

# Catholic Parishes of Yarrawonga & Cobram

Incorporating Sacred Heart (Yarrawonga), St Joseph's (Cobram), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Tungamah), St Mary's (Katamatite) & St Mary's (Burramine)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES- GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)



**Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga**  
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### SCHOOLS

**Sacred Heart Primary, Yarrawonga**  
Principal: Arn Gorman Ph: 035744 3339  
**Secondary: Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga**  
Principal: Lew Nagle Ph: 03 5742 1300  
**St Joseph's Primary, Cobram**  
Principal: Sarah Iddles Ph: 0358721573  
**Sister of Mercy: Sr. Helen Glasheen**



**St Joseph's Cobram**  
6-8 William Street  
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**Yarrawonga & Cobram Catholic Parishes are Child-Safe Organizations: We are committed to National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. With the Diocese of Sandhurst, we commit to provide "a safe and supportive environment for all persons, especially children, young people and adults at risk and has a zero tolerance of abuse."**



### Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge and pay respect to the First Nations people, past and present, the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice.*

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \*\*\* Year B – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

*Since this week, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation in Australia, let us revisit our belief in this Dogma of our faith.*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

This day's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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### Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption (Thursday 15 August)

**9:30 am- Yarrawonga**

**12:30 pm- Cobram**

**6:00 pm- Yarrawonga**

In May 2001 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference promulgated a decree announcing the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are *Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.*

The decree was reviewed and confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, and signed in January 2001 by its Prefect, Cardinal Jorge Medina Estevez.

The change became effective on 16 September, 2001 and remains in place. Historically derived, holy days of obligation were special occasions on which Catholics, over the age of reason, were obliged to attend Mass. They were also encouraged to refrain from any work or involvement with commerce which would interfere with their participation in divine worship.

**Thursday 22 August-** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary of Fr Steve Bohan. We celebrate Mass of Remembrance of Fr Steve at 5:30 pm here at Sacred Heart. Following the anniversary mass, everyone is invited to gather at Burkes Hotel for dinner. Please register your attendance on the sheet in the Narthex. Alternatively contact the Parish office no later than this coming **Thursday 15 August** for booking. Please note that you will just order off the menu and pay individually.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For office inquiries outside these times, please leave message on **03 5744 3030**, text **0459356917** or email: [yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Parish Matters

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 10/11 August 2024

#### YARRAWONGA

##### 5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Commentator:** Michelle O'Meara  
**Lector/Reader:** June Dale  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Xavier Martin  
**Sacristan:** Eileen Thorp  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

##### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**Commentator:** Libby Dowling  
**Lector/Reader:** Meegan McInness  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Mary Mansfield, Lucy Mansfield  
**Sacristan:** Margaret Cousins  
**Overhead/Music:** Janet Brennan  
**Money Count:** Angela Clarke, Bert & Kay Tait

#### COBRAM

##### 6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Rob Morey  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Gabriella Raco  
**Music & Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Overhead:** Joan Moriarty

##### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Carole Petersen  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Lou Janssens  
**Music & Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Overhead:**  
**Counting Team:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Statue of Mary:** Rosa Fazio  
**Ministers to the Sick:** Pat West, Kristel Lazzarotto, Josie Violi, Carmel Natale

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17/18 August 2024

#### YARRAWONGA

##### 5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Commentator:** Brian Keenan  
**Lector/Reader:** Christine Martin  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Michelle O'Meara  
**Sacristan:** Christine Martin  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

##### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**Commentator:** Dick Morriss  
**Lector/Reader:** Bernadette Mojica  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sr Helen Glasheen, Di Pendergast  
**Sacristan:** Trish Cummins  
**Overhead/Music:** Jen Sagaidak  
**Money Count:** James Cummins, Dean Carroll

#### COBRAM

##### 6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Stephanie Arundel  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Mary-Kate McCormick

##### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Margret Burns  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Melina Coppola  
**Counting Team:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Statue of Mary:** Sandra Panuccio  
**Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Altar Society:** Mary Kennedy, Anne Trease, Vita Janssens

#### St Joseph's Cobram Community Events

- **SUNDAY LUNCH**
  - **11th August – Barooga Hotel** at 12:00 noon
- **ROSARY-** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00pm in the Church.
- **ITALIAN LADIES 30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY-** Sunday 15 September. More info later.
- **Thanks to Joe Grillo & Joe Damore** for replacing and moving the fridges in the Parish House.
- **Thanks also to Matthew Barca** for carrying out the important electrical works in the Parish House.
- **A big thanks and welcome to the Couples for Christ (Filipino Choir-Wodonga)** for their singing engagement in our parish 11 am Mass this weekend. Thanks for coming. And please come again.
- **STAMPS-** Keep saving your old stamps, place them in the box in the foyer. We will pass them on to the Mercy Sisters for their charity works.
- **SAFEGUARDING-** St. Joseph's Parish is a Child-Safe Organization. Parents/ Guardians, please be reminded that you are responsible of your children whilst in the Church, e.g. supervising them if they need to attend the toilet, etc.

#### Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

**Woods Point:** 10:00 am every Tuesday  
*Mass & Anointing @ Woodspoint: 1st Tues Sept 10:00 am*  
**Karana:** 10:30 am every Tuesday

#### Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries

**Parish Pastoral Care Group-** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month 2 pm  
**Pastoral Care Contact for August:** Carmel O'Kane 0438603967  
**Parish Finance Committee –** Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024, 6pm

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY-** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We thank Natalie for her availability and generosity in leading this significant ministry for our young parishioners. This is open to all children of all levels up to year 6.

#### SACRED HEART CHOIR- On RECESS.

Our Parish Choir is currently on recess. Thus, our weekend masses are accompanied with mp3 music. A choir practice is held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2:00 pm. The parish choir resume on **Sundav. 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

#### Vale Sr Eileen (Claire) Ignatius- 24 Sept 1940- 28th July 2024

Joined the Sisters of Mercy in March 1961 and made her profession on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1964. Remembered by her kindness, accompanied by her gentle and lovely smile, she served in Deloraine (Tasmania), Cobram, Tatura, Woodend and Casterton. She was there as a listening ear and to offer words of encouragement to those in need. *"Often the staff at the Cobram Hospital would contact her requesting that she spend time with a patient. When declining health required, she moved into Residential care at Mercy's Place Parkville and never complained. Just as she lived so too in death, Claire left us quietly and quickly."* - Sr Eileen Ann Daffy (6 August 2024).

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>1 Kings 19:4-8</b></span>  <b>A Reading from the Book of Kings</b>  Elijah went into the wilderness, a day’s journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. ‘Lord’, he said ‘I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.’ Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat.’ He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.’ So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <i>The word of the Lord .</i>  <b>® Thanks be to God.</b></p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ephesians 4:30-5:2</b></span>  <b>A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians</b>  Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.  <i>The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</i></p>
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<p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9</b></span>  <b>R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</b></p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>John 6:51</b></span>  Alleluia, alleluia!  I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  Alleluia!</p>
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<p>I will bless the Lord at all times,  his praise always on my lips;  in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  The humble shall hear and be glad. ®</p> <p>Glorify the Lord with me.  Together let us praise his name.  I sought the Lord and he answered me;  from all my terrors he set me free. ®</p> <p>Look towards him and be radiant;  let your faces not be abashed.  This poor man called; the Lord heard him  and rescued him from all his distress.®</p> <p>The angel of the Lord is encamped  around those who revere him, to rescue them.  Taste and see that the Lord is good.  He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ®</p>	<p><b>Gospel</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>John 6:41-51</b></span>  <b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John</b>  The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ ‘Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph’ they said. ‘We know his father and mother. How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus said in reply, ‘Stop complaining to each other.  ‘No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.  It is written in the prophets:  They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.  Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.  I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.  Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.  I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’  <i>The Gospel of the Lord.</i>  <b>® Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.</b></p>
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<p><b>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 20<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>First Reading:</b> Proverbs 9:1-6  <b>Psalm:</b> Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9  <b>Second Reading:</b> Ephesians 5:15-20  <b>Gospel:</b> John 6:51-58</p>	
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**Pope Francis’ Monthly Intention for August 2024 - For Political Leaders:**  
Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Yarrowonga:**  
There will be **Cuppa** after 9:00 am Mass this weekend, 11 Aug. Thanks to the **Pastoral Care Group** for organizing this.  
**Rosters** - The new roster for those in our parish ministries is now available for collection in the Narthex. Thanks for your love and service to our parish.

**Sacred Heart Parish Yarrowonga First Reconciliation Program**  
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated here on **Wednesday September 4th at 6.30pm**. Children are to be in Year 3 or older to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Any enquiries please contact Meegan McInness at Sacred Heart Primary 57443339.

**St Joseph’s Parish Cobram First Reconciliation Program**  
We are now taking enrolments for the Reconciliation Program this term. If you are interested in your child participating in the program, please contact the school on (03) 5872 1573 or Veronica Perra. **First Reconciliation is celebrated on Friday, 13 September, at 12:30 pm.**

**PARISH PRAYER: God our Father, bless our Parish of the Sacred Heart (St Joseph), so that we may love you more. Help our parents to give good example to their children, and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy. May each parishioner grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**YARRAWONGA: We entrust to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our relatives and friends who are sick:**

James Heath (*Liz Connell's son-in-law*), Pat Mills, Jim Brooks, Noela Corby, Kathryn O'Dwyer, Ken Jones, Ron Foley, Vikki Bye, Peter O'Brien, Liz Sandiford, Megan Burke

**Recently Deceased: Sr Mary Benedicta, FCJ (*Kathaleen Ann Quinlan*)**

**And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:**

**10th** Elizabeth Beams, John O'Bryan, Kevin McCarthy, Marjorie Atkinson

**11th** Denis Boyd, Sam Mifsud, Scott Hanrahan

**12th** Marie Blick, Alberta Curry, Kevin Seccull, Alan Harwood

**13th** Francis Griffin

**14th** Ruby Bryan, Ada (Dolly) Keith

**15th** Alma Thorp

**16th** Bert Moore, Mick McNamara, Brigid Martin, Mary Judd, Margaret O'Bryan, Elizabeth Sullivan, Anthony Zammit

**22nd** Fr Stephen (Steve) Bohan

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga: Sat 5:00 pm & Sun 9:00 am**

**St Joseph's Cobram: Sat 6:30 pm & Sun 11:00 am**

**Tungamah 7:45 am** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Katamatite 7:45 am** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday- September 29<sup>th</sup>

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wed 14 Aug 9:30 am Cobram (*with St Joe's yr 5's*)

Thurs 15 Aug (*Solemnity of the Assumption- Holy Day of Obligation*)

**9:30 am** Yarrowonga (*with Sacred Heart School Ys4-6*)

**12:30 pm** Cobram (*with St Joseph's School*)

**6:00 pm** Yarrowonga (*Parish*)

Friday 16 Aug 9:30 am Yarrowonga (*with year 2's*)

11:30 am Cobram

**BAPTISMS**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** (1:00 pm) – S. Heart, Yarrowonga

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** (12:15 pm)- St Joseph's, Cobram

**Baptism Preparation: 6-7 pm** (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month- Sacred Heart Church, Yarrowonga)

**Contact:** [yarrowonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:yarrowonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



**We welcome the family of  
Dominic Dante Wilson  
Who is being baptised in Cobram  
this weekend.  
Welcome to the Christian faith.**



**RECONCILIATION TIMES**

**Cobram:** Friday (before 11:30 am Mass)

**Yarrowonga:** Saturday 9:00 am

**WEDDINGS:** Contact Fr Junjun- 0459 356 917 or [junix28@gmail.com](mailto:junix28@gmail.com)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ FUNERAL**

Contact Fr Junjun- 0459-356-917

**COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick:**

Adrian Bennett, Barry Bennett, Shane Carrick, Olivia Amodio, Carmel Natale, Maddison Watt, Les Harris, Ramon Herezo, Colleen Brooks, Carmel Clancy, Peter Petersen, Fr. Rob Niehus, Bruce Campbell, Frances Hale, Giulia Vitullo, David Cooper, Taylah Brooks, Erin Carlson-Higgins, Tyson King, Malcolm Caldwell and Narelle Brooks

**Recently Deceased: Sr Eileen (Claire) Ignatius, RSM  
And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:**

**10th** Catherine (Kit) Moar, Amanda Grennan

**11th** Vincenzo Calabró, Michael Sullivan

**12th** Irene Ryan, William Campbell, Henry Hyde, M. Berchmans Gapes, Mary Carroll

**13th** John Wagner, Adrian Symonds, Judy Morrison, Remo Ruggi

**14th** Mary O'Reilly, Leo McCarthy, Desmond O'Dwyer

**15th** Stella Williams R.S.M., Francesca Zirilli, Gerard Ryan, Margaret Young

**16th** Helen Skehan, Noreen MacFarlane Kirby and Margaret Sizer

**DIOCESAN MATTERS**



**August 13 – Left-handers' Day.** Handedness switching – In the past, left-handers were exposed to pressures (some punitive) to change their preferred hand from the left to the right. In recent times, left-handers in most cultures are tolerated and even encouraged to keep using their left hand. Most switch attempts on the writing hand were initiated by parents or teachers in early school years. A left-hander can successfully shift to the right hand for writing, but behaviours such as eating, brushing teeth or combing hair remain with the left. Perhaps encouraged by a coach, some right-handers focus on changing hands for sporting activities such as tennis, golf or baseball. They also remain with the preferred hand for other one-handed activities. The idea that switching hands affects the brain in adverse ways is a myth; it is not connected to stuttering or other language difficulties. Anyone can acquire skill with the non-preferred hand (either left or right), perhaps after serious injury or amputation, with enough practice and with no side effects.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the many who came to our Parish meeting regarding the Old Convent and the future provision of our parish last Wednesday. Thanks for sharing your thoughts, insights and suggestions. They manifest your love and care for our parish. With you, I hope and pray that God will continue to guide us as we discern more for the good of our parish community. *Fr Junjun*

**JOKE...** A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you". Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again the voice said "Jesus is watching you". He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot said, "yes." He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, "Moses." The burglar asked, "what kind of people would name a parrot Moses?" The parrot said, "the same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd Jesus". And the parrot said: "Jesus, attack!"