

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)



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SCHOOLS

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B – 10th 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.

Caritas Project Compassion 2024 (Memory's story- Malawi)

Memory grew up in the Mwanza district in southern Malawi. Her parents are subsistence farmers who depend on their crops for survival. As the eldest child of four, Memory faced many challenges in her daily life. She had to support her family with domestic chores such as farming, carrying water, cooking and cleaning, alongside her education efforts. "Growing up in the village was not easy. My parents don't have a job, so they depend on farming. When the season goes wrong, we suffer a lot and become food insecure. Sometimes we need to bathe without soap. Sometimes we need to walk without shoes." Economic opportunities for girls in Malawi are constrained by high levels of early school dropouts and women typically tend to work in lower paying jobs, or stay at home. After being identified by local leaders in her village as a capable candidate for a vocational skills course, Memory was referred to a technical college near the city of Blantyre with support from CADECOM, Caritas Australia's local partner in Malawi. Through the A+ program, CADECOM supported Memory with the provision of logistical support like tuition and boarding fees with funding from Caritas Australia. Memory decided to pursue vocational training in carpentry to prove to her community that women are capable of working in a male-dominated industry. "In my community, most people think that only men can be carpenters, so I want to prove to my community that women can do it as well," Memory said. After three years, Memory graduated with an advanced certificate in Carpentry and Joinery. With the skills acquired, she secured a job as a carpenter at one of the largest hydroelectric power companies in Malawi. Memory's dream is to open her own carpentry workshop in her village and help provide carpentry services to households in her community. As the only female carpenter in her village, she is also a role model and trailblazer for other young women who want to pursue a career in a male-dominated industry. To support Caritas, envelopes or project compassion boxes are available. Donations online is also available at <https://www.caritas.org.au/>.

POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary

For Yarrawonga and Cobram
Position: **Administrative Assistant**
- **Administration & Office Support**
Yarrawonga and Cobram Parish invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (based in Yarrawonga)
15 Hours per week, Permanent Part Time- 3-4 Days per week
To apply for this position please send resume and cover letter to yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
Detailed role description available on enquiry.

Attention: Formation Session

For Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and members of any ministries in our parish.
Venue: St Joseph's, Cobram,
Wed, 13 March (4-5:30 pm)
Facilitated by Fr Junjun.
Formal Commissioning and commitment to Ministries will take place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. All interested in ministries are welcome.

COBRAM

St Joseph's School Fete
Saturday 16th 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. Save the date!

NOTE: Our Parish office is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

Parish Matters

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 9/10 March 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">YARRAWONGA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Barb Osmotherly Lector/Reader: Dean Carroll Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Christine Martin Sacristan: Trish Cummins Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>9:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Janet Brennan Lector/Reader: Dick Morriss Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Michael Ross Peter Lybch Sacristan: Trish Cummins Overhead/Music: Di Pendergast Money Count this Weekend: Team: Team 8 Liz and Joe Connell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COBRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Francesca Crea Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat West Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra Overhead: Joan Moriarty</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Liz Stronge Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kristel Lazzarotto Music & Sacristan:</p> <p>Overhead: Counting Team John & Joan Moriarty Statue of Mary Rosa Nuewirth Altar Society:</p>
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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16/17 March 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">YARRAWONGA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Frances Connell Lector/Reader: Mary Hockley Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: June Dale Sacristan: Barb Osmotherly Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>9:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Bernadette Mojica Lector/Reader: Sr Helen Glasheen Presentation of Gifts: Angela & John Clarke Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: John Cummins Jane Morris Sacristan: Liz Connell Overhead/Music: Dick Morriss Money Count this Weekend: Team 9 Andrew & Angela McPherson</p> <p>Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday</p> <p>Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries-Meetings Lenten Group- each Thursday 10am & 5.30pm in the Church narthex. Parish Communal Reconciliation- Thur, 21 March, 7pm Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tues each month 4 pm Contact Eileen Thorp 0418 172901</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COBRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Pat West Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gabriella Raco</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Carole Petersen Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Lou Janssens Counting Team John & Joan Moriarty Ministers to the sick:</p> <p>Statue of Mary Peter Brooks Sacristan:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">St Joseph's Cobram Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Lunch with Parishioners: Sun 10th Mar, 12:15 pm– Barooga Hotel • Faith Circles/Lenten Programme - Thursday 14th March at 1.30pm (Church Foyer). All welcome. • Rosary in March (Tuesday 19th) 2:00 pm - Church • Parish Ministries Formation Session- Wednesday 13th March, 4:00 pm- Church • Cultural Diversity Celebration, Sunday 17th March, 11:00 am Mass & 12:30 pm Lunch at Mivo Park • Parish Communal Reconciliation- Wednesday 20th March, 6:00 pm • We need 2 volunteers to help clean our Church. Please see Kristel Lazzarotto. </div>
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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 song on **Palm Sunday, 24 March**. This will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Tom Street, Yarrowonga. at 2:30 pm. All Welcome!

MEET AND MINGLE: Mary and Greg Cummins invite you to a belated St Patrick's get together at their home, 28 Lakeside Drive, Bundalong on **Monday 18th March 2024 at 10.30am**. Ladies please bring a small plate to share and please also bring anyone who is housebound. Pastoral Care will provide light refreshments.

PALM CROSSES MAKING - St. Cuthbert's Anglican Courtyard **10 am Monday, 18th March, 2024** Our Sacred Heart Parish is combining with St. Cuthbert's Church and St. Andrew's Uniting Church & St. Andrews on the Lake to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. Volunteers are welcome on the 18th March and all you need to bring: A small pair of scissors, an old towel, a plastic bag. no experience and a smile! Please ring Anne on 0418 281 673.

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 136)

Resp: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. ®

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. ‘Sing to us,’ they said, ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ ®

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! ®

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! ®

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ- it is through grace that you have been saved- and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Gospel Acclamation**John 3:16**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’ The Gospel of the Lord. ® **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:
(5th Sunday of Lent)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Psalm: Ps 50 (51):3-4,12-15
Gospel: John 12:20-33

COUNTING ROSTER- Yarrawonga: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this ministry. A new roster is underway. If you don’t wish to continue or you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Philip Friedlieb at 0458 892061.

SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS and 150th CELEBRATION

The Chrism Mass for 2024 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Tuesday, 26th March, at 11.00am**. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. Oils will be supplied by the Cathedral; Parishes to bring their own bottles for collection of oils after Mass. This year’s Chrism Mass will also be an occasion to celebrate the **150th Anniversary of the Diocese**. To mark the occasion a commemorative Chrism cruet will be presented to each parish. All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Please RSVP to your Parish Office by **Thursday 21st March** for catering purposes. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park.

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.

Recently deceased: Jackie O'Kane, Pat Notley

And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially: Heather Price, Mick Maher, Edmund(Ted) Hicks, Leon Heath, John Conway, Joseph Burke, Ray Holgate, Doris Lissenden, Monica O'Dea, Di Davine, Eustaguia Castaneda, Michael Mahoney, Catherine Carey, John F Connell, Alice Hynes, Jack Lawless, Colin Scott, Brenda Randall, Roy Myers, John Joseph, Iris Ford, Alfred Panogalinog, Frank Sullivan, Sr M Gertrude Hurley, Sr Mary Bernadette Franks, Mother M Joseph Joyce, Vincent Murray, Kenneth Thomspson, Des O'Donoghue, Ruth Cleaver

WEEKEND MASSES

Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga:

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am

St Joseph's Cobram:

Saturday 6:30 pm & Sunday 11:00 am

Tungamah 7:45 am 1st Sunday of the Month

Katamatite 7:45 am 5th Sunday of the Month

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 13 March **NO MASS**- Priest away for Council of Priests Meeting

Thursday 14 March 9:30 am (Yarrawonga)

Friday 15 March 9:30 am (Yarrawonga with Y3's)
11:30 am (Cobram)

Fridays in Lent, 6:00 PM, STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga

BAPTISMS

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

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

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

Contact: yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Cobram: Friday (before 11:30 am Mass)

Yarrawonga: 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

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:

1st Concetta Alessi

7th Lina Perri

9th Giuseppe Diretto, David John Gellion

10th John Joseph O'Leary, Ray Holgate, Kevin Nolan, Phillip Mc Carthy

11th Kymberley Hughes

12th Kevin Carlson, Brenda Randall

13th Kevin Hicks, Thomas O'Reilly, Ellen Corbett

14th Henk van de Berg, Carmel O'Kane, Lina Perri, Sr.

Nora Hearn R.S.M. Emilija Krnac, Harry Nash

15th Carmelo Biasi, William Thompson Kennedy

NORTHEASTERN DEANERY MATTERS 2024

Synod Consultation As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, our **Northeastern deanery** has been invited to contribute by

deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report that are fundamental to the Synod's theme. These contributions are guided by the question: How can we be a synodal Church in mission? Please join us on **Sunday, 10 March, 2024 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom to participate in this process and help to shape the communications provided to the Second Session of Synod in October. The synthesis report is available at the link below, we will focus on Chapters 8-12, 16 and 18 during this session. If you intend to participate please read these chapters prior to the Zoom call.

Synthesis Report: 2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis
https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report_IMP.pdf

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8148645873?pwd=SEZrYgKcISUZK7o6s3sb63wyS2QXQn.1&omn=82105484643>

Meeting ID: 814 864 5873 Passcode: 045506

Yarrawonga Days for Girls are hosting a cake stall at the Lions Kiosk on Friday 22nd March. Baked goodies, crafts, sauces, relishes and plants will be available from 9am onwards. Donations of any of the above will be thankfully received. yarrawonga@daysforgirls.org.au

JOKE: MIRACLE...

To rile up his Christian friends, the atheist in the high school class was always looking for scientific speculation that would throw doubt on God or the Bible. Scouring the Internet, he discovered research from a student at an obscure university who hypothesized that due to weather and wind patterns, the Red Sea was less than a foot deep when Moses led the Hebrews across it.

"It wasn't even up to their knees," the atheist sneered. One of the Christian friends exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "What miracle?" the atheist asked. "Anybody could have waded across it!"

The Christian grinned. "**Simple. God drowned Pharaoh's entire army in less than a foot of water!**"