PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP – MAFFRA/ COWWARR-HEYFIELD
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B – 30th August, 2015

Our Sunday Liturgy:

Introduction:
Today we are reminded that customs and traditions are of value only in the measure that they help us to draw closer to God.

Entrance Antiphon (or Hymn):
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading:
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading:
A reading from the letter of St James: 1: 17 – 18, 21-22, 27
Be doers of the word.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! The Father gave us birth by His message of truth that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. Alleluia!

Gospel:
You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

Mystery of Faith:
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.

Communion Antiphon:
How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Message to take home
Recently, the Church has been portrayed as being harsh on the reality, the inherent goodness of married love, accusing it, especially in the past, of making people look upon it as something evil, as if it were the cause of psychological hang ups about the love between a man and a woman. The famous Catholic convert and writer G. K. Chesterton wrote, that no one in their right mind would say to a crocodile after it had just hauled a wilder beast into the river, be a crocodile, because that is how it was made, a perfectly natural thing for it to do. But in the past people would have said to a man who had abandoned his responsibilities as a father, for heaven’s sake be a man, because abandoning them is not the ideal. People do not like to acknowledge their weaknesses. The modern world we live in is loath to acknowledge that we have a fallen human nature that we have to exercise some self-control. The fact of the matter is, if boundaries are not put into place, the goodness of marriage, such as respect for women goes out the door. If in the past people spoke of women as being the source of temptation, knowing people would have acknowledged that it was just them projecting the fear of their weaknesses onto someone else. To quote from Deus Caritas Est:
An intoxicated and undisciplined Eros, then, is not an ascent in “ecstasy” towards the Divine, but a fall, a degradation of man. Evidently, Eros (love between a man and woman) Indeed, the prostitutes in the temple, who had to bestow this divine intoxication, were not treated as human beings and persons, but simply used as a means of arousing “divine madness”: far from being goddesses, they were human persons being exploited. Needs are to be disciplined and purified if it is to provide not just fleeting pleasure, but a certain foretaste of the pinnacle of our existence, of that beatitude for which our whole being yearns.
WEEKEND MASSES:

Rosary before Mass:

MAFFRA:  Sunday  9.00am
HEYFIELD: Saturday  6.00pm
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.**
2nd Sept: Wed  5.00pm followed by ½ hour Adoration & Reconciliation
3rd Sept: Thur.  9.30am
4th Sept: Fri.  10.15am
5th Sept: Sat.  9.30am followed by ½ Reconciliation

Heyfield: 2nd Sept: Tues.  9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

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

RECITATION OF HOLY ROSARY:

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

MAFFRA: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Wednesdays 5pm
Mass & Adoration in Church until 6pm
1st Friday of the month - 10.15 Mass (Healing and Anointing)

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 Thursday – 7.30pm (No Rosary during January)

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

Frs. Thomas Shearman, Patrick Cremin, John Kavanagh.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Cec Allman, Mons Bill Caffrey, Evelyn Bourke, Chas Bagguley, Monika Dyblik, Ann Martin, Geraldine, Fr. Bernie O’Brien, Rosa Pappas, Jack Cullen, Lee Allman, Gerry Gray, Judith Shaw, Tao Pham, Father Frank, Helen Garrigan, Maree Welsh, Laura Mowat, Xavier Mills, Helen Bokulic, and all those who seek our prayers.

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP CHANGES: Cenacles will now be held at the Chapel in Maffra Motor Inn, 184 Johnson Street, Maffra till the end of the year. New Members Welcome! Next prayer group will be held on 3rd September.

CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND: This weekend, the Annual Appeal for Catholic Care will take place in our parish. CatholicCare cares for the families of the Sale Diocese and deserves the support of our Catholic community. Please give generously so it’s much needed work may continue. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

CWL MAFFRA MEETING: The next C.W.L. meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September, at 1.30p.m. In the Presbytery. All interested ladies are welcome.

CUPPA AFTER MASS MAFFRA: St Vinnies will be providing the Cuppa after 9am Mass in Maffra on the 13th September. Please help by providing a plate to share. All Welcome!
MAFFRA:

LITURGY: Sun: 6th Sept. N/A

COUNTING TEAM: Sun. (tonight) 30th Peter Smyth, Robert Smart, Jim Coleman

Sun: 6th Sept. Barry & Judy Bennett

LECTOR: Sun. 6th Sept Jenny Smart

COMMENTATOR: Sun 6th Sept Val Hackwill

COMPUTER OPERATER: Sun 6th Sept Kevin Christensen (Please be here to set up by 8.30)

OFFERTORY: Sun 6th Sept Marg & John Slattery

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Sun. 6th Sept Julia Moulton, Rosemary Wirken + 1

COLLECTORS: Sun. 6th Sept Kevin Kierce, Jack Gray + 2 helpers

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Sun. 6th Sept ?????? Trevor Fogarty

FLOWERS: Sun. 6th Sept Mary Hartwig

HOLY VESSELS: (Month Of Sept ) Frances Dwyer

SACRISTY: Sun. 6th Sept Maureen & Dick

Heyfield:

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Sat. 5th Sept Anne Kurec

READER: Sat. 5th Sept Phillip Taylor

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: Sat. 5th Sept Eileen Rodaughan & Helper

FLOWERS: Sat. 5th Sept Sheila McInnes & Kate Clear

LINEN: Month of Sept Carmel Pittari

COWWARR:

READER: Sun. 6th Sept Ruth O’Brien

CLEANING: Month Of Sept TBA

PLENED GIVING:

Maffra: Envelopes $ 340 Presbytery $ 306

Heyfield: Envelopes $ 119 Presbytery $ 131

PLEASE NOTE: we have changed our email address. marymaf@aussiebb.com.au Thank you!!

WINTER NIGHT BEDTIME PRAYERS
FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS, SPECIAL FRIENDS OR GRANDPARENTS.
Come in your pyjamas and learn some songs and prayers. Come on our night time walk under the stars with your won candle to say some bedtime prayers in the Church. Then have tea with us before going home to bed. At St. Mary’s Hall Monday 31st August from 5.30 – 7pm. Enquiries /RSVP, Christa Dwyer on 51451415 or School by 28th August.

Adoration occurs throughout winter night prayers. Anyone able to join us is most welcome from 5.45 – 6.45.

CELEBRATE OFTEN & CELEBRATE WELL: Linking Scripture, story, music & song for prayer & ritual in Catholic Schools & Parishes. Date: Friday 23rd October (7.30pm) – Sunday 25th October (2pm) Venue: Foothills Conference Centre, 48 Edinburgh Road, Mooroolbark 3138. Cost: $385 (twin-share accommodation) $495(single accommodation) (Inclusive of all meals, accommodation, conference & take home resources) for more information please check the flyer on the notice board at back of the church. Registration forms available at the office.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER HILARION: On the 29th August (Feast of Passion of St. John the Baptist) I complete 50 years in Religious life, as a Benedictine monk. Please utter a prayer for all those who assisted me during these 50 years, specially my O.S.B. Congregation. I will have a very simple Holy Mass of thanks giving at St. John the Baptist Church, Koo We Rup. Thank you and May God Bless you all!

ST MICHAEL’S & ST MARY’S SCHOOL NEWS:
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS FOR ST MICHAEL’S HEYFIELD - Tuesday 1st September, at 9.30am.

PARENTS FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS:
1st September, 7pm for St Michael’s Heyfield.
3rd September, 7pm for St Mary’s Maffra

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASSES:
Heyfield 5th & 12th September, Saturday, at 6pm
Maffra 6th & 13th September, Sunday, at 9am.
Please pray for these children.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: School Mass at 11.30am, for St Mary’s Maffra, Tuesday 8th September.
DIARY

Mon 31st Aug – Winter Night Prayers – 5.30 – 7pm
Sat 5th Sept - Vinnies Monster Sale – Jack Kelly Store Maffra – 9-10.30am
Mon 7th Sept - Parish Tea – Macalister Hotel – 6.30pm – All Welcome!
Tues 8th Sept – CWL Maffra Meeting – 1.30pm
Sun 13th Sept – Cuppa After Mass Maffra – 9am Mass – Provided by St Vinnies
Thur 12th – Sun 15th Nov 4x4 Experience – Wonnangatta, Lake Cobbler and beyond…….

ORDINARIATE SERVICES:
Mass: Sunday: Heyfield: 10am
Mass & Adoration: Wednesday: Cowwarr: 10am
Evensong & Benediction: 4th Sunday of the month: Heyfield: 4pm
Mass: 2nd Saturday of the Month - 11am Mirboo North Catholic Church

St Brigid’s Catholic Church, Cowwarr – A Series of Retreat/ Quiet Days:
Saturday, October 24th, 9.30am – 4pm Contemplatio

DIOCESE OF SALE - THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 30 AUGUST 2015
Each week The Journey includes a variety of inputs including Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda Scott; Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy inspires you to Dream, and Byron and Francine Pirola from SMARTloving give great tips for vibrant marriages. Add to that some great music and interviews with people doing amazing things right around the globe and you’ve got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEN: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Action for Life, an Apostolate for life of the Catholic Church in the Heart Region, is planning 24 hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the upcoming Synod of the Family. Details are as follows:
11am Mass: Sunday 4th October St Brigid’s Catholic Church Cowwarr.
Adoration: Begins straight after Mass and continues until 11am Monday 5th October.
Ordinariate Mass: Monday: 5th October at 11am.
ANYONE WILLING TO PLACE THEIR NAME ON A ROSTER TO HELP COVER ADORATION TIMES CAN CONTACT FR KEN DIRECT ON 0403383873 OR THE PARISH OFFICE. (Accommodation is available at the Parish house if needed - Cowwarr).
Many thanks for Fr Darren, and Fr Aju for their continued support.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA – ‘SAME-SEX MARRIAGE’
In protection of traditional Marriage, the 2015 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a Pastoral Letter booklet titled “Don’t Mess With Marriage”, along with the brief Media Release. Both documents are displayed in the Church foyer with copies readily available from the Parish Office, contacting Marianne on 5147 1019 or www.catholic.org.au

"THE CHURCH’S TEACHINGS ON LIFE PRESENTED BY ACTION FOR LIFE”.
To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognise that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom.

"The Gospel of Life” John Paul 11

Worried by a present or past pregnancy? We may be able to help with referrals.
Please contact Aimee Hanratty 0400 902 834
Action for Life