

Catholic Parishes of Yarrawonga & Cobram

Incorporating Sacred Heart (Yarrawonga), St Joseph's (Cobram), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Tungamah), St Mary's Church (Katamatite) & St Mary's (Burramine)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES- GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)



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St Joseph's Cobram
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B – 11th 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.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY



Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday. As we prepare to celebrate once again the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, Project Compassion gives us the chance to act as Jesus did- to reach out to those in some of the most challenging situations imaginable.

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. During the six weeks of Project Compassion, millions of Australians come together in solidarity to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Project Compassion 2024 is built around the theme of 'For All Future Generations'. This theme has been drawn from the story of the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-20.

Moses was part of a stolen generation. He was taken from his family because Pharaoh was committing genocide against the people of Israel. One day, his sheep wander off and Moses suddenly encounters a bush that is burning but not consumed. God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of his people. God responds to injustice and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Moses is scared but God promises 'I will be with you.' All the time, God remains a mystery. Moses wants more detail, so God simply says that this is the same God who has been longing for justice for the whole of history: 'By this name I shall be invoked for all future generations.' As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work 'for all future generations.'

During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms - in solidarity, and as one human family. Envelopes and Project Compassion boxes are available at the foyer for you to take home and put your donations in.

ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30 am- COBRAM (with School)

MASSES 12:00 noon- YARRAWONGA (with School) 6:00 pm: YARRAWONGA

SACRED HEART, YARRAWONGA PARISH BBQ

SHROVE TUESDAY



All parishioners are invited to join us for a Shrove Tuesday BBQ on **13 February 2024**. We gather behind the Old Convent in the College Grounds at 6:00 pm. Meat will be provided. We ask families to bring salad or sweets as well as your own chair and drinks.

For those who may need a ride, please contact James Cummins at **0427439784**.

To indicate attendance please write your names on the sign up sheets at the foyer of the Church.

COBRAM

Pancake Afternoon Tea

Cobram Uniting Church ladies will be flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, **13 February, 2024** at Irvin Hall.

Time: 2:00 pm

Admission: \$5.00

Guest Speaker: Mark Norbye

Proceeds will go to

Royal Flying Doctor Service



Parish Matters

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 10/11 February 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Barb Osmotherly
Lector/Reader: Kevin Barry
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Christine Martin
Sacristan: Barb Osmotherly
Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Commentator: George Cousins
Lector/Reader: Julie Brooks
Presentation of Gifts: Julie & Dale Brooks
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Margaret Cousins & John Cummins
Sacristan: Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music: Di Pendergast
Money Count this Weekend: Team 4: Angela Clarke, Bert & Kay Tait

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Vic Robinson
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat West

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Mary Kate McCormick
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lou Janssens
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Altar Society:
Statue of Mary: Mrs Nancy Grillo
Communion to the Sick: Mary Kennedy, Kristel Lazzarotto, Josie Violi

ROSTER FOR NEXT 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: Meegan 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 Minister of Holy Communion: Mary Kate McCormick
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Altar Society: Kristel Lazzarotto, Maris Wilson & Michelle Penaverde
Statue of Mary: Mr & Mrs Van den Berg

Yarrowonga 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 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the Church. Contact Person (Janet Brennan- 0448 888 774)

Parish Pastoral Council- meets every last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish House)

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to join a group of parishioners for lunch at the following venue:

Sunday 11th February – The Central Hotel at 12:00 noon

Rosary in February – 2:00 pm in the Church. *Note time change for February.* Tuesday 13th Feb & 27th Feb.

Faith Circles/Lenten Programme - Thursday 15th February at 1.30pm (Church Foyer). All welcome.

Valentines Day (Wed 14th Feb, 2024) Concert and Bus trip to Shepparton. Afternoon tea provided. Bus leaves the Station at 12:40 pm. Cost: See Veronica.

THANK YOU to all those who helped with last weekend's Installation Mass of Fr Junjun as Parish Priest & preparation of the celebration in the foyer. Well done!

FIRST READING**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man’s skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean.” As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.’

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 31 (32):1-2, 5,11

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. ®

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said; “I will confess my offence to the Lord,” And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. ®

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, All you upright of heart. ®

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone- to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ. 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 Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him. The Gospel of the Lord. ® **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS (1ST Sunday of Lent)

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Ps 24 (25):4-6,7b-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

NOTE from FR MICHAEL MORLEY

My brother Kevin, the eldest in our family died on Sunday, 28 January. He had a car accident on the 10th January. The injuries and the trauma eventually became too much. He was made palliative, then died peacefully. He would have been 89 on the 21st of February. The funeral will be in Mornington on Thursday, the 15th of February.

A link will be made available.

May Kevin rest in Peace. Amen.

SACRED HEART Parish Lenten Reflection Program

Our Lenten Program will begin after Ash Wednesday on Thursday 15th February. 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. These will be given out at the first meeting or see Sr Helen or Michael Ross for a copy. If you wish to participate, please put your name on the appropriate sign up 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 we know who died recently: Veronica Williams, Michael Kelly, Kevin Morley, Helen Beal

And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially: Patrick Boyd, Rosalie Harrison, Laura Birthisel, Cliff Horwood, Albert Moed, Patrick McDonnell, Ned O'Dwyer, Berta Clarke, Ivan Panter, William Quinn, Bobbie Jess, Hilda Graham, Alice Crump, Brian Judd, Charles Nunn, Kathleen Kenna, Delma Weygood, Marie Barker, Marge Burke (Syd), Lillian O'Brien, Adrain Carlin, David Evans, Francis Marks, John Twohig, Margaret McGiven, Reuben Hallum, Kate Ednie, Margaret O'Kane, Patricia McNeill.

COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick, especially: Alex Warren, Ramon Herezo, Colleen Brooks, Carmel Clancy, Charles Camenzuli, Peter Petersen, Fr. Rob Niehus, Bruce Campbell, Cath Zito, 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: 10th Lorraine Hogan, Lucia Taverna, Concetta Taverna, Giuseppe Taverna, Margaret Rooney, 11th Teresa Artavilla, Sr. Patricia O'Connell R.S.M., Kelvin Michael O'Connor, Gail Brewer, 12th Carlo Anzolin, Martin Toohey, 13th Clara Ruggi, Judi Walmsley, 14th Helen Bourke, Sr. Joan Harrington R.S.M., Columba O'Callaghan R.S.M., Jim Wren, John Houlihan, 15th Stephen Laffan, Grazia Maria Fazzolari, Maurice Hyde, Leo Vincent Shinnick, Patricia Dugoid, David Jones Bernard Maher, 16th Fr. Bernardo Canterzani O.F.M.

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) 3rd Sunday of February

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 9:30 am Cobram & 6:00pm Yarrowonga
Thursday: 9:30 am Yarrowonga
Friday: 10.00 am Sacred Heart College MPB
11:30 am: Cobram

NOTE: From Monday 19-Thursday 22 Feb, there'll be no weekday Masses in our parishes. The priests from overseas are gathering in Moama for our In-service. Mass will resume on Friday, 23 Feb.

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



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

We, the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst are committed 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. We are committed to preventing abuse and identifying risks early and then reducing or removing them. 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. See: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-and-professional-standards> for more information.

JOKE: Meeting of the Board

There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor. After the end of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."