

# Catholic Parishes of Yarrowonga & Cobram

Incorporating Sacred Heart (Yarrowonga), 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)



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### SCHOOLS

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**St Joseph's Primary, Cobram**  
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Yarrowonga & 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."



*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.*

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

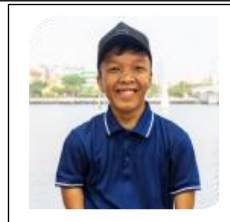
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### Year C – 23rd March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection. Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives. Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?



**Yarrowonga: Mass of Anointing of the Sick & Elderly. Tues, 25 March, 1:30 pm.**

Afternoon tea follows. If you need a transport please keep in touch with the Parish Pastoral Care Group.

**Cobram: Mass of Anointing of the Sick & Elderly, Wed, 2nd April, 1:30 pm.**

Afternoon tea follows. No 9:30 am Mass this day.



Yarrowonga

You can support CARITAS Project Compassion 2025 through the **donation boxes available at the Foyer, envelopes or ONLINE by scanning the QR code here.** Please note the parish QR Code where you belong.



Cobram

### Morning Tea to farewell our Parish Secretary

For a year with us, Amy O'Kane has been a lovely presence in the office. With her warm personality, commitment and dedication to the Church, her commendable work ethic, as an efficient office administrator, she has certainly made significant impact in our Parish Administration.

We thank Amy for her work for our parish, her dedication and commitment. She concludes her work as our Office Administrative Assistant on **Friday, 4 April**. To express our gratitude and our best wishes to Amy, parishioners are invited to gather for a **morning tea with Amy (at the Church Narthex) after the 9:30 am Mass on Friday, 4 April**. All welcome.

**We welcome the children and staff of the Sacred Heart Primary School, as they lead and organize for us the 9:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart, this Sunday. Thank you for your presence. Much appreciated.**

**Yarrowonga: On behalf of the PPC, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our volunteers who generously shared their time to keep the Lawn of the Parish House and our Garden well-maintained. Thank you very much for the care. Fr Junjun**

**Cobram: We welcome the Filipino Choir from Wodonga and the Filipinos in Cobram and surrounds for being the Choir at our 11:00 am Mass this Sunday. Thank you for coming.**

**NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** For office inquiries outside these times, please leave a message on 03 5744 3030, text 0459356917 or email: [yarrowonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:yarrowonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 22/23 March 2025**

**YARRAWONGA**

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

**Commentator:** Barb Osmotherly  
**Lector/Reader:** Bernadette Quinn  
**Offertory Procession:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Eileen Thorp  
**Sacristan:** Christine Martin  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Commentator:** Sacred Heart Primary  
**Lector/Reader:** Sacred Heart Primary  
**Offertory Procession:** Sacred Heart Primary  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sacred Heart Primary  
**Sacristan:** Liz Connell  
**Overhead/Music:** Sacred Heart Primary  
**Counting 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Libby Dowling

**COBRAM**

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

**Lector/Reader:** John West  
**Offertory Procession:** Jeanette Grant  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Pat West  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra/Gisella Bextream  
**Computer:** Joan Moriarty

**11:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Lector/Reader:** Vita Janssens  
**Offertory Procession:** Rosa Fazio  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Francesca Dovey  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Computer:** Carmel Natale  
**Counting:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Statue of Mary:** Mrs Rosa Fazio  
**Altar Society:** Marina Barclay, Melina Coppola  
**Ministers to the Sick:** Mary Kennedy, Fred Pinnuck, Josie Violi, Carmal Natale

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29/30 March 2025**

**YARRAWONGA**

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

**Commentator:** Brian Keenan  
**Lector/Reader:** Dean Carroll  
**Offertory Procession:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Barb Osmotherly  
**Sacristan:** Eileen Thorp  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Commentator:** Janet Brennan  
**Lector/Reader:** Bernadette McKenzie  
**Offertory Procession:** Angela Clarke  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Michael Ross, Anne Gleeson  
**Sacristan:** Trish Cummins  
**Overhead/Music:** Dale Brooks,  
**Counting 1<sup>st</sup> April:** James Cummins

**COBRAM**

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

**Lector/Reader:** Stephanie Arundel  
**Offertory Procession:** A & N Trease  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Gabriella Raco  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra/Gisella Bextream  
**Computer:** Joan Moriarty

**11:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Lector/Reader:** Michelle Griffies  
**Offertory Procession:** Mary Kennedy  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Lou Janssens  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Computer:** Carmel Natale  
**Counting:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Statue of Mary:** Mrs Filomena Galati

**Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrawonga Matters**

**St Joseph's Parish, Cobram Matters**

**Yarrawonga Aged Care Communion Services**

**Woodspoint: Communion Liturgy** Tuesday, 10:00 am  
**Karana: Communion Liturgy** Tuesday, 10:30 am

**PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING**

**Parish Pastoral Care Group-** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month 2 pm  
*March Pastoral Care Contact: Carmel O'Kane 0438 603 967*  
**Parish Pastoral Council-** Tuesday 1 April, 2025, 6:00 pm  
**Parish Liturgy Group-** Thursday, 3 April, 6:00 pm

**Yarrawonga Parish Lenten Program**

**Thursdays in Lent (2 options) @ Church Narthex**  
**10:00 am (With Sr Helen) & 5:15 pm (with Michael Ross)**  
 Lenten Program Guide available at the foyer.  
 All Welcome!

**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays in Lent**  
**6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church.**  
**All welcome to pray with us.**



**Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Thursday, 10 April,**  
**6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church.**

- **SUNDAY LUNCH:**  
 Sun 23rd March – Central Hotel Cobram at 12:00 noon
- **LENTEN PROGRAM-** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 1:30pm- Church Foyer.
- **ROSARY:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm in the Church. All Welcome.
- **PASTORAL CARE GROUP (March contact)-** If you have or know of anyone with a particular need, e.g. visitation to the sick, death in the family, etc, please contact **Margret on 0456 779 730**
- **Save the dates COBRAM**
  - **Ottrey Lodge (Anointing Mass)- Wed, 9 April (10:30 am).** The 9:30 am Mass this day- cancelled.
  - **Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Wed 9 April, 6:00 pm at Church.**
  - **Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at Mivo Park 11:00 am.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15**

**A Reading from the book of Exodus**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.'

Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.'

At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

*The word of the Lord*    © **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8**  
**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. ©

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. ©

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. ©

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. ©

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

**A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel Luke 13:1-9**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*    © **Praise to You, Lord Jesus**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C**

**First Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12  
**Psalm:** Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9  
**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

**Curious About Catholicism? Or Thinking about Coming Back to Church?:** Whether you're seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith or considering returning to the Church, we invite you to join us at the Catholic Parish. We welcome you and love to accompany you in your journey to discover Jesus Christ or to rediscover the profound sense of home and belonging that our faith offers. **Come and see how the Church can be a place of peace and hope for you.** For inquiries, you may contact/refer to any of the members of the Parish RCIA team **Michael Ross, Barb Osmotherly, George Cousins, Libby Dowling, Christine Martin, Fr Junjun**



**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:**

Peter O'Dwyer, James Heath, Noela Corby, Ken Jones, Ron Foley, Vikki Bye, Peter O'Brien, Megan Burke, Brendan O'Connor, Jen Sagaidak, Lori Perry, Jim McKenna, Christine Titheridge

**Recently Deceased:** Jessica McDonald (Daughter of Ian and Gail)

**Anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:**

**22nd** Bill Loveridge, Ron O'Connor, Albert Lighton, Charles Nunn

**23rd** Brian Jacobs, Sr. M. Catherine Green, Edmund O'Dea Snr, Patricia King

**24th** Sr. M. Cuthbert Lorenz, Eileen Box, Peter Murphy, William Thorp, Vincent (Vin) Stone, Gino Pellegrini, Michael Ferguson, James Drake

**25th** Esta Campbell, Rogelio Lee

**26th** Mary Cockerell, Jim Duncan, Francis Eugene D'Arcy

**27th** Harold Monahan, Alan Addy, Thomas Wren, Nola Edis, Margverita, O'Keeffe

**28th** Tom Gleeson, Elizabeth Birthisel, Michael Mulquiney, Mary Agnes Gorman, Annie Forrester, Eunice Williams, May Trewin

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

Teresa Dunn, Francine & Peter Mezenberg, Ashlin Grasso, Bill Carroll, Debbie Opray, Kerry Harrison, Laurie Vincombe, Melinda England, Evie Emma Simmons, Adrian Bennett, Barry Bennett, Shane Carrick, Carmel Natale, Maddison Watt, Les Harris, 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, Narelle Brooks

**Anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:**

**22nd** Paolo (Paul) Papa, Gerard Joss, Aurelia Lambert R.S.M., Pauline Thewlis, Geoff Millsteed, William James Gilmore

**23rd** Carmine Gattuso, Janice Markey, Jude Shanahan, Edward Secull, Ethel Houlihan

**27th** Leigh Gray, Nazzareno Santoro, Pat Durnan

**28th** Joyce Keamy, Pat Wilson, Zandrina Tacey, Nicolina Grasso, Augustine Zito

#### WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

**Tungamah:** 7:45 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> April

**Katamatite:** 7:45 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> March

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday** 25 March, 1:30 pm (*Mass of Anointing*)-Yarrowonga

**Wednesday** 26 March, 9:30am – Cobram (w/ Yr 2's)

**Thursday** 27 March, 9.30am - Yarrowonga

**Friday** 28 March, 9:30am- Yarrowonga (w/Yr 3's)  
11.30am Mass Cobram

#### BAPTISMS

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** (1:00 pm) – Sacred 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)

**Next Preparation session: Tuesday 1st April**

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

#### RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Yarrowonga:** Saturday 9:00 am

**Cobram:** Friday, before 11:30 am Mass

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

#### Yarrowonga Inter-Church Lenten Opportunities:

##### PALM CROSSES MAKING

##### ST.CUTHBERT'S ANGLICAN COURTYARD

**10.00AM MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

For some years now, Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrowonga, St Cuthbert's Anglican, St. Andrew's Uniting Church & St. Andrews on the Lake, join together to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, we have a combined service at Kennedy Park, at 8:30 am, followed by each respective Church's Palm Sunday service.

**For the making of the Palms (no experience required), please bring: A small pair of scissors, an old towel, a plastic bag, and a smile!** Please ring **Anne on 0418 281 673** as we need numbers for morning tea.

#### Ecumenical Prayer A Contemplative Path

Join us at St Cuthbert's, 41 Piper Street, Yarrowonga 5-6 pm  
Sunday 13th, April 2025

Guided by: Sr Helen Glasheen & Rev'd Roberta Hamilton.  
Everyone is welcome.

#### Position Vacant:

##### Parish Secretary for Yarrowonga and Cobram

Position: Administrative Assistant  
(Administration & Office Support)

Yarrowonga and Cobram Parish invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary  
(based in Yarrowonga)

15 Hours per week, Permanent Part Time- 3-4 Days per week. To apply for this position please send resume and cover letter to Fr Junjun at ([junix28@gmail.com](mailto:junix28@gmail.com)).  
Detailed role description available on enquiry.

**Magi Pilgrimages** would like to invite you for the Jubilee Pilgrimages led by Fr. Sebastian, Streams of Mercy tour (20<sup>th</sup> May- 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2025) and the Marian Shrines tour (4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June). Few more seats are available. The tour includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings, call **03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561** or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

#### Joke...Repentant:

**A man woke up in the morning deeply repentant after a bitter fight with his wife the previous night. He noticed with dismay the crate of beer bottles that had caused the fight. He took it outside and started smashing the empty bottles one by one onto the wall. He smashed the first bottle swearing, "you are the reason I fight with my wife". He smashed the second bottle, "you are the reason I don't love my children". He smashed the third bottle, "you are the reason I don't have a decent job". When he took the fourth bottle, he realized that the bottle was still sealed and was full. He hesitated for only a moment and said: "you stand aside, I know you were not involved".**

