



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2020

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Siju Xavier

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PRIEST EMIRITUS:

Fr. Frank Young

PARISH SECRETARY:

Willie Schoenmaekers

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

Principal: Jenny Miller

Davis St. Heyfield - 3858

Phone: 5148 2514

ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

Principal: Jason Slattery

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The 2020 Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, for Latin-rite Catholics with Easter Sunday on April 12.

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by **giving alms**, and to practice self-control through **fasting**. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this **reflection**. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Catholics are also encouraged to make going to confession a significant part of their spiritual lives during Lent.

"Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."-- Pope Francis

PARISH CENTRE BUILDING VIABILITY/FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

Dear Maffra Parishioners,

I am following on to the bulletin notice of 6 October 2019 regarding our parish hall situated within the school premises. As you will recall, we held a whole parish meeting on 17 November after 9:00 am Mass to gauge the parish's interest in exploring the viability of establishing a new Parish Centre on our Church grounds. At the meeting there was an overwhelming majority of parishioners who supported the establishment of a Committee to investigate the feasibility and viability of building a new Parish Centre. In the 17 November briefing, we informed you that we will be calling for volunteers to go on this **Parish Centre Building Viability/Feasibility Committee** in the first few months of 2020.

Thus, I am inviting **Five** St. Mary's parishioners who are interested to go on this Building Viability and Feasibility Committee to indicate your name to one of our Finance Committee members. A representative of the Finance Committee will be speaking to you at 9:00am Mass on the next weekend [1 March] regarding the formation of this committee.

Many Thanks

Fr. Siju Xavier, PP

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

LENTEN GROUP: will commence on Thursday 27th February, this will be led by Anne Munro and Mary Hartwig in the meeting room 1pm. at the Presbytery. Booklets are available for \$10. All Welcome.

Liturgy Committee: Thanks to those already indicated their interest to join the liturgy committee. As mentioned earlier, I would like to meet with the team **on Thursday 27 February after 9.30am Mass.** Thank you.

THE RITE OF ELECTION will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 1st March at 3.00 pm.

We will be forming a **Diocesan Choir** to lead the singing for this beautiful ceremony. Most of the music will be familiar to parishes. Interested singers are asked to register their interest by contacting Sophy Morley at the Diocesan Pastoral Office 03 5622 6677 (leave a message) or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Music packs will be emailed out to you or given to you on the day.

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES meeting Thursday 27th February, at 1.30pm Rosemary Wirken's Place.

CHURCH CLEANING

On behalf of St. Mary's Parish, I wish to thank Angie Coleman who has been faithfully cleaning the church for over two years. She will continue looking after the Presbytery. Many thanks Angie, for your dedicated and faithful work. Since no volunteers showed their interest to go on a church cleaning roster, we had to employ Lynn Magallon to replace Ange. Welcome to Lynn.

CHILD SAFE TRAINING

Could all parish volunteers please save the date of Sunday 26 April from 2pm to 4:30pm for Parish Child Safe training. To be held in Sale. Further details to follow.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY:	\$ 654
ST. MARY'S PG:	\$ 257
ST. MICHAEL'S PG:	\$ 806

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Edmund Lasich, Eileen Young, Sean Munro, Jettie Van De Velde, Mabel Justice, Jim Fogarty, Wilma Thistlethwaite, Elizabeth (Betty) Cross, Mary McMahon, Nellie Pearce, Michael Schoenmaekers, Susannah Goding, Ursula McCarthy, Paul Wiwczaruk, Thelma Reedy, Paul Dolan, Charles Ruthberg, Arthur Leighton, Mathew Watson, Margaret Murray, Nan Humphrey.

Frs. Joseph O'Hagan, Gerard Coffey, Daniel O'Shea, John Shanley, Myles Hyland CM

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.

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.

Recitation of Holy Rosary:

Maffra: Thursdays at 8.55am and First Thursday – for mothers, fathers, unborn babies and those involved in abortion.

Newry: Thursday at 7.30pm (not during School Holidays)

Heyfield: Prior to Vigil Mass 5.30pm.

Cowwarr: Wednesday at 9.45am.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you have recently moved to our parishes or would like to register yourselves as parishioners, we ask that you kindly contact the Parish Office. 5147 1921

Email: Maffra@cdsale.org.au

RIDES TO AND FROM MASS: Anyone needing a ride to and from Mass, can call the parish office on Thursdays, 51471921 and a ride will be arranged.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

OFFICERS

ST. MARY'S: Terry Donahoe

ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

SLIGHTLY CATECHETICAL -----

**DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION
ON DIVINE REVELATION
DEI VERBUM**

REVELATION ITSELF

3. God, who through the Word creates all things (see John 1:3) and keeps them in existence, gives men an enduring witness to Himself in created realities (see Rom. 1:19-20). Planning to make known the way of heavenly salvation, He went further and from the start manifested Himself to our first parents. Then after their fall His promise of redemption aroused in them the hope of being saved (see Gen. 3:15) and from that time on He ceaselessly kept the human race in His care, to give eternal life to those who perseveringly do good in search of salvation (see Rom. 2:6-7). Then, at the time He had appointed He called Abraham in order to make of him a great nation (see Gen. 12:2). Through the patriarchs, and after them through Moses and the prophets, He taught this people to acknowledge Himself the one living and true God, provident father and just judge, and to wait for the Savior promised by Him, and in this manner prepared the way for the Gospel down through the centuries.

4. Then, after speaking in many and varied ways through the prophets, "now at last in these days God has spoken to us in His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). For He sent His Son, the eternal Word, who enlightens all men, so that He might dwell among men and tell them of the innermost being of God (see John 1:1-18). Jesus Christ, therefore, the Word made flesh, was sent as "a man to men." (3) He "speaks the words of God" (John 3:34), and completes the work of salvation which His Father gave Him to do (see John 5:36; John 17:4). To see Jesus is to see His Father (John 14:9). For this reason Jesus perfected revelation by fulfilling it through his whole work of making Himself present and manifesting Himself: through His words and deeds, His signs and wonders, but especially through His death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth. Moreover He confirmed with divine testimony what revelation proclaimed, that God is with us to free us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to life eternal. (To be continued)

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [MARCH]

WELCOMER:	Sun. 1 st	Sylvia Neaves
LITURGY:	Sun: 1 st	Office
READER:	Sun. 1 st	Mary Hartwig
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 1 st	Michael Dillon
COMPUTER:	Sun. 1 st	Leanda Helmke
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	Sun. 1 st	Bernadette Wiggins & Marg Durrant
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	Sun. 1 st	Trevor Fogarty, Dorothy Smyth, Maureen Schroeter
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 1 st	Jean Greenslade & Nick Munro +1
HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:	Sun. 1 st	Trevor Fogarty
VISITING TEAM:	Sun. 1 st	Leanda Helmke and Lyn Mc Linden
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 1 st	Jacob Munro / Seth Dwyer
FLORISTS:	Sun. 1 st	<u>No Flowers during Lent</u>
SACRED VESSELS:	MONTH OF MARCH	Maureen Moulton
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 1 st	Maureen & Dick Moulton
COUNTING TEAM	[This Weekend 23 rd]	Dick Moulton and Roy Shelton
	[Next Weekend 1 st]	Recorder: Mary McLaverty Gary Shingles and Chris Durrant Recorder: Barbara Gray
CUPPA AFTER MASS	Sun. 16 th Mar	N/A

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [FEBRUARY]

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:	Sat. 29 th	George Bogusz
READER:	Sat. 29 th	Joe Pittari
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	Sat. 29 th	Anne Kurec & Helper
FLORISTS:	Sat. 29 th	<u>No Flowers during Lent</u>
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF MARCH	Heather Higgins

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR [MARCH]

READER	Sun. 1 st	Jenny Blair
CHURCH CLEANING	[MONTH OF MARCH]	Fr Ken & Carmel Clark



- **Ash Wednesday Masses: 26th February - Maffra whole school Mass 10:00am and 7:00pm for parishioners from both Parishes. Welcome to all school Masses as well.**
- **Ash Wednesday Mass: 26th February - Heyfield whole school Mass 12noon. Parishioners are Welcome.**

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS:

HOLY MASS: ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, COWWARR - 9.30am
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – [SUNDAYS PRIOR TO MASS]

WEEKDAYS:

ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, COWWARR

MONDAY: 9.00am TUESDAY: 6.00pm WEDNESDAY: 10.00am followed by Adoration till 11.00am
THURSDAY: 10.00am FRIDAY: 6.00pm SATURDAY: 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: Holy Mass 6.00 pm followed by Adoration till 12.00am

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Confession 9.30am; Holy Mass 10.00am; Rosary and Adoration till 11.30am

Contact: Very Rev. Fr. Ken Clark 03 5148 9477 or 0403 383 873 or
gippsland@ordinate.org.au

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’ no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with 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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading.: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading.: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Go Further Together”. Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.