

# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

**St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]**

**St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr**

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**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES - YEAR B, 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021**

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## WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

## WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Newry: 11.00am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Dargo: 12.00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

### HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

### MAFFRA

Wednesday: 9.30am

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

Facebook: [facebook/dioceseofsale](https://facebook/dioceseofsale)

## Celebrating God's Creation

As we continue to reflect on the wonders of God's creation in this month of September, we can sometimes forget that we are also an integral part of that world. We are creation too. What is our role in the world and how can we be agents of leaven and transformation in the world – for humankind and for the natural world? Fr Daniel Horan OFM has written a thoughtful piece on our place in creation "But who or what do you say creation is? It's us too."

Click [Creation is us too](#)

[https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/faith-seeking-](https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/faith-seeking-understanding/who-or-what-do-you-say-creation-its-us-too)

[understanding/who-or-what-do-you-say-creation-its-us-too](https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/faith-seeking-understanding/who-or-what-do-you-say-creation-its-us-too)

Be Still and Know That I Am God. In this time of uncertainty, the

psalms give us hope and reassurance, even when things look dark.

Psalm 46, in this beautiful prayer video, us reassurance that the God of all creation is always with us, caring for us and loving us.

[https://www.prayerscapes.com/FilmPages/psalm\\_46\\_reading.html](https://www.prayerscapes.com/FilmPages/psalm_46_reading.html)

The Laudato Si' Action Platform has a wealth of resources for parishes,

schools and other bodies to enter into discernment and planning about

measures that they might initiate in their local area. Perhaps your

community could gather a small group to read Laudato Si' , consider

possible projects and think of ways in which the entire community

might be invited to participate in various ways. A simple start to raise

awareness may be to encourage people to post pictures of various

aspects of nature and post them on the community's social media

page. If you are not able to meet physically, why not meet virtually and

begin with a simple prayer service followed by coffee and chat?

There is a dedicated website for Laudato Si' Action. Visit

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

Explore the various resources on offer including outlines for meeting and discernment, prayers and plans.

## The Plenary Council

In just over two weeks the long awaited Plenary Council of Australia

will commence. Due to the ongoing pandemic, instead of meeting

physically, the 278 Members will be meeting virtually from across

Australia. Members are drawn from dioceses, eparchies, ordinariates,

personal prelature, leaders of religious congregations and

representatives of church ministries, seminary rectors and heads of

theological institutions. In addition, there are additional people who will

serve the Plenary Council in the key roles of periti (expert advisors) ,

canonical experts, and those involved in the drafting and recording of

proceedings. For a full list of Members and Key Council Roles,

visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/members/>

It has been an enormous challenge trying to adapt to rapidly changing

situations around Australia. Please continue to keep all those involved

in the Plenary Council in your prayers.



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Due to Lock down we are behind in Special collections. We will be holding Special Collections once restrictions are lifted on numbers at Masses. Please give generously to the Special Collection for CatholicCare and Father's day Appeal after all Masses or you can put the money in an envelope and put it in the letter opening in the front door of the Presbytery with which appeal you would like to contribute to or if you have our bank details you can donate online, in the remarks please state which appeal you are donating to. You can also go on the Diocese Of Sale website and they have areas for Donating. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.

### Migrant and Refugee Sunday

We celebrate 107<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September with the theme *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*. Parishes should have received their digital kit last week from the Bishop's Office.

Download the digital kit  
<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet/1310-migrant-and-refugee-kit-2021/file>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

### Anniversaries: From 11<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Emil Lewanowski, Cecilia Allman, Cath Lanigan, Thomas (Max) McLaren, Ron Bates, Percy Lestrangle, Teresa (Joan) Johnston, Mary L. Booker, Maree Crowne (Taylor), Monica Le Grande, Maria Le Grande, Joan McCarthy, Bill Phelan, Gerald Coleman, 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 Grace McQuillan, Winifred (Win) Slattery, Michael Pusmacans, Keith Fraser, Raymond Crozier, Denis McCarthy, Kenneth Coffey, Merle O'Brien, Frs. Daniel (Tim) Hourigan, John Black, John Dunlea OMI, David Verlin, 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./ 0469 733 929

**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, 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

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

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

### MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [September]

LITURGY:	Sun: 26 <sup>th</sup>	Office
MASS ATTENDANCES:	Sun: 26 <sup>th</sup>	Marg Slattery, Marg Donahoe, Helen Dezaayer
READER:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Dillon
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Kierce
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Coleman
COMPUTER:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Christensen
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Could someone please volunteer.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Coleman
FLORISTS:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Leonee Seymour
SACRED VESSELS:	MONTH OF September	Maureen Moulton
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Marianne and Chas Bagguley

### HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER [September]

READER:	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF September	Carmel Pittari



### ST ITA'S NEWRY (September)

READER	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Dwyer
CHURCH CLEANING	[MONTH OF September)	Christa Dwyer

- Please continue bookings for **Weekend Masses** Between 10:00am to 12:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays AND FRIDAYS 0490 384 454
- Please do not leave any Message on this number for the voicemail is NOT set up on this number. Thank you.
- Heyfield Mass 6pm Saturdays
- Maffra Masses 9am and 4.30pm Sundays
- Cowwarr 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Newry 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11am.
- **Religious gatherings and ceremonies:** Permitted with up to **20 persons per venue (and those workers necessary to conduct the ceremony)**
- **Funerals (indoor and outdoor):** Permitted with no more than **20 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 10 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the wedding)**. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap

### 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 Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

### SECOND: Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity. All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### 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: Nm 11:25-29  
Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48