



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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13th Sunday In Ordinary Times – Year C – 26th June, 2022.

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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.Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

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 – Tuesday,
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:
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860
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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

This fast moving story shows that certain symbolic action also carried prophetic meaning. It indicates that Elisha was invested with the power and authority of Elijah. It also suggests that the kind of activity in which Elijah was engaged has come to an end and a new generation of prophets is on the horizon. This account describes the conflict that exists between two fundamental responsibilities: fidelity to the call from God and fidelity to one's primary family obligations. Elisha was commissioned by God to be a prophet, and it is up to him to decide whether or not he can make the radical break from the past that this commission requires. His response to God is wholehearted.

This psalm of confidence opens with a declaration of trust that God will protect the psalmist from danger and ultimately from death. A confession of faith follows. Two images express the covenant relationship between God and the psalmist. First, the allotted portion of land is the inheritance that each tribe was given and which was handed down within the tribes generation after generation. The second image, the cup, refers to the practice of drinking from the same cup during a ritual ceremony, thus solidifying the union between all who participate. Regardless of the terrifying, even life-threatening ordeals that must be endured, the psalmist proclaims that God is steadfast.

Paul states that Christians have been freed for the sake of freedom itself. They are then exhorted to stand fast in their freedom and not to allow themselves to be bound again. There are eschatological implications here. The Christians are already free, but they are not yet totally free. Habits of mind and heart, addictions of all kinds, retain their hold even after they are renounced. Paul then contrasts life lived in the Spirit with life lived in the flesh. It is not clear whether he is speaking of the spirit of the person or the Spirit of God. What is clear is his assertion that, if the Galatians are guided by the Spirit of God, they will not be enslaved by the law.

Jesus' journey though the territory of the Samaritans contains several subtle allusions to the prophet Elijah. The account begins with a reference to Jesus being taken up just as the ancient prophet was (cf. 2 Kgs 2:11). When people do not accept Jesus, James and John suggested that Jesus call down fire from heaven, just as Elijah had done (cf. 2 Kgs 1:10). Finally, the request to say good bye to parents before following God 's call was made of Elijah by Elisha his disciple (1 Kgs 19:20). A second episode, Jesus emphasises the demands that discipleship will exact. Discipleship may require whole-hearted commitment to Jesus, but this commitment must be embraced realistically.

Dear Parishioners and Volunteers now that we are back to normal so to speak, I would like to get your attention to the roster which is now in place again. We are asking that you please take note that the commentator role is now back on the roster and Father is asking if this role could please be filled again. We appreciate every role that is filled and thank you all for volunteering and making our parish life pleasurable and successful.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-
Parish Dinner Monday 4th July,
at the Sporting Club Maffra 6pm.
RSVP a Must, please ring
0411436227 for bookings.
All Welcome!

The parish dinner is a monthly dinner who meet for fellowship and the parish community, they meet on the 1st Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

Request for Volunteer

St Mary's Parish sincerely thanks Val Hackwill for the many years she has so meticulously looked after the laundering of the St Mary's Church small Altar cloths.

This special role is now vacant. I warmly invite any interested parishioners to please contact the Parish Office (5147 1921) or myself (0407 353 750). Duties: washing and ironing of these cloths, on a weekly basis. Marianne (Sacristan).

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>
Closing Date 29 July 2022

Planned Giving Envelopes
The new planned giving year started on the 5th June. New envelopes are now available and ready to be picked up from the back of Maffra and Heyfield Churches.

Please check to see if your Working With Children Checks are still valid if not please renew, if you have a problem please ring Willie at the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Marjorie Kelly, Pearl Kierce, Rod Heatley, Terry Kyne, Jack Higgins, Bryan Hawes, Evelyn Gilder, Thomas Siladi, Ian Murphy, Peter Kowal, Babe Ada Poppy Nikolajew, Annie Walkley, Bessie Wyatt, Stuart McLinden, Len Breheny, Dorothy O'Malley, Joe Dawson, Agnes Costello, Grace Cummins, Veronica Rice.

Frs. Francis (Frank) O'Regan, Michael Dwyer, Eugene O'Connell, Michael Dwyer, Prof. Fr. Sylvester Barry, Mgr William (Bill) Walsh, Mgr John Gallagher,

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:

Kevin Bennett, Anne Turra, Marge Canny, Belinda Weatherley, Archie Schacht, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, John Phelan, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Evelyn Bourke, Gerry Gray, Maree Welsh, 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: \$ 725
ST. MARY'S PG: \$2657
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 275

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities. The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind of freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [July]

LITURGY:	Sun. 3 rd	Office
READER:	Sun. 3 rd	Kevin Christensen
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 3 rd	Michael Dillon
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 3 rd	Michael Dillon
COMPUTER:	Sun. 3 rd	Mary Fjellner
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 3 rd	Jean Greenslade and Nick Munro.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 3 rd	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 3 rd	Marg Durrant & Gil Wals
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 3 rd	Pauline Phelan and Sylvia Neaves
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of July	Francis Dwyer

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [JULY]

READER:	Sat. 2 nd	George Bogusz
FLORISTS:	Sat. 2 nd	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF JULY	Carmel Pittari

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (JULY)

READER	Sun. 3 rd	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF JULY	Mary O'Brien

SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL: With just two more weeks to go, please keep in your prayers our members, **Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Peter Slater VG, Fr Denis O'Bryan EV, Lize Privitera, Katherine Jelavic and Sr Mary Olofu**, who have been preparing in several ways including, listening and discerning. There are 30 motions across eight mission which will form the backbone of their reflection, discussion and decisions at the Second Assembly due to take place from the **3rd to 9th July 2022**. The framework for motions can be accessed at www.cdsale.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 3rd July 2022

The Harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Get up! Stand up! Show up! is the theme this year for the aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday that is celebrated on the first Sunday of July every year.

I have attached the Poster and the Resource booklet to this email.

Here is the link to these resources that contains downloads and multimedia kits.

https://www.natsicc.org.au/2022-atsi-sunday.html?mc_cid=ead1e9809c&mc_eid=810c5d4e33#poster

2022 Child Safety Week COMPETITION

Get creative. Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported?

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).

See entry form, ideas and support materials on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week> or contact your parish.

Entries close **Friday 22 July 2022**

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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GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE
13 CHURCH STREET
COWWARR, VIC 3857

TEL: 0403383873

BLOG:

[HTTPS://GIPPSLANDORDINARIATE.WORDPRESS.COM](https://gippslandordinariate.wordpress.com)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

((R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

(R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Gal 5:1. 13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPELLk 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

**Prayer for the Synod:****Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12. 17-20