



# PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

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

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## Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Times – Year A – 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

### PARISH PRIEST:

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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.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  
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#### ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.



### Presbytery Collection (1st Collection):

When Father Edwin returns the cashless options will be available again . I'm sorry that it wasn't available over Christmas and January but we were having some issues with the connection. I have now sorted the issue out and the terminal will hopefully be working right . Father will take it with him to all Masses so if you prefer to go cashless just ask Father. Don't forget every little bit helps maintain the presbytery for Father's fuel, food, and personal items etc. As most of you are aware of the increase in prices, the presbytery account is also struggling with this inflation. God Bless you and thank you for your kind generosity - we are warmly grateful.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-**

**No Parish Dinner till Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**, 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 as a parish community, they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

**Catholic Womens League** Meeting. Holiday over, time to get back to it. Our first meeting for 2023 will be on Tuesday February 14th in our parish meeting room at 1.30pm. New members very welcome.

**4x4 Wonnangatta trip** Weekend of the 11th Feb, 2023 is the next 4x4 trip. If you are interested, email [christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:christadwyer@aussiebb.com.au) to receive updates

**Thank You**  
A special thank you to Father Tom Cleary who came down from Melbourne to facilitate the last 6 weekend Masses for both Maffra and Heyfield. His sermons were very enlightening and he was welcomed by all. Father Edwin will return from his holidays on 9<sup>th</sup> February. I'm not sure if there will be Mass on Friday morning because he will still be jetlagged please ring Father Friday morning to see.

**Word Day Of Prayer**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm St Johns Anglican Church.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-**

**Anniversaries:**

Margaret Kyne, John O'Connor, Gordon Withell, Bill Ripper, Aileen, Bernard and Tony Rorke, Geoffrey Nicholls, Victor Burley, Ronald Lockland, Eileen Henebery  
Frs. David Quinn, E. Halihan, Patrick McDonnell, O P O'Connor

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:**

Kevin Bennett, Marge Canny, 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:** \$ 576  
**ST. MARY'S PG:** \$ 289  
**ST. MICHAEL'S PG:** \$ 640

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.



### MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (FEBRUARY)

LITURGY:	Sun: 12 <sup>th</sup>	Office
READER:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen Moulton
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Hartwig
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trish Vardy
COMPUTER:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Fjellner
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Kierce and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Wirken & Mary McLaverty
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Phelan & Sylvia Neaves
HOLY VESSELS:	<b>Month Of FEBRUARY</b>	Donna Sebastian

### HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (FEBRUARY]

READER:	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leanda Helmke
FLORISTS:	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	<b>MONTH OF FEBRUARY</b>	Heather Higgins

### ST ITA'S NEWRY (FEBRUARY)

READER	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	<b>MONTH OF FEBRUARY</b>	Margaret Gray/ Frances 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:**

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### **SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA**

It is very clear from this passage from the prophet that communion with God is dependent upon the fulfilment of social responsibility. Those who have been admitted into the embrace of the covenant are expected to care for the needs of their covenant sisters and brothers in both body and soul. The blessings that follow this kind of selfless living all suggest some form of deliverance. They will be drawn from the darkness of night or fear or suffering into the dawn of hope or happiness; their wounds will be healed; their righteousness (vindication) will be known to all; and they will be under the protection of God.

In the responsorial psalm the image of the righteous person is placed before us for our imitation. This image

is grounded in the theology of retribution. Although reward is promised to the upright, these blessings/rewards do not come without a price. The psalm itself suggests that a righteous person has been repudiated. This is a very serious situation in a society that holds to a strict honour/shame code. However, the righteous one does not submit to the fear of disgrace, but relies on the power of God. Even in the face of trouble, the righteous one is filled with trust in the Lord. Paul maintains that there is nothing extraordinary about himself. Rather than hamper the spread of the gospel, his lowliness will advance the manifestation of the power of God. He did not try to impress his hearers with his intelligence or his clever speech. He wanted the faith of the community to be grounded in God and not in the cleverness of some preacher. He was more concerned that they be touched by the power of the gospel itself. From the outset, he was committed to the crucified Jesus Christ and this became the hallmark of his preaching. The proclamation of Christ crucified was the most scandalous feature of the Christian message for Jew and Greek alike, and yet it was the heart of Paul's teaching. His message was bold but his ministerial approach was humble and unassuming.

Jesus employs two metaphors to characterise the essence of discipleship: salt and light. These metaphors point to what the disciples do for others rather than to what discipleship does for the disciples themselves. Salt is not only essential for life, but it is also valuable for preserving, seasoning, and purifying food and for fertilising. In a sense, its value resides in the way it acts on another substance. The same is true about light. True disciples are the light that shines forth in the darkness of ignorance or faithlessness. They enlighten others not by words but by their manner of living. It is this manner of living that declares to the world that the reign of God has indeed been established in their midst, and that the age of fulfilment has dawned.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### FIRST READING Is 58:7-10

**Your light will shine like the dawn.**

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: 1 Cor 2:1-5

**I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

**.Alleluia, alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Mt 5:13-16

**You are the light of the world.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines

for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



#### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

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