

# 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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**St Joseph's Primary, Cobram**  
Principal: Sarah Iddles Ph: 0358721573  
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**Yarrawonga & 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."**



### 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.*

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \*\*\***

**Year B – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**An Excerpt of the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis For The IV World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly (28 July 2024)**  
**"Do Not Cast Me Off In My Old Age" (Cf. Ps 71:9)**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. *1 Peter 2:5*).

Sacred Scripture as a whole is a story of the Lord's faithful love. It offers us the comforting certainty that God constantly shows us his mercy, always, at every stage of life, in whatever situation we find ourselves, even in our betrayals. The Psalms are filled with the wonder of the human heart before God who cares for us despite our insignificance (cf. *Ps 144:3-4*); they assure us that God has fashioned each one of us from our mother's womb (cf. *Ps 139:13*) and that even in [Sheol] he will not abandon our life (cf. *Ps 16:10*). We can be certain, then, that he will be close to us also in old age, all the more because, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing.

On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path. To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers.

And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

To read the full message of the Holy Father, please visit:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>



### Prayer for the Elderly and Grandparents

God, our loving Father,  
you are the source of life and of all gifts.  
You lovingly sustain us at every moment of our lives  
and you bring us to fullness of life in Jesus,  
your Son and our Brother.

We thank you for the wonderful gift of our  
grandparents and the elderly.

You have given them to us to be our guide as they  
share with us the wealth of their experiences and the  
wisdom that they have gained through the years.

We thank you for making them witnesses to us  
of your abiding presence and care  
at every turn and change of life.

We pray that you bless all of them with joy and peace,  
with satisfaction at the fruits of their labour,  
and with the faithful love of their family.

Strengthen their trust in your healing mercy in the  
face of the mistakes and sins of the past.

Grant them the joy of companionship of their loved  
ones and friends. Protect them from all harm and evil  
that can obscure their vision of eternal peace and joy  
in your kingdom.

Give them the patience and courage to bear the cross  
of sickness and weakness of the body.

Help them see their sufferings and discomfort as their  
sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Grant us all, their family and friends, the grace of firm  
conviction and faith in the value and dignity of every  
human person created in your image and redeemed by  
the sacrifice of your Son on the Cross.

May this help us to continue to support, respect, and  
love them. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

### The FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE Parish Visitation

In preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Marian Festival in the diocese in October, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been hosted by many parishes in the diocese. This week Our Lady is at **St Joseph's Cobram**. Our Lady of Fatima, will be here from this Sunday 28 July until Monday, 5 August. A Rosary prayer is being prayed here at 2 pm everyday during this week. All Welcome!

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

**Parish Matters**

**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 27/28 July 2024**

**YARRAWONGA**

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

**Commentator:** Dean Carroll  
**Lector/Reader:** Barb Osmotherly  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Christine Martin  
**Sacristan:** Eileen Thorp  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Commentator:** Janet Brennan  
**Lector/Reader:** Mary Mansfield, Lucy Mansfield  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Dick Morriss, Jane Morriss  
**Sacristan:** Trish Cummins  
**Overhead/Music:** Di Pendergast  
**Money Count:** Bernadette McKenzie

**COBRAM**

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

**Lector/Reader:** Josie Grasso  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Pat West  
**Music & Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Overhead:** Joan Moriarty

**11:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Lector/Reader:** Teresa Grillo  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Josie Violi  
**Music & Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Overhead:**  
**Counting Team** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Statue of Mary:** Vangie Raco  
**Ministers to the Sick:** Kristel Lazzarotto, Fred Pinnuck, Josie Violi, Mary Kennedy

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3/4 August 2024**

**YARRAWONGA**

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

**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

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Commentator:** Dale Brooks  
**Lector/Reader:** Sr Helen Glasheen  
**Presentation of Gifts:** Angela & John Clarke  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Jane Morriss, John Cummins  
**Sacristan:** Liz Connell  
**Overhead/Music:** Dick Morriss  
**Money Count:** John Clarke, John Cummins

**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:** Liz Stronge  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Kristel Lazzarotto  
**Counting Team:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Statue of Mary:** Mr & Mrs Joe Raco  
**Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Altar Society:** Kristel Lazzarotto, Marina

**Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services**

Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday  
Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday  
Karana Mass & Anointing: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues (6 August) 10:30 am

**Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries**

**Parish Pastoral Care Group-** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month 4 pm  
Pastoral Care Contact for July: Liz Connell, 0412945852  
**Parish Liturgy Group Meeting-** Thurs, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug, 5 pm  
**Parish Finance Committee –** Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024, 6pm

**Attn: Sacred Heart Parishioners- Yarrowonga**

Convent walk through for parishioners - immediately following the **Sunday 9 am Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Future of The Convent and Parish Office:**

**General Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 7th Aug, 2024, Time: 6pm  
Venue: Sacred Heart College staff room

**Suggestion box regarding the Old Convent is available at the Church Foyer.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY-** This week, at the 9 am Mass, Natalie is leading our children's liturgy. We hope to keep this going from now on every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We thank Natalie for her availability and generosity.

**St Joseph's Cobram Community Events**

- SUNDAY CUPPA: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July after 11am Mass
- ROSARY- Every day at 2:00pm from 28th July to 4th August (Church)
- STAMPS: Keep saving your old stamps, place them in the box in the foyer. We will pass them on to the Mercy Sisters for their charity works.
- SAFEGUARDING- **St. Joseph's Parish** is a Child-Safe Organization. Parents/ Guardians, please be reminded that you are responsible of your children whilst in the Church, e.g. supervising them if they need to attend the toilet.
- **SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS**  
Volunteers are reminded to return their signed forms on Safeguarding compliance to the sacristy as soon as possible. There are still a few envelopes at the foyer of the Church, if you haven't collected yours
- The Cobram Filipino Choir is leading us in the singing at 11: am Mass this Sunday.
- **Cobram PPC Meeting** 10 am, Wednesday 7 August, 2024

**Cobram Uniting Church Ladies Guild**

**2024 Mission Finger Food Lunch**

*Sandwiches Hot Savouries Sweet Delicacies*  
**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024, 12:00 noon at Irvin Hall.**

*Guest Speaker: Fr Junjun Amaya,*  
*"From the Philippines to Australia"*

*Admission: \$20.00- Supporting the Samaritans Purse Christmas*  
**Child Boxes, RSVP 26<sup>th</sup> July:** Margaret Wallace- 0409 411 802  
Margaret Watson 0409 401 189

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** **2 Kings 4:42-44**  
**A Reading from the Second Book of the Kings**  
 A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said. But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat’ he insisted ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.”’ He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.  
 The word of the Lord  
 © **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16**  
**R: *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.***  
 All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. ©  
 The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. ©  
 The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. ©

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** **Ephesians 4:1-6**  
**A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**  
 I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all. The word of the Lord  
 © **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** **Luke 7:16**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** **John 6:1-15**  
**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**  
 Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.  
 Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.  
 The Gospel of the Lord.  
 © **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 18<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
**Psalm:** Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
**Gospel:** John 6:24-35

**Pope Francis’ Monthly Intention for JULY 2024- For the Pastoral Care of the Sick:**  
 Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord’s strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

**Sacred Heart Parish Yarrowonga**  
**First Reconciliation Program**  
 The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated here on **Wednesday September 4th at 6.30pm**. In preparation for this, an information evening will be held at Sacred Heart Primary this coming **Tuesday(30 July) at 6pm** for any parents interested to have their children be part of our 4-week program. Children must be in Year 3 or older to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Any enquiries please contact Meegan McInness at Sacred Heart Primary 57443339.

**ST JOSEPH’S, COBRAM NOTICE**  
**MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS**  
**from 01.01.2024—30.06.2024**  
 We especially remember them at the 11:00am Mass **This Sunday 28th July** and light a candle as we pray for their eternal rest. Big thanks to the ladies who helped clean the brass we are using today and who supplied the cuppa following this Mass.  
*By the St Joseph’s Pastoral Care Group*

**St Joseph’s Parish Cobram First Reconciliation Program**  
 St Joseph’s Parish and school are taking enrolments for the Reconciliation Program this term. If you are interested in your child participating in the program, could you please contact the school on (03) 5872 1573 or Veronica Perra. **First Reconciliation is celebrated on Friday, 13 September, at 12:30 pm.**

**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:

Pat Mills, Jim Brooks, Noela Corby, Kathryn O'Dwyer, Ken Jones, Ron Foley, Vikki Bye, Peter O'Brien, Liz Sandiford, Megan Burke

**Recently Deceased:** Travis Connell, Elizabeth Jacobson (*John Burke's sister*)

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

27th Clem O'Dwyer, Mabel Wall, Maria Flynn

28th Jack Kelly, John C Dowling, Lorraine Davies (Hicks), Kean Ryan, Margaret Gorman, Kevin O'Loughlin, Bernadette Cahill Hargrave

29th Ralph Stone

30th Tead O'Connor, Gerard Ryan, Irena Tratnjek, Erica Buller, Patrick Myers

31st Ellen K Day, Nola L Pritchard, Fr Maurice Duffy, Patricia Clark

1st James Newson, Kellie Costigan, Joy Milne

2nd Rose McKenna, Agapita Milano

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga:** Sat 5:00 pm & Sun 9:00 am  
**St Joseph's Cobram:** Sat 6:30 pm & Sun 11:00 am

**Tungamah** 7:45 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Katamatite** 7:45 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday- September 29<sup>th</sup>

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wednesday 31 July 9:30 am (Cobram)- w/ Year 6's present

Thursday 1 Aug 9:30 am (Yarrowonga)

Friday 2 Aug 9:30 am (Yarrowonga)- w/Year 1's present  
 11:30 am (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

**WEDDINGS:** 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:

Adrian Bennett, Barry Bennett, 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 and Narelle Brooks

**Recently Deceased:** Susanne White

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

27th Gary Cooper, Eileen Brooks, Thomas Clement (Clem) O'Dwyer

28th Gary Williams, Leo Dunne, Charles Glennon, Mary Lonergan

29th Sr. Margaret Collis RSM, Ana Komijat, Lorraine Italiano, Shirley Anderson, Tom Doyle, Sr. Pierre Raphael R.S.M., Edna Moloney,

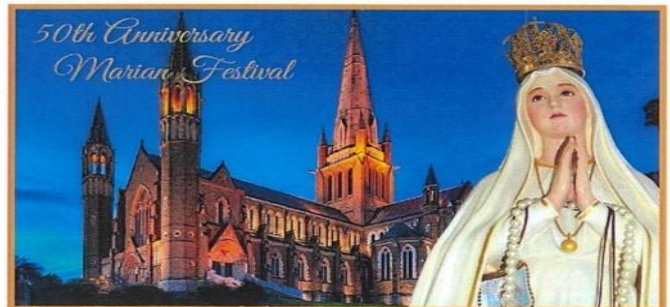
Veronica Eileen Thompson, Phil Perkins, Edna Moloney

31st Josephine Dall'Olio

1st Giuseppe (Joe) Diaco, Monica Cann, Alan Marxsen

2nd Domenico Perri and Ken Steward

**DIOCESAN MATTERS**



**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MARIAN FESTIVAL**  
*Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

11:00 am - Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

12:00 pm - BYO Lunch or BBQ available

1:00 pm - Scapular enrolment

1:30 pm - Procession and Rosary outside Cathedral

1:50 pm - Crowning of Fatima Statue

2:30 pm - Guest Speaker - Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

3:00 pm - Exposition and Benediction

3:40 pm - Bells ring and afternoon tea conclude festival

Piety stall inside cathedral. For details - [www.bendigofatima.com](http://www.bendigofatima.com)

*Finally my Immaculate Heart will Triumph*  
 - Our Lady of Fatima, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1917

**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**

**We thank the Liturgy Ministry and Pastoral Care Group Yarrowonga for organizing some Memorabilia of Grandparents that are on display in our Church today to celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and Elderly.**

**St Mary's Castlemaine Parish & School Anniversary Celebration - 170 Years:**

On Sunday 11th August 2024, St Mary's Castlemaine will celebrate the 170 year Anniversary of their Parish and School. A special Mass at 10:30am in St Mary's Church Castlemaine and a celebration High Tea, afterwards in St Mary's Hall will be held for all past and present parishioners and students. If you are a past or present member of the St Mary's Castlemaine Church and/or School you are warmly invited to come along and join in the celebrations of this great milestone. For more information contact Eva Jansen, Castlemaine Parish Secretary 03 5472 1900.

**JOKE... One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."**

**The little girl thought about this revelation for a while, and then said, "So, Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"**

**WHY GRANDPARENTS ARE THE BEST**  
*By I Might Be Funny*

1. They always remember your birthday, even without a Facebook notification.
2. They make delicious food.
3. They understand all too well how annoying your parents can be.
4. They always say yes to dessert.
5. They're never too busy to play a game or read a book.
6. They made it through life without Google.
7. They don't care how long it takes you to get your shoes on.
8. They brag about you to their friends.
9. They send cards in the actual MAIL, sometimes with actual CASH.
10. They have the best stories...and always have time to listen to yours.