

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES - YEAR B, 13TH June, 2021

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Siju Xavier

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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: 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

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Annual appeal for Trinity Families



Bishop Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year.

With this Sunday, being Trinity Sunday, it is timely to consider the appeal which has run throughout this month.

“As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help.

“To achieve this, Trinity Families Fund needs to continue to grow its funds so that this mission of service can be more effective,” he said.

Trinity Families is the Sale Diocese's charitable fund and over the past 15 years has provided over \$1.5 million to assist other charities to run programs for families in need in our region.

“I have been reliably informed that the demand placed upon Trinity Families' funding in the 2020 COVID year was high.

“It is important to keep to the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area.

“While there are many calls upon our donations at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area.” Bishop Bennet concluded.

Programs funded previously include bushfire relief, family counselling services, parenting programs, school breakfast programs, suicide prevention, respite care, drug and alcohol programs and emergency accommodation.

Bishop Greg urges everyone to give generously to the May 2021 Appeal. Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in churches.

Those who wish to donate by credit card can also call Trinity Families on 5614 5141.

Details of donating by bank transfer and via a credit card form are available on the [Trinity Families website](https://www.trinityfamilies.org.au) under donate section.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Planned Giving Envelope are ready to be picked up from the back of the Church for both St Mary's and St Michael's Parishes. The new planned giving year commences the 6th June 2021. Credit Cards and Debit Cards also have an envelope to pick up. Please assist the office by picking up your envelopes.

Ritchie's Loyalty Card.

For those who have joined and included St Mary's Church we thank you for your contribution and if you would like to join It is easy either using a phone and downloading the Ritchies Card App from the App store or Google Play, or by going online to www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty using a tablet or desk top computer. You can then pick up a physical card available from our friendly cashiers in-store, which they then link to their app or online account. Once they have set up their account they can then nominate your organisation.

Heyfield Finance Meeting, 19th June, after 6pm Mass

Bookings for Maffra Weekend Mass

If current restrictions continue to bear the same consequences for us, the future Maffra weekend Mass attendance booking times, until advised otherwise, **will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00am – 1:30pm, and Fridays 1:00pm - 2.30pm.**

The number to make calls to book is the same number we have used in the past. It is **0490 384 454.** Please do not leave a voice or text message, as this facility has not been enabled.

No bookings required for weekday Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Recently Deceased: John Michalik

The Funeral of John Michalik will be on Wednesday 15th June at 12noon St Michael's Heyfield.

Anniversaries:

Robert Lock, Gerald Marchesi, Fred Foulis, Norma Slattery + 5 children (train accident), Barry Cotterill, Alice McHenry, Kathleen Bullock, Bernard Laws, Brian Daly, Alan Vardy, Bryan Bourke, Marie Coleman, Mavis Herrick, Ella Bennett, Ruth Higgins, Mary Pahule.

Bishop Richard Ryan CM, Mgr Stanislaus (Stan) Crowe, Frs. William McLoughlin, Michael Clarke OMI.

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:

Marge Canny, 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, 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

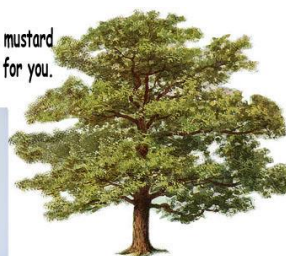
Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.

[Adapted from Moe parish]

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature. The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| PRESBYTERY: | \$ 469 |
| ST. MARY'S PG: | \$ 145 |
| ST. MICHAEL'S PG: | \$ 580 |

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

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [June]

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| LITURGY: | Sun: 20 th | Office |
| MASS ATTENDANCES: | Sun: 20 th | Trevor Fogarty, Val Hackwill, Mary Gibb |
| READER: | Sun. 20 th | Dot Benson |
| COMMENTATOR: | Sun. 20 th | Jasmine Munro |
| EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER | Sun. 20 th | Andrew Coleman |
| COMPUTER: | Sun. 20 th | Kate Coleman |
| COLLECTORS: | Sun. 20 th | Please place envelopes and gifting in Baskets |
| ALTAR SERVERS: | Sun. 20 th | N/A |
| FLORISTS: | Sun. 20 th | Leonee Seymour |
| SACRED VESSELS: | MONTH OF June | Maureen Moulton |
| SACRISTANS: | Sun. 20 th | Pauline Phelan and Sylvia Neaves |

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [JUNE]

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| READER: | Sat. 19 th | Joe Pittari |
| FLORISTS: | Sat. 19 th | Pittari Family |
| ALTAR LINEN – | MONTH OF JUNE | Heather Higgins |
| ST BRIGID'S COWWARR | | |
| READER | Sun. 20 th | Geraldine Morgan |
| CHURCH CLEANING | [MONTH OF JUNE) | Nellie Bebbington |



Plenary Council News:

Facilitator Focus: The Holy Spirit is moving among us

Dear Friends,

“Stories are really important. People in all times and in all places have told stories. They help to shape identity and well-being. They carry religious, moral and ethical codes. They are the glue that hold societies and cultures together. Stories are carriers of our memories and memories are containers of grace. Think of how much our lives are contained and conveyed in stories.”

-- Mary Pelligrino CSJ

In the last few weeks, the Facilitation Team has been so inspired by the good news stories, of what is happening in several parishes and dioceses in response to the Spirit moving amongst us. You will be able to read some of these good news stories in this edition of Plenary Post.

Over the last month, the focus for the Facilitation Team has been our involvement in preparing the program for the Members' formation sessions which will take place across several days in June and July. All Members will be attending a set of four sessions across three days and key to these formation, or preparation, sessions will be an experience of engaging in the discernment process to be used during the Assembly in October.

Everyone will be in breakout groups and discern with other Members from across Australia. Also, during the formation sessions it will be an opportunity for the Members to experience this engagement online and hopefully begin to establish a familiarity with using the online platform of Microsoft Teams.

Meanwhile, we know that there is much activity happening for each of the Hubs to operate in Western Australia (Perth), South Australia/Northern Territory (Adelaide), Victoria/Tasmania (Melbourne), Queensland (Brisbane) and New South Wales/ACT (Sydney). This is where the Members will be geographically located while they engage online, as one Plenary Council Assembly, with all Members from across Australia.

We are now only four months out from the first Assembly. We call on the Spirit of Pentecost to continue to inspire us all to tell our stories and listen to others tell theirs as we encourage each other to be hopeful for the future of our Church in Australia.

by Sr Marion Gambin RSJ

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



Congratulations and God's blessings on Phoenix Cox, Noah Mezenberg and Dustin Daly who have been confirmed on Friday at St. Michael's by our Bishop Greg. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be always with all our children who received Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading: Jb 38:1. 8-11

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel: Mk 4:35-41