holdsworth.
Anniversaries: Rose Langley, Elizabeth McKinlay, Paul Woodland, John Corbett, Alexander Hooper,
Mathew O'Dwyer, Patrick Hayes, Antonia Kowal, Kathleen Huffer, Sean Garrigan, Tom Fogarty, Walter Killeen,
Loretta Hutchins, Harry Davis, Ita Breheny, Vera Bowen.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
Frank Neaves, Chas Bagguley, Monika Dybik, Geraldine, Fr. Bernie O'Brien, Ellii Topliff,
Rosa Pappas, Jack Cullen, Lee Allman, Gerry Gray, Marie Morgan, Judith Shaw, Ann Martin, Tao Pham
(Seminarian), Father Frank, Helen Garrigan, Maree Welsh, Laura Mowat, Xavier Mills, Helen Bokulic, Carolyn
Williamson (Greenslade) and all those who seek our prayers.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: 21st December at Maffra after 9am Mass. Why not come and join us for a Christmas Cuppa!

HEYFIELD MASSES: Will be held in the St Michael's Hall for the next 2 months while renovations are being done.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: will be held during December. Envelopes are in the Church porch,
and can be posted or handed to a conference member.

HEYFIELD CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: this year Heyfield will be holding their Christmas Eve Vigil in the School
grounds at St Michael’s Catholic School, with Carols starting at 6pm, followed by Mass at 6.30pm. All Welcome!

MAFFRA COMBINED CHURCH LADIES: are again delivering biscuits to the elderly and house-bound on Monday
15th Dec (Tomorrow) about 140 homes. Please leave biscuits at St Johns 9am or Frances - 2 Edward St. or Dorothy -
7 Edward St. We also need people to deliver the biscuits. Thanks!!
MAFFRA:

LITURGY: Sun : 21st Dec. Mary Hartwig (4th Sun Advent )
COUNTING TEAM: Sun: (tonight) 14th Gary Shingles & Rosemary Wirken
Recorder: Mary McLaverty
Sun: 21st Dec. Peter Smyth, Robert Smart, Jim Coleman
Recorder: Mary McLaverty

LECTOR: Sun. 21st Dec. Maureen Moulton

COMMENTATOR: Sun 21st Dec. Leanda Helmke (Please be here to set up by 8.30)

OFFERTORY: Sun 21st Dec. Michael, Liz and Ben Dillon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Sun. 21st Dec. Pauline Hall, Sylvia

COLLECTORS: Sun 21st Dec. Judie Roberts

VISITING TEAM: Sun. 21st Dec. Sylvia and Frank Neeves

FLOWERS: (15th Dec to 14th Jan) Debbie Kardinaal and Sue Kewming

HOLY VESSELS: (15th Dec to 14th Jan) Marj Canny (only every 2nd & 4th week)

SACRISTY: Sun. 21st Dec. Anne & Aileen

HEYFIELD:

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Sat. 20th Dec. Maureen Coleman

READER: Sat. 20th Dec. Maureen Coleman

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: Sat. 20th Dec. Eva Trbovich

FLOWERS: Sat. 20th Dec. No Roster until further notice while renovations are in progress

LINEN: Month of Dec. No Roster until further notice while renovations are in progress

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS REQUIRED:

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES:

Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God:
Maffra @ 9am 1st Jan 2015  Heyfield @ 10.30am
DIARY

Mon 17th Dec – Advent Group – Led by Father Ken in Parish Hall – 7-9pm
Tues. 16th Dec – Advent Groups – Trevor Fogarty’s Place and St Mary’s Hall Led by Father Ken
Sat 20th Dec - Newry Christmas Pageant – 7.30pm – Clyne’s Barn.
Sun 21st Dec – Cuppa – Maffra – after

ORDINARIATE SERVICES:
Mass: Sunday: Heyfield: 10am
Mass & Adoration: Wednesday: Cowwarr: 10am
Mass: 2nd Saturday of the month: 11am
Rosebrooke Priory:
12 Galvins Road,
Mirboo North.
Evensong & Benediction: 4th Sunday of the month: Heyfield: 4pm

“THE JOURNEY” CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – DIOCESE OF SALE
This week on “The Journey” which airs on 14 December, Sr Hilda from The Abbey reflects on “The Heart”, Fr Dave Callaghan from the Missionaries of God’s Love reflects on “God’s Embrace in the Midst of Suffering” and Marilyn Rodrigues in her segment - The Peaceful Parent, shares “Pray, Hope, Don’t Worry”. Tune into LIFE 103.9 FM Sun 10am or listen in via podcast anytime at www.radio.dow.org.au

NEWRY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The play will be held on Sat. 20th Dec. at 7.30pm at Clyne’s Barn. Practices are on a Monday night 4.30pm – 5.30pm at Newry Hall. For enquiries please contact Chris Clyne ph. 51451414, Christa Dwyer ph. 51451415 or Veronica Dwyer ph. 51451221.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS: - are available at the Piety Stall.

NEEDED FOR MAFFRA CHRISTMAS MASSES: Readers, Commentators, Computer Operators, Extraordinary Ministers, Offertory and Collectors. Anyone interested helping out for the Christmas Eve Mass, or Christmas Day Mass there is a list at the back of the Church. This would be appreciated. Thank You!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR PRACTISE: Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm. at St Mary’s Maffra.

NEW ROSTERS: are situated at the back of the Church and there is a copy of the Liturgy Roster posted on the notice board.

ACTION FOR LIFE (AFL) – Fortnightly Treasures:
Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico to Saint Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian, during 1531, leaving a Miraculous Image of her appearance on St Diego’s tilma (cloak), which clearly depicts Her to be pregnant, proclaiming the sanctity and blessedness of life within the womb. At that time, human sacrifice of infants was rampant. Within the following 9 years Mary put an end to the human sacrifice of the Aztecs and converted over 9 million natives to the Catholic faith. Her Feast day is 12th December.

Oh Mary, Patroness of the unborn, help us all to reach out with love and compassion to those tempted to abort, those suffering from a past abortion. Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us.

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

Please contact
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Marianne 0407 353 750
Rosemary 0412 365 377
Action for Life