

# 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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Principal: Sarah Iddles Ph: 0358721573

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**First Sunday of Lent**

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**Year B – 18<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### A reminder from Pope Francis:

“Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

**Fasting**, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

**Prayer**, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

**Almsgiving**, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.



Dear brothers and sisters, the “lenten” period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21).” *Pope Francis*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to **Mia Grace Richardson, Archie Lukas Mcqualter & Charlie Lewis Mcqualter** as they are being baptised today at Sacred Heart. Thanks also to their families for sharing your life with us in faith. Welcome to the Family!

### YARROWONGA Parish Update on our Parish Secretary

After 9 years of serving as our Parish Secretary, Rikarla Phillips has decided to conclude her work with us effective **Friday, 23 February 2024**. Whilst she acknowledged she has really enjoyed working with Fr Steve and the Parish, she deemed it is time now to take on another challenge.

With sincere gratitude for her time, dedication and service, we wish Rikarla all the best for the future.

Rikarla will be working this coming week-Tuesday-Friday, so if you want to catch up with her and offer your best wishes, you may visit her in the Office.

### COBRAM

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (St Joseph's School Fete)**

We would welcome any parishioners who would be interested in making jams/preserves or some goodies for the cake stall. New jars and plates would be provided. If interested you could contact the school office (58 721573) or Carmel Natale 0400104741.

# Parish Matters

## ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 17/18 February 2024

### YARRAWONGA

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

**Commentator:** Frances Connell  
**Lector/Reader:** Mary Hockley  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Barb Osmotherly  
  
**Sacristan:** Christine Martin  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

#### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**Commentator:** Sr Helen Glasheen  
**Lector/Reader:** Michael Ross  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Angela & John Clarke  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Megan McInness & Bernadette McKenzie  
  
**Sacristan:** Di Pendergast  
**Overhead/Music:** Dale Brooks  
**Money Count this Weekend: Team 5:** James Cummins  
 Dean Carroll

### COBRAM

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

**Lector/Reader:** John West  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Francesca Crea

#### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Anne Betts  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Mary Kate McCormick  
  
**Counting Team** John & Joan Moriarty  
  
**Statue of Mary** Mr & Mrs Van den Berg  
**Altar Society:** Kristel Lazzarotto, Maris Wilson & Michelle Penaverde

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24/25 February 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:** Eileen Thorpe  
  
**Sacristan:** Eileen Thorpe  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

#### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**Commentator:** James Cummins  
**Lector/Reader:** Angela Clarke  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Nagle Family  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Dale Brooks Libby Dowling  
  
**Sacristan:** Liz Connell  
**Overhead/Music:** Dick Morriss  
**Money Count this Weekend: Team 6**  
 Noel Richmond & Joe Cilia

### COBRAM

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

**Lector/Reader:** Rob Morey  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Gabriella Raco

#### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Philomena Crea  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Mary Kennedy  
**Counting Team** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Communion to the Sick** Pat West, Fred Pinnuck, Maree Robinson  
**Statue of Mary** Mrs Milena Coppola

#### **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Everyone is welcome to join a group of parishioners for lunch at the following venue:  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb** 12:30 pm **Burke's Hotel, Yarrawonga**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** 12:00 noon **Top Pub, Cobram**  
**Rosary in February 27<sup>th</sup> Feb (Tuesday) 2:00 pm**  
**Faith Circles/Lenten Programme - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 1.30pm (Church Foyer). All welcome.**

#### **Yarrawonga Aged Care Communion Services**

**Woods Point:** 10:00 am every Tuesday.  
**Karana:** 10:30 am every Tuesday.

#### **SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES (Meeting)**

**Parish Finance Committee-** Thursday 22 February 2024, 6:00 pm (Parish House)  
**Parish Pastoral Care Group-** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the Church. Contact Person (Janet Brennan- 0448 888 774)  
**Parish Pastoral Council-** meets 28<sup>th</sup> Feb (last Wednesday) of February at 7:00 pm (Parish House)

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

**Where:** Cobram Uniting Church  
**When:** Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, 11:00 am  
 The service which has been written by an ecumenical group of Christian women in Palestine will include Guest Speaker, Gail Parkinson (*Table Top, Albury*). Gail has recently visited Palestine and Israel. A light lunch will follow the Service. **All welcome!**

**FIRST READING****Genesis 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’ God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

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

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24:4-9)**

**Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my Saviour. ®

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. ®

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. ®

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

First Reading: Genesis 22-1-2,9-13, 15-18

Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

**SECOND READING****1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is the not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

® **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

® **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**POPE FRANCIS Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY**

**For the terminally ill:** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**SACRED HEART Parish (Yarrowonga) Lenten Reflection Program**

Our Lenten Program is on every Thursday during Lent. There are two times available each Thursday, either **10:00 am or 5:30 pm**. The meeting will take place in the Narthex of the Church. Each group will follow the program in the Garrat Publishing Booklet “Living in Harmony”. Featured writers include Sr. Joan Chittister OSB and Fr Andy Hamilton, SJ. This is facilitated by Sr Helen Glasheen and Michael Ross. If you wish to participate, please put your name on the appropriate signup sheet in the Narthex.

**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.

**We also pray for those who died recently:** Marita Ryan, Francis Norman McGill

**And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:** Edward Dwyer, Elizabeth Seccull, Kaye Crawford, Felix Labios Jr., Albert Moed, Patricia Pritchard, Eli Joseph Wilkinson, Allen Thorp, Lyla Mansfield, Mary Samon, Elizabeth Connell, Carmel Duncan, Beth Connell, Pat Larkin, Bea Ryan, Ivy May Doyle, Nicholas Cook, Basil Lyon, Thomas Michael Lane, Mary Rivers, Martin Tripp, James Smith.

**NOTE: Marita Ryan's funeral is on Monday, 19 Feb 2024, 11 am at Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga. Rosary prayers will be held at the Church on Sunday Evening (18 Feb), 7:30 pm.**

**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

**Tungamah (7:45 am) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**NOTE:** From Monday 19-Thursday 22 February, I will be away in Moama. We, priests from overseas are having our Clergy in-service. So, there'll be no Mass in our parishes during this time.

**Mass will resume on Friday, 23 Feb.**

**9:30 am Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga**

**11:30 am St Joseph's, 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)**

**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](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, 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

**Recently Deceased: Frans Nota and Catherine Zito**

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

**17<sup>th</sup>** Concettina Papa, Vincenzo Crea, Winifred (Win) Gibbins, Cristina Perra, Terence O'Reilly,

**18<sup>th</sup>** Virginia Taoy, Thomas Corso, Mona Buncle,

**19<sup>th</sup>** George 'Chalky' Wishart, Norma Barrett

**20<sup>th</sup>** Rosario (Ross) Cassise, Mariano Pardo, Peter Kennedy, Frank Ryan,

**21<sup>st</sup>** Giuseppina Mustica, Msgr. P. Collins, Dorothy Hill, Leo Maidment, Erhart Schomann, Iris Carroll,

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Kathleen Bant, Giuseppe Frigido, Antonio D'Agostino, Jeremiah Ryan,

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Doris Hughes, Joan Agnes Curthoys R.S.M., Frank Hester.

**DIOCESAN MATTERS**

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF SANDHURST



**PILGRIMAGE 24 MARCH 2024**  
St Kilian's to Sacred Heart Cathedral

**CHRISM MASS 26 MARCH 2024**  
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo 11:00 am

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst commits to a safe and nurturing culture for all children, young people, and adults in our Church.

We want our children, young people, and adults to be safe, happy, and empowered.

We have zero tolerance of abuse of children and adults, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and reported in line with our legal obligations, our moral obligations, and our Church policies.

If you see something of concern, please let us know by contacting the Safeguarding Co-ordinator of the Diocese on **0438 951 010** or

email [childsafety@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:childsafety@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

See: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-and-professional-standards> for more information.

**JOKE: 10 Life's Lessons from Noah & His Ark**

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, God may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. When you're stressed, float a while. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God and do God's will, there's always a rainbow waiting.