



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday – Year C – 12th 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
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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD,
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."



SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

In an unusual turn of events, Abram is blessed by a foreigner in the name of a foreign god. The names that appear here reveal

something of the significance of the actions performed. Melchizedek means 'my king' and 'righteous'. Salem is probably a shortened form of Jerusalem, the Jebusite city captured by David and later made the capital of his kingdom (cf. 2 Sam 5:6-8. The title 'God Most High' is closely associated with the ancient cult practised in Salem (cf. Pss 46:4; 87:5). It seems that the importance of Israel's patriarch is overshadowed by the significance of David.

The responsorial psalm extols the Davidic king. God directs the human king to sit at God's own right hand, the place of honour. Furthermore, it is God who enthrones the human king, subjugating his enemies as a footstool under his feet. The day of the birth of the king is not his natal day but the day of his enthronement, the day when he enters into a unique and intimate relationship with God. Finally, by divine oath, the Davidic king is granted the priestly status that belonged to Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem.

Paul did not receive the tradition in direct revelation from the Lord; he received it by word of mouth, the usual way a religious heritage is transmitted. This establishes the ecclesial authority of the teaching, and it demonstrates Paul's own conviction that the risen Christ transmits the tradition through the agency of the members of the Body of Christ, the church. The ritual words come from a succinct account of Jesus' last supper, wherein he points to both the continuity and the discontinuity between the old and the new covenants. Jesus' sharing of the blessed bread and cup was a prophetic symbolic action that anticipated his death. Believers live an essentially eschatological existence, anticipating the future as they re-enact the past.

Five loaves and two fish would not have been much of a meal for Jesus and the Twelve, much less the crowd that is said to have gathered on this occasion. Jesus' actions over the food are brief but significant. He blessed it; he broke it; and he gave it as food. The Eucharistic overtones are obvious. The apostles are actually the ones through whom the crowds experience the munificence of Jesus. This demonstrates how Jesus provides for his people through the agency of the church. Over the years there have been attempts to explain what really happened in this event. Any attempt to explain away the miracle completely misses the point of the narrative. Its many-levelled meaning rests on the miraculous abundance that God provides through Jesus.

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:

Mavis Herrick, Ella Bennett, Ruth Higgins, Mary Pahule, Myles Allman Sr & Jr, Alice Dwyer, Eilly Gannon, Emily Fermio, Grace Desmond, Andrew Humphrey, Colin Hanratty, Anna Nikolajew, Clement (Phil) Woodhouse, Daryl & Maureen Donahoe, Reg Cox, Noela Crozier, Michael Caffrey, John McCarthy, Sheila Daly, Kazimierz Zmijewski, Iris Higgins, Keith McCarthy.
Frs. Denis O'Callaghan, Francis (Frank) Carroll.

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: \$ 514
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 238
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 126

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the interim meal for the Christian community. We are to feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the eschatological banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet.

Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was an eschatological banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the eschatological banquet of the present.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [June]

LITURGY:	Sun: 26 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 26 th	Pat Gray
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 26 th	Kevin Christensen
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 26 th	Trevor Fogarty
COMPUTER:	Sun. 26 th	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 26 th	Kevin Kierce and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 26 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 26 th	Mary Hartwig and Anne Munro
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 26 th	Marianne and Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of June	Francis Dwyer or Helen Dezaayer

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [JUNE]

READER:	Sat. 25 th	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat. 25 th	Christine Donohue
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF JUNE	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (JUNE)

READER	Sun. 26 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	[MONTH OF JUNE]	Connie Dwyer

Congratulation to the children who have received the various Sacraments over the past few months in both Heyfield and Maffra Parishes.



Baptisms: 19



Reconciliation: 13 +



Confirmation: 20

And please pray for the 11 children preparing for their First Holy Communion in the near future, and also Blake who will be welcomed and Baptized at Heyfield on Saturday 25th June. Please take note of these children on the banners at the back of Maffra Church.

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**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock

FIRST READING Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**

3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **(R.)**

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 11:23-26
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

SEQUENCE:

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing The praises of thy Shepherd-King, In hymns and canticles divine; Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song Worthy his praises to prolong, So far surpassing powers like thine. Today no theme of common praise

Forms the sweet burden of thy lays – The living, life-dispensing food – That food which at the sacred board Unto the brethren twelve our Lord His parting legacy bestowed. Then be the anthem clear and strong, Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song, The very music of the breast: For now shines forth the day sublime That brings remembrance of the time When Jesus first his table blessed. Within our new King's banquet-hall They meet to keep the festival That closed the ancient paschal rite: The old is by the new replaced; The substance hath the shadow chased; And rising day dispels the night. Christ willed what he himself had done Should be renewed while time should run, In memory of his parting hour: Thus, tutored in his school divine, We consecrate the bread and wine; And lo – a Host of saving power. This faith to Christian men is given –

Bread is made flesh by words from heaven: Into his blood the wine is turned: What though it baffles nature's powers Of sense and sight? This faith of ours Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign, Meet symbols of the gifts divine, There lie the mysteries adored:

The living body is our food; Our drink the ever-precious blood; In each, one undivided Lord. Not he that eateth it divides The sacred food, which whole abides Unbroken still, nor knows decay; Be one, or be a thousand fed, They eat alike that living bread Which, still received, ne'er wastes away. The good, the guilty share therein, With sure increase of grace or sin, The ghostly life, or ghostly death: Death to the guilty; to the good Immortal life. See how one food Man's joy or woe accomplisheth. We break the Sacrament; but bold And firm thy faith shall keep its hold; Deem not the whole doth more enfold Than in the fractured part resides: Deem not that Christ doth broken lie; 'Tis but the sign that meets the eye; The hidden deep reality In all its fullness still abides.

*Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed,

And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven. *Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; *O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21
Second Reading: Gal 5:1. 13-18
Gospel: Lk 9:51-62