

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 9.00am-3.00pm.

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Second Sunday of Advent Year C – 05th December, 2021



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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: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am

2nd Friday Stretton Park 10.00am

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Any time by request

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm

OR any other time by request

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: Jason Slattery

4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860

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Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

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ADVENT REFLECTION

BOOKINGS FOR CURRENT MASSES - FROM THIS WEEKEND

Any bookings for Maffra masses at 9a.m or 4.30pm can be made by calling the parish office 51471921 during business hours Tuesday to Friday. (Please do not call Willie's number for bookings). Please leave a message with;

- The Mass you are booking for.
- Names and contact numbers

No bookings are required for Newry, Heyfield, Cowwarr or Dargo Mass.

Vaccinated Mass....

In order for a vaccinated Mass to be considered, the following roles need to be filled;

Rosters required for:

- COVID Check-in Marshal/s (CCIM)
- Sacristans
- Readers
- Collectors
- Cleaners (disinfecting Church after Mass)
- Attendee to replace social distancing blue tape on Church pews, if removed

CCIM to comply with all relevant requirements listed on Coronavirus Victorian website : COVID Check-in Marshals | Coronavirus Victoria

No Attendance phone bookings required, as there is currently no cap on Mass attendee numbers

Additional information,

CCIM responsible for:

- Service Victoria QR Check in for all attendees on arrival each time
- COVID fully vaccination status check for all attendees on arrival each time, by presentation of one of the following (No copies to be kept):

COVID-19 digital certificate via the Service Victoria app

COVID-19 digital certificate saved to a smartphone wallet

Printed copy of COVID-19 digital certificate

Printed copy of immunisation history statement

Eligible proof of vaccination exemption.

All volunteers to be registered on Parish records, with current Working With Children Check recorded

Until such time, a vaccinated Mass cannot occur. If you wish to take up one of the roles listed above, please contact the parish office on 51471921 during business hours, and nominate which role you are interested in.

Once all positions listed are filled, further details will follow.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

THE FLOWER ROSTER

The 2022 roster will be available from Sunday 12th December, unfortunately no new volunteers. Many thanks girls for doing a great job.

ST MARY'S CHURCH GROUNDS

A WORKING-BEE to tidy the church's grounds is set for 9am on Saturday, 11 December 2021. If you cannot attend, solo efforts at any other time before or after then are ok. BYO gloves, tools to dig, rake and prune (including trimmers/saws). Be safe! A list of identified tasks will be on the Parish Office's window. Thanks, David Woodhouse 0423 093 513.

SYNOD 2023 Walking Together

Synodality is a new way of being the Church together. We are now on the journey of the "Synod on Synodality" so what does it mean? Synod is a Greek word made up of syn (together) and odos (way, road) and in its fullest sense, means travelling or journeying together. We will be invited over coming weeks and months to walk together listening and sharing our faith, and learning from one another. Read more of Pope Francis' invitation <https://tinyurl.com/PopeFrancis-Synod-Launch>

BEING BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND

We have 2 children being baptized this weekend at the 4.30pm on Sunday 5th December, 2021.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ N/A
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ N/A
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ N/A

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Jim Millar, Felisksa (Ella) Bednarski, Kevin McMahon, Rupert Morrissey, Peter Canny, Leslie Kennedy, Hugh Leach, Jessie Dore, Alice Donohue, Maurice Coleman, Helen Garrigan, Maurice Killeen, Kevin McMahon, Simon and Baby Charlie Gordyn, Shirley P. Kerr, David Morgan, Irene Robinson.

Frs. James Hayes, David (Dave) Cagney, Francis (Frank) Young, Patrick O'Donohue, John Ryan OMI, Patrick Laws.

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:

Rose Woodhouse, 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.

[Adapted from Moe parish]

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS
ST. MARY'S: Terry Donahoe
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [December]

LITURGY:	Sun: 12 th	Office
MASS ATTENDANCES:	Sun: 12 th	Marianne, Chas and Carly Bagguley
READER:	Sun. 12 th	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 12 th	Michael Dillon
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 12 th	Nick Munro
COMPUTER:	Sun. 12 th	Trish Vardy
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 12 th	Collection box at back of Church (Covid).
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 12 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 12 th	Debbie Kardinaal & Sue Kewming
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 12 th	Marianne and Chas Bagguley

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [December]

READER:	Sat. 11 th	George Bogusz
FLORISTS:	Sat. 11 th	Anne Kurec
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF Dec.	Heather Higgins



ST ITA'S NEWRY (December)

READER	Sun. 12 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	[MONTH OF DECEMBER)	Connie Dwyer

We are now able to have 50 persons at each of the Masses
Please continue bookings for Weekend Masses it is essential. (No Walk Ins.)

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- Heyfield Mass 6pm Saturdays
- Maffra Masses 9am and 4.30pm Sundays
- Cowwarr 1st and 3rd Sundays and Newry 2nd and 4th Sundays 11am.

• Religious gatherings and ceremonies: Permitted with up to 50 persons per venue (and those workers necessary to conduct the ceremony) for Vaccinated and unvaccinated parishioners

• Funerals (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 50 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap

• Weddings (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 50 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the wedding). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND: Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

Advent Prayer

Loving God, accompany me on my journey through Advent. As I move through my daily tasks and responsibilities, renew

my hope in you, and in your will for my life.

Help me to watch for

your coming in

unexpected ways, to hold

fast to your word and to

your promise, and to

trust that you are

leading me at every moment. Grant my

prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son and

my Hope. Amen.

