



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-4.00pm.

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25th Sunday In Ordinary Times – Year C – 18th September, 2022.

PARISH PRIEST:

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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: Julian Blackford
4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860
Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

Facebook: [facebook/dioceseofsale](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale)

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAUREEN PAWLEY

Cowwarr's Maureen Pawley has received the Mary Glowrey Award for 62+ years of dedicated service to the League, to parish priests and to her community in many, ongoing voluntary capacities. She is currently the President for our local group. This group meets monthly at Maffra Presbytery (except in winter). We, as a parish, thank all the members for their ongoing commitment.



Special Works Of The Catholic Women's League (Cwl)

Among other roles, the Social Questions Committee "Investigates and responds with dedicated work ranging from the preparation of submissions to parliament to team work with other Christians and people of good will in promoting and defending the preciousness and dignity of each human person of any age or stage of development. The Committee also promotes the importance of the healthy relationships of the family, of the professions and of institutions which uphold the goodness of human life- healthcare bodies, educational communities, the law and politics. The Committee speaks calmly, clearly and with compassion. Its members have participated and prepared submissions, petitions, resources and information for the wider Catholic Women's League Victoria and Wagga Wagga community. The Apostolate has carefully studied and given timely response to an array of issues – inspired by Catholic teaching and sound social thought." <https://www.cwlvicww.org.au/what-we-do/>

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc. - First known as the Catholic Women's Social Guild - was founded in the Melbourne Archdiocese in 1916 by a group of young Catholic women trying to make a difference in a world torn by war. <https://www.cwlvicww.org.au/history/>

The first president of the then 'Guild' was Mary Glowrey. Mary Glowrey was born in Birregurra, in 1887. After studying medicine at Melbourne University, she graduated as a doctor, in 1910. Her internship was undertaken at the Wellington hospital in New Zealand. She returned to Melbourne and practised medicine at St Vincent's Hospital and the Eye and Ear Hospital. She became President of the League in 1916. In 1920 Mary gave up her career as a doctor in Melbourne and sailed to India to attend to the women and children who were dying through lack of medical care. She joined the Society of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who staffed the hospital where she worked, in Guntur. Her lifework, ministering to thousands of patients, was spent in India where she died in 1957.

The CWL always welcomes new members. If you would like to know more, you can see the above links or contact the parish office.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Dinner Monday 3rd October, 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.

In the past the Church was always open during school holiday, but then we had a few instances that made us close, so during the School holidays the Church will be closed Friday 16th September to 2nd October, but week day Mass will be as normal.

Congratulations to the children that celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend.



INVITATION – MORNING COFFEE : Maffra Uniting Church invites you to a special morning with guest speakers from Mission Liaison in Melbourne. They will tell us of their work with Pacific Islander children. Date: Friday 30th Sept. Time: 10.00 a.m. at St Andrew's Hall Entry: \$5 – includes morning tea and door prizes . All welcome!

Praying the Rosary in the Month of October

The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to this Rosary Prayer event via Zoom during the month of October.

Rosary prayed online each evening from 7.00pm – 7.30pm commencing 1st October through to 31st October.

Event is free but you do need to register your interest.

Email **stm.michelleg@gmail.com** to receive a link to join us online. Or phone St Mary's Parish Centre **03 5152 2942** to leave your contact details. A link will be emailed to you for your participation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Anniversaries:

Des Egan, Fred Munro, James Hall, Paul Brick Jr., Kathleen Fawaz, John (Jack) Telling, Gerald O'Dwyer, Elaine Brown, Susan Carter, Carmel Lee, Geo Gierman, Paul Gannon, Kieran Laws, Stella Lee, Ian Cusack, Denis & Eileen Nicholson, Margaret Mills, Baby Charli McQuillan, Winifred (Win) Slattery, Michael Pusmacans, Keith Fraser, Raymond Crozier, Denis McCarthy, Kenneth Coffey. Fr. Daniel (Tim) Hourigan, Dean Peter Coyne VG.

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:

Margaret O'Malley, Kevin Bennett, Anne Turra, Marge Canny, Archie Schacht, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, John Phelan, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Gerry Gray, 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: \$ 887
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 240
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 140

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [SEPTEMBER]

LITURGY:	Sun: 25 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 25 th	Jasmine Munro
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 25 th	Trevor Fogarty
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 25 th	Sylvia Neaves
COMPUTER:	Sun. 25 th	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 25 th	Kevin Kierce and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 25 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 25 th	Trish Vardy and Aileen Romanin
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 25 th	Pauline Phelan and Sylvia Neaves
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of SEPTEMBER	Francis Dwyer and Helper

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [SEPTEMBER]

READER:	Sat. 24 th	Leanda Helmke
FLORISTS:	Sat 24 th	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (SEPTEMBER)

READER	Sun. 25 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	Christa Dwyer

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:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

13 CHURCH STREET

COWWARR, VIC 3857

TEL: 0403383873

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

CASSEROLE

The Cowwarr/Heyfield and Ordinariate parishes are hosting a casserole lunch on Sunday 2nd October, 12pm at the parish hall, Cowwarr. Everyone is invited! Come and enjoy a friendly social get-together, while fundraising for the parish hall kitchen renovations.

Tickets are \$15 each (or by donation), children free! Please bring a casserole or a sweet to share.

There will be a raffle, door prizes, and lots of fun! Any donations for door prizes will be welcome.

Raffle tickets are only \$1 each. Prizes are an amazing.

* 2-night stay at The Honeysuckles (near Seaspray);

* dinner for two at the Top Pub in Morwell;

* a protea flower printed cushion; and

* a bottle of Connoisseur's choice wine.

Contact Helen Palma 0429 341 713 or Janet Kingman 0428 316 017

LUNCH

Forty Days for Life to end abortion

Once again, the 40 Days for Life campaign enters another year. I have been asked by Kathy Clubb, the convener of this year's campaign to get a group together, especially for the opening rally. I will also close the rally with prayer.

Starts September 28 and runs to November 6. 8am to 8 pm vigil at the exclusion zone. The first day we are holding a rally at Fitzroy Gardens with Bernie Finn and other speakers.

WEDNESDAY 28th SEPT: Kick-off & Rally with pro-life speakers.

Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr Clarendon Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, 2 p.m - 3 p.m.

If there are people interested in going, could they please let me know so we can travel by train down together for this important occasion.

Fr Ken: 0403383873 or ken.clark@gmail.com

St Mary's Parish Youth/Family Mass and Picnic.

Sunday 16th October 2022 St. Mary's

Church Maffra 5.30pm Mass

followed by BYO picnic /activities in the grounds. Please save the date and join us!

Enquiries Christa Dwyer 51451415 or Parish Office.

Wonnangatta 4x4 Trip

Friday 4th – Sunday 6th or Monday 7th Nov. 2022.

CATERING: THIS IS A SELF-CATERING TRIP. SO THERE IS NO COST.

Enquiries/ Details:

Don Dwyer 0428556636

christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

First Reading:	Am 6:1. 4-7
Second Reading:	1 Tm 6:11-16
Gospel:	Lk 16:19-31