

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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year B – 24 March 2024

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.

9 Things You Need to Know About Palm (Passion) Sunday (National Catholic Register)

- 1. What is this day called?** The day is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday." The first name comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:13). The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday.
- 2. One of the notable features of this day is a procession before Mass. Why do we do this and how is it supposed to work?** The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem has, according to ancient custom, been celebrated with a solemn procession, in which the faithful in song and gesture imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing "Hosanna." The palms or branches are blessed so that they can be carried in the procession and taken home where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ be given which they celebrated in the procession.
- 3. Are we only supposed to use palms? What if you don't have palms where you live?** It is not necessary that palm branches be used in the procession. Other forms of greenery can also be used. The faithful usually keep **palm or olive branches, or other greenery** which have been blessed on Palm Sunday in their homes or in their work places.
- 4. Should any instruction be given to the faithful?** Palms or olive branches should not be kept as amulets, or for therapeutic or magical reasons to dispel evil spirits or to prevent the damage these cause in the fields or in the homes, all of which can assume a certain superstitious guise. Palms & olive branches are kept in the home as witness to faith in Jesus Christ, messianic king, & in his Paschal Victory.
- 5. What was Jesus doing at the Triumphal Entry?** Pope Benedict XVI explains: Jesus claims the right of kings, known throughout antiquity, to requisition modes of transport. The use of an animal on which no one had yet sat is a further pointer to the right of kings. Jesus is indeed making a royal claim. He wants his path and his action to be understood in terms of Old Testament promises that are fulfilled in his person.
- 6. What does the reaction of the crowd show?** It shows that they recognized him as their messianic king. The spreading out of garments likewise belongs to the tradition of Israelite kingship (cf. 2 Kings 9:13). What the disciples do is a gesture of enthronement in the tradition of the Davidic kingship, and it points to the Messianic hope that grew out of the Davidic tradition.
- 7. What does the word "Hosanna" mean?** Benedict XVI explains: Originally this was a word of urgent supplication, meaning something like: Come to our aid! The priests would repeat it in a monotone on the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles, while processing seven times around the altar of sacrifice, as an urgent prayer for rain. By the time of Jesus, the word had also acquired Messianic overtones.
- 8. Is the same crowd that cheered Jesus' arrival the one that demanded his crucifixion just a few days later?** Benedict XVI argues that it was not: All three Synoptic Gospels, as well as Saint John, make it very clear that the scene of Messianic homage to Jesus was played out on his entry into the city and that those taking part **were not the inhabitants of Jerusalem**, but the crowds who accompanied Jesus and entered the Holy City with him.
- 9. This brings us to the Passion Narrative recorded in the Gospel. How is this to be read at Mass?** The passion narrative occupies a special place. It should be read in the traditional way, that is, by three persons who take the parts of Christ, the narrator and the people. The part of Christ should be reserved to the priest. The greeting and the signs of the cross are omitted. For the spiritual good of the faithful the passion should be proclaimed in its entirety, and the readings which precede it should not be omitted. <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/9-things-you-need-to-know-about-palm-passion-sunday-q4j3z8q3>

Parish Matters

THE ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY, ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN ALL OUR EASTER CEREMONIES AS NOTED IN THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH.

SACRED HEART, YARRAWONGA

Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday

Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday

Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries- Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council- Wed, 10 April, 7:00 pm

Parish Finance Committee- Wed, 24 April, 6:00 pm

Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tuesday of each month, 4:00 pm, contact: **Eileen Thorp 0418 172 901**

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We need flowers for Easter. If you have beautiful flowers to help beautify our Church for Easter, please leave them at the Ramp Door on Holy Saturday Morning.

The **Yarrowonga Mulwala Ecumenical Choir** is leading a congregational singing as well as some performance items, to tell the Passion of the Lord through readings and songs on Palm Sunday, 24 March. This will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Tom Street Yarrowonga, at 2:30 pm. All Welcome!

ST JOSEPH'S, COBRAM

St Joseph's School Fete

THANKS: Much thanks to all who supported our Fete last weekend whether by making preserves, baking cakes, buying raffle tickets or attending the event. Your support is greatly appreciated. *St. Joseph's School Community*

- **Sunday Lunch with Parishioners:**
 - Sunday 24th March – **Central Hotel at 12:15pm**
- **We need volunteers** to help clean our Church. Please see Kristel Lazzarotto.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council met on the 5th of March. Moving forward we will be meeting on a monthly basis to discuss the needs of our Parish and what support the various groups within the Parish can give. We will also be making a point of reporting back to you, the parishioners, what's happening. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please speak to Fr Junjun or one of the council members: Pat West, Rosa Perri, Rob Morey and Carmel Natale.

PARISH MINISTRIES FORMATION SESSIONS

Thanks to those who have attended our Parish Formation session for members of ministries in Yarrowonga and Cobram Catholic Parishes held on the 7th and 13th March. I really appreciate your dedication, love, care and service in our faith community. May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES: YARRAWONGA & COBRAM CATHOLIC PARISHES

	Sacred Heart Yarrowonga	St Joseph's Cobram
Palm Sunday	Saturday 5:00 pm Mass Sunday 8:30 am (Ecumenical Blessing of Palms) Kennedy Park 9:00 am Mass	Saturday 6:30 pm Mass Sunday 11:00 am Mass
Tuesday of Holy Week	11:00 am Chrism Mass Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo	11:00 am Chrism Mass Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo
Wednesday of Holy Week	3:00 pm Individual Confessions (Sacred Heart)	9:30 am Mass at St Joseph's 10:00 am Individual Confessions
Thursday of the Lord's Supper	8:30 am Morning Prayer of the Church (S. Heart) 6:30 pm Mass of the Lord' Supper Vigil until 9:00 pm	6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Vigil until 9:00 pm
Good Friday	9:00 am Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart) 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord	11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Cobram Outdoor) 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord
Easter Vigil (Saturday)	8:30 am: Morning Prayer of the Church (Sacred Heart) 6:00 pm Easter Vigil	6:30 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9:00 am Easter Sunday	11:00 am Easter Sunday
Katamatite	9:00 am Easter Sunday (Fifth Sunday Mass)	

<p>FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the Cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm: 21 Resp: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. “He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.” ® Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones. ® They divide my clothing among them. They cast lot for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! ® I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. ‘You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel’s sons. 	<p>Gospel: Mark 11:1-10 When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, ‘Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, “Why are you doing this?” say, “The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.” And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!’ The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11 His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS (EASTER SUNDAY) First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43 Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2,16-17, 22-23 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9/ Mark 16: 1-7</p>

As Easter is fast approaching, we are calling for everyone to consider the ethical dimensions of their purchases: we ask you to make sure your Easter Chocolate is slavery-free. Australians will purchase over \$200 million in chocolates this Easter. But some of this chocolate is tainted by slavery and comes at the cost of a child’s health, education and sometimes his or her freedom. Much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children often in the West African Region. Many of these children are forced into labour. We can help change this. Go to <https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>, you can check out how your favourite brand rates and which retailers are best. Look for chocolate with one of the three logos (Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Cocoa Horizons).



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.

Ministry of Prayer: "Prayer is not everything but it is the first thing." (+) Bishop Joe Grech

YARRAWONGA: We entrust to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our relatives and friends who are sick: Noela Corby, Kathryn O'Dwyer, Ken Jones, Ron Foley, Vikki Bye, Peter O'Brien, Helen Lynch.

And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially: Bill Loveridge, Ron O'Connor, Albert Lighton, Charles Nunn, Sr. M. Catherine Green, Edmund O'Dea Snr, Patricia King, Sr. M. Cuthbert Lorenz, Eileen Box, Peter Murphy, William Thorp, Vincent (Vin) Stone, Gino Pellegrini, Michael Ferguson, James Drake, Esta Campbell, Rogelio Lee, Mary Cockerell, Jim Duncan, Francis Eugene D'arcy, Harold Monahan, Alan Addy, Thomas Wren, Nola Edis, Marguerita O'Keeffe, Thomas Gleeson, Elizabeth Birthisel, Michael Mulquiney, Mary Agnes Gorman, Annie Forrester, Eunice Williams, May Trewin, Sr. M. Veronica Cox, John Maher, Anastasia Griffin, Anne Parker, Frank Martin, John V Clarke, Agnes (Kay) Dewan, Dan O'Donoghue

COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick, especially: Maddison Watt, Des McGrath, Les Harris, Alex Warren, Ramon Herezo, Colleen Brooks, Carmel Clancy, Charles Camenzuli, Peter Petersen, Fr. Rob Niehus, Bruce Campbell, Frances Hale, Giulia Vitullo, David Cooper, Taylah Brooks, Erin Carlson-Higgins, Tyson King, Malcolm Caldwell, Susanne White and Narelle Brooks

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

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

27th Leigh Gray, Nazzareno Santoro, Pat Durnan,

28th Joyce Keamy, Pat Wilson, Zandrina Tacey, Nicolina Grasso and Augustine Zito whose anniversaries occur around this time.

DIOCESAN MATTER

Dear Monsignors, Fathers, and Council, Committee and Staff members, As you would be aware, we are about to mark the **150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Sandhurst Diocese**. On 30 March 1874, the Diocese of Sandhurst and the Diocese of Ballarat were established in parts of Victoria that had previously been part of the Diocese of Melbourne (which was elevated to an Archdiocese on the same day). A Working Group has been developing plans for us to celebrate this anniversary across the Diocese over the coming year. This will begin with two events in Holy Week. **Pilgrimage walk from St Kilian's Church to Sacred Heart Cathedral: Sunday 24 March, 9.45am**

As St Kilian's Church was the Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese until Sacred Heart Cathedral was opened in 1901, the Anniversary celebrations will begin with a pilgrimage walk from St Kilian's to the Cathedral. The pilgrimage will include: Welcome to Country, Blessing of the new Anniversary, Processional Cross, Pilgrimage Walk, Opening of the Jubilee Door at Sacred Heart Cathedral

- Blessing of the Palms for the I I am Passion Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. While most priests will already have Sunday commitments at that time, those who are available are very welcome to participate, and parishioners from across the Diocese are invited and encouraged to join in the pilgrimage. Those with mobility concerns are most welcome to join in the parts that are possible for them. **Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral: Tuesday 26 March, 11.00am**

The 150th Anniversary will be highlighted at this Mass by

- Singing the Mass for Our Common Home (composed for Sandhurst Diocese by Christopher Willcock SJ)

- A commemorative booklet

- Presenting each parish with a specially engraved commemorative Chrism cruet. Refreshments and a light lunch will be available for all after Mass. Please encourage parishioners and representatives of your Catholic school community to attend.

Yours sincerely, +Shane Mackinlay

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES

Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga:

Saturday **5:00 pm** & Sunday **9:00 am**

St Joseph's Cobram:

Saturday **6:30 pm** & Sunday **11:00 am**

Katamatite 9:00 am 5th Sun (Easter Sunday)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 27 March 9:30 am (Cobram)

Holy Thursday 28 March

6:30 pm -Yarrowonga- Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 pm- Cobram- Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday- Yarrowonga- 3:00 pm (Passion of the Lord)

Cobram- 3:00 pm (Passion of the Lord)

Easter Vigil- 6:00 pm- Yarrowonga

6:30 pm- Cobram

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday (1:00 pm) – S. Heart, Yarrowonga

2nd & 4th Sunday (12:15 pm)- St Joseph's, Cobram

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

Contact: yarrowonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Cobram: Friday (before 11:30 am Mass)

Yarrowonga: Saturday 9:00 am

WEDDING: Contact Fr Junjun- 0459 356 917 or junix28@gmail.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ FUNERAL

Contact Fr Junjun- 0459-356-917

New Parish Facebook page: follow or like our new Facebook Page 'Catholic Parishes of Cobram-Yarrowonga'. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557688132253>



JOKE: It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

