



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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26th Sunday In Ordinary Times – Year C – 25th September, 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

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Phone: 5148 2514

ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

Principal: Julian Blackford
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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Amos denounces the complacency that often accompanies wealth. He condemns self-indulgence at feasts. The prophet goes to great lengths to paint a picture of the dissolute character of the wealthy. In contrast to this, with one simple but piercing phrase he describes the condition of the nation as 'the collapse of Joseph'. The profligacy of the wealthy in the face of social breakdown is evidence of their self-indulgence and complacency. However, their affluent lifestyle will be cut short and, in an ironic turn of events, those who always thought of themselves first will be the first to be deported into exile.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise. God has been faithful to the people. God's graciousness to the vulnerable is particularly extolled. God raises up the needy, enables them to stand with pride, reestablishes them in security. Strangers or aliens lack certain legal rights, and since it is not their own nation, they may not be familiar with the rights that they do have. The final verse praises God as sovereign and eternal ruler in Jerusalem. This is not a God who is distant or remote. This God has entered into their history and into the very social fabric of their existence. Such a God deserves praise.

Paul addresses Timothy with a fourfold charge: pursue the virtues; fight for the faith; grasp eternal life; and keep the commandments. Though these are responsibilities of all Christians, he expects that Timothy will fulfil them in ways that reflect his pastoral office. Paul employs an image from athletic competition in order to illustrate the struggle that being faithful often entails. The prize that Paul has in mind is eternal life. Underscoring the seriousness of his admonitions, he charges Timothy, before God and before Christ, to obey the commandments in anticipation of Christ's glorious manifestation, probably a reference to Christ's second coming. When this great event will transpire is known only by God.

The gospel paints a picture of radical reversals. The man who during life was treated as a castoff enjoys the bliss of heaven, while the one who savoured the pleasures that life had to give ends up in great torment in the netherworld. Why is Lazarus rewarded while the rich man suffers? The answer is found in the understanding of covenant responsibility. Both men are somehow associated with Abraham and therefore belong to the people of Israel. The rich man was indifferent to the needs of the covenant brother who lay at his gate. When he asked that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers to change their way of life (metánoia), he was told that they had the religious tradition that clearly charges the wealthy to meet the needs of the poor. If they were not attentive to that tradition, they would not heed a resurrected Lazarus.

NO WEEK DAY MASSES from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th September,

Father away for in-service, but will be back for Saturday 9.30am morning Mass and weekend Masses as normal.

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.

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 **Michelle 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:

Merle O'Brien, Allan Commerford, Mary Sim, Jack Crouch, Shaun Dillon, Gertrude Hawes, Jack Egan, Bryan Rodaughan, Krystyna Zmijewski, Nicholas Gray (baby), Michael Coleman, Peter Wilson, John Lowery, Pat O'Meara, Bill Dwyer, Bob Russell, Bill Allman, Belinda Heywood, Cecily Allman, Michael Pasmucans, Frank Mount, William McKeown, Monica McKenna, Gladys Rodaughan, Jean Ayton.

Frs John Black, John Dunlea 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:
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

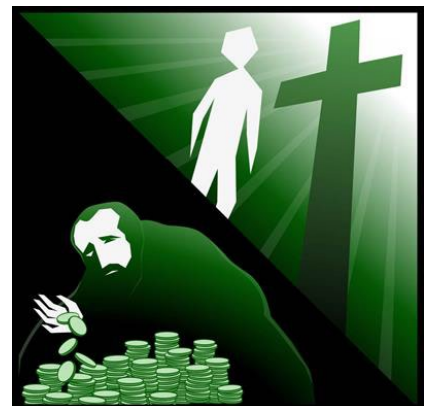
Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION
PRESBYTERY: \$ 653
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 215
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 175

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up? The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment. Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (OCTOBER)

LITURGY:	Sun. 2 nd	Office
READER:	Sun. 2 nd	Trevor Fogarty
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 2 nd	Pat Fogarty
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 2 nd	Trish Vardy
COMPUTER:	Sun. 2 nd	Mary Fjellner
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 2 nd	Roy Shelton and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 2 nd	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 2 nd	Mary Hartwig and Anne Munro
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 2 nd	Marianne and Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of OCTOBER	Francis Dwyer and Helper

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (OCTOBER]

READER:	Sat. 1 st	Philip Taylor
FLORISTS:	Sat. 1 st	Pittari Family
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF OCTOBER	Heather Higgins

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (OCTOBER)

READER	Sun. 2 nd	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF OCTOBER	Megan Stewart

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:

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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.

Exploring the Gospel according to Matthew for Year A (2023)

This is a free event hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Sale.

You are invited to an evening over zoom with Fr Chris Monaghan, while he takes us through the Gospel of Matthew to prepare us for Year A.

Fr Chris Monaghan CP is a Passionist priest who was born in Melbourne and studied at Yarra Theological Union, a member college of the University of Divinity. He undertook postgraduate studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem. He has taught New Testament at YTU since 1987 and has been the President of YTU since 2009.

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>
Email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au 03 5622 6677

Date: Monday, 7 November 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Topic: Exploring the Gospel according to Matthew.

Speaker: Fr Chris Monaghan CP

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy..

FIRST READING Am 6:1. 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
 Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
 Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

Wonnangatta 4x4 Trip

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

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

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