

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY ***

Year B – 19^h May 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.

What is Pentecost?

On the Feast of Pentecost, Christians commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, gathered around the Mother of the Lord (Acts chapter 2). The feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season.

What is the meaning of Pentecost in the Scriptures?

St. Luke describes the setting of the descent of the Holy Spirit as “the day when Pentecost had come” (Acts 2:1). This Fiftieth Day (pentekoste) was for Israel a spring harvest feast ending the days of celebration after Passover. It was also a celebration of the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai. For the Christian, it remains the “fiftieth day,” but after Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection, and the celebration of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Why is Pentecost important to Christians today?

In John 14:26, Jesus said, “[T]he Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

Thus, Pentecost is not only an historical event. As the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise, it continues to bear fruit in the Church today, especially in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Why is Pentecost known as the birthday of the Church?

When the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, they immediately began proclaiming the Gospel. In fact, three thousand people were baptized that day. The disciples, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, were answering Jesus’ call to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). The Holy Spirit is vital in the mission and witness of the Church, so we consider Pentecost the birthday of the Church.

Source: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/pentecost-14355>

Well done

Sacred Heart College Yarrawonga! Amazing effort!

During Term 1, the students completed a range of fundraising activities. They raised \$2500 which exceeded any previous total.

Member of the social Justice team are pictured with the cheque below.

Inspiring!



May, is traditionally dubbed as the month of Mary. In the Philippines, Catholic faithful gather in their parish Church to pray the Rosary and offer flowers to our Lady. This would culminate with a Santacruzán- commemorating the discovery of the Holy Cross by St Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine. **The Filipinos in Cobram** and surrounds invite all to join us on **2nd June 2024**, Sunday, starting with the usual 11:00 am Mass, followed by a Rosary, a special tribute to our Lady (Flores de Mayo), Santacruzán, and a shared lunch. All Welcome!

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

Parish Matters
ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 18/19 May 2024

<p align="center">YARRAWONGA</p> <p align="center"><u>5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Sacred Heart Primary Lector/Reader: Sacred Heart Primary Presentation of Gifts: Sacred Heart Primary Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Christine Martin Sacristan: Trish Cummins Overhead/Music: Sacred Heart Primary</p> <p 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, Lucy Mansfield Sacristan: Trish Cummins Overhead/Music: Di Pendergast Money Count: James Cummins, Dean Carroll</p>	<p align="center">COBRAM</p> <p align="center"><u>6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Carolyn Cassidy Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gabriella Raco Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra Overhead: Joan Moriarty</p> <p align="center"><u>11:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Liz Stronge Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Kennedy Music & Sacristan: Overhead: Counting Team John & Joan Moriarty Statue of Mary Isabel Jones Altar Society: Kristel Lazzarotto & Marina</p>
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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25/26 May 2024

<p align="center">YARRAWONGA</p> <p align="center"><u>5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Frances Connell Lector/Reader: Dean Carroll Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: June Dale Sacristan: Barb Osmotherly Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond</p> <p align="center"><u>9:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Commentator: Dale Brooks Lector/Reader: Sr. Helen Glasheen Presentation of Gifts: Angela & John Clarke Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jane Morris, John Cummins Sacristan: Liz Connell Overhead/Music: Dick Morris Money Count: Noel Richmond, Joe Cilia</p>	<p align="center">COBRAM</p> <p align="center"><u>6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Josie Grasso Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat Raco</p> <p align="center"><u>11:00 am Sunday Mass</u></p> <p>Lector/Reader: Carole Petersen Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Kristel Lazzarotto Counting Team John & Joan Moriarty Ministers to the sick: Pat West, Mary Kennedy, Kristel Lazzarotto, Josie Violi Statue of Mary Mr & Mrs Leo Kelly Sacristan: Veronica Perra</p>
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Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services
Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday
Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday
*Karana Mass & Anointing- First Tues of June, 10:30 am

Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries
Meetings
Parish Pastoral Council - Wed, 29 May 6:00 pm- Parish House
Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tues each month 4 pm
Parish Liturgy Team meeting- 5 June, 5:00 pm

Thanks to those who helped organize as we hosted the first day of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity-** the Prayers, the Cuppa and the hospitality offered towards our sisters and brothers from other Churches in the area.

ECUMENICAL PENTECOST WALK: Sunday, 19 May 2024
Start 2:30 pm sharp at St Andrews by the Lake, Mulwala, then walk, skip, hop, ride to the other Churches for a short reading and prayer. All Welcome!



- St Joseph's Cobram Community Events**
- SUNDAY LUNCH
Sunday 19th May – Top Pub at 12:00noon
Sunday 26th May - The Old Bank Tocumwal
 - ROSARY- Every Tuesday during May, 2:00 pm (Church)
 - FAITH CIRCLES – Thursday **23rd May** at 1:30pm.
 - PARISH WORKS UPDATE...
 - Our major project of repairing wooden facia and capping is moving forward and it is hoped will be completed in the next three months. Once completed we hope to pursue exterior painting as the weather warms.
 - Any parishioner with ideas (re: Old Convent) that could improve our facilities or suggestions of social inclusion for all within our Parish would be welcomed. Please confer with the **PPC Members: Carmel Natale, Rosa Perri, Pat West, Rob Morey, Veronica Perra, Fr Junjun**
 - **Expression of Interest-** for PPC Members
We are looking for some new people to join the Council in supporting our Parish & Parishioners. You can invite a Parishioner or indicate your own interest to Fr Junjun. Please consider what you or others may have to offer.
 - Thanks to those who helped clean the parish house. Great effort. It's just nice to stay in after the Saturday evening Mass.
 - **Thanks to Kath Renfrew for the Mother's Day FLOWERS.** Much appreciated!

<p>(1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p>When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.</p> <p>Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’ The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</p>	<p>(2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians</p> <p>If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit. The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34 Response: Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. ®</p> <p>You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. ®</p> <p>May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. ®</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19,20 Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</p>
<p>Pope Francis’ Monthly Intention for MAY 2024 For the Formation of Men and Women Religious, and Seminarians</p> <p>Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.</p>	<p>Gospel John 15:26-27,16:12-15 Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. ‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’ The Gospel of the Lord. ® Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p><i>As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls. - St. Peter Damian</i></p>	<p>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Trinity Sunday</p> <p>First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 Psalm: Ps 32: 4-6, 9,18-20,22 Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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, Jim Brooks

Recently Deceased: Msgr Frank Hickey
And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:

17th Kathy Wells, Jack Jess, Michael O'Callaghan, Dennis Tyas, Robert Tett

18th Peg Lawless

19th George Drake, William Young, Peter O'Dea

20th John Patrick Brooks, Mary Ryan, Jocelyn White, Cath Dalton

21st Laurie Walsh, Ellen McRae, Billee Whinray, Martin D'Arcy, Evelyn Ryan

22nd Sr M Magdalen Kennedy, Mary Agnes O'Dwyer, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Michael Connell, Stacia Coughlan

23rd Kenneth Nevins, Aileen Pilkington, Tom Eade

COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick: 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, Susanne White, Narelle Brooks

Recently Deceased: Charles Camenzuli

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

18th Jean White, Kath Joss, Sam Raco, Bronia Lester, Ted Mc Dermott, Mary Haugh,

19th Luigi Spataro, Gladys Gillespie, Irene Mc Carthy

20th Teresa Iannucci, William (Bill) Jones, Charles Curthoys, George Birthisel., John Brooks

21st Leo Gillespie

22nd Adrian

24th Maria Franco and Fred Honey

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 1st Sunday of the Month

Katamatite 7:45 am 5th Sunday- June 30th

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 22 May 9:30 am (Cobram)

Thursday 23 May 9:30 am (Yarrowonga)

Friday NO MASS- I am away for Priest Jubilarian's Mass in Echuca (Fr Junjun)

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

DIOCESAN MATTERS

RIP Monsignor Frank Hickey

(14.02.1927 – 9.05.2024)

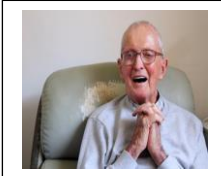
Monsignor Frank Hickey died peacefully in Nagambie on the morning of 9 May 2024.

He was 97 years old and was in the 73rd year of his priestly ministry.

Monsignor Frank served as a priest in seven parishes of the Diocese of Sandhurst: Yarrowonga, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Kerang, Wangaratta, Wodonga, South Shepparton. He also served as the Episcopal Vicar for education from 1980 to 1984 in the early 1980s and was Dean of the North East in the late 1980s.

In an announcement made on 9 May, the Bishop of Sandhurst, Shane Mackinlay asked for people to join him in prayers so that Monsignor Frank might now enter the fullness of God's life, after his long years of faithful service, and that his family and friends might be comforted in their sadness.

His funeral was in Nagambie on Friday 17 May.



JOKE... Donation to the Church

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?" "It is"

"This is the ATO. Can you help us?" "I can." "Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" "I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is." "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?" "He will".

- How did the apostles get to Pentecost? Honda! They were all in one Accord.
- **Notes from God:** "Let's meet at my House Sunday before the Game" - God
"Keep Using My Name in Vain and I'll make rush hour longer! - God
- **Church Bulletin bloopers:** "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."
"The Congregation kindly remain standing until the end of the recession."