

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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Yarrowonga & 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time *** Year B – 22nd September 2024

An excerpt of Pope Francis' Reflection on Mark 9:30-37

So many wars and so many quarrels come precisely from worldly desires, from passions. It's true that there are many wars in the world today. But "What about the wars among ourselves, like the one among the Apostles about who is the most important?" "Look at the career I've had: I can't go back now!" This is the spirit of the world, and this is not Christian. "No! It's my turn! I have to earn more to get more money and more power". This is the spirit of the world. And then, there's the wickedness of chatter: gossip. Where does it come from? From envy. The great envious one is the devil, we know that, it says so in the Bible. From envy. Through the devil's envy evil enters into the world. Envy is a worm that drives you to destroy, to bad-mouth others, to annihilate others. In the discussion among the disciples, there were all these passions and so Jesus rebuked them, and called them to become servants to all, and to take the last place. Who is the most important in the Church? The Pope, the bishops, the Monsignors, the cardinals, the pastors of the most beautiful parishes, the presidents of lay associations? No! The greatest in the Church are those who make themselves servants of all, those who serve everyone, not those who have titles. And to help us understand this, He took a child and placed him among them; and embracing him with tenderness – because Jesus spoke with tenderness, He had so much – He said to them: "Whoever receives a child, receives me". That is, whoever welcomes the most humble, the one who serves the most. This is the way. There is only one road against the spirit of the world: humility. Serving others, choosing the last place, not climbing the ladder. Therefore, we must not negotiate with the spirit of the world, we must not say: "I am entitled to this place, because, look at the career I have made". Worldliness, in fact, is God's enemy. On the contrary we need to listen to these very wise words of encouragement that Jesus speaks in the Gospel: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all".



**Season of
Creation Parish
Celebrations**

Yarrowonga: Lakeside Mass (Foreshore) & Parish Picnic

Thursday 3 Oct 5:30 pm

Cobram: Mass & Picnic at Thompsons Beach

Wednesday 9 Oct 5:30 pm

Sausages and bread will be provided. Open for Everyone!
 All welcome to bring salad or dessert and drinks. Please indicate in the sign up sheet at the Narthex, what you would prefer to bring. You may also bring your own picnic chair/rug. Please let **Amy (Yarrowonga Office)** or **Veronica (Cobram)** or **Fr Junjun**, if you intend to attend to assist us on how much many snags/loaves we need.
We also need some volunteers to organize the BBQ.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

For those who have taken the envelopes to support the Appeal for our Retired Priests of the Diocese, if you could please return your envelopes this week, it would be much appreciated! Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR MICK!

There will be a morning tea in the Narthex (Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga) following the 9:00 am Mass this Sunday, to celebrate the birthday of Fr Michael Morley. All Welcome!

Fr Junjun's 13th Ordination Anniversary (28th September): All welcome to join with me & the Filipino community in Cobram for the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, 29 September and shared lunch at Mivo Park (Cobram), to celebrate my ordination anniversary. You're welcome to bring a plate to share. Blessings! Fr Junjun

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: yarrowonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Parish Matters

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 21/22 Sept 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Brian Keenan
Lector/Reader: June Dale
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Xavier Martin
Sacristan: Eileen Thorp
Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Commentator: James Cummins
Lector/Reader: Angela Clarke
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jen Sagaidak, Di Penderdast
Sacristan: Liz Connell
Overhead/Music: Dale Brooks

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Stephanie Arundel
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat Raco
Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Overhead: Joan Moriarty

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Philomena Crea
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Kennedy
Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Statue of Mary: Mr & Mrs Van Den Berg
Ministers to the Sick: Mary Kennedy, Pat West, Josie Violi

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28/29 Sept 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Brian Keenan
Lector/Reader: Bernadette Quinn
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Eileen Thorp
Sacristan: Christine Martin
Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Commentator: Anne Gleeson
Lector/Reader: Bernadette McKenzie
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Dale Brooks, Libby Dowling
Sacristan: Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music: Jen Sagaidak

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: John West
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat West

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Teresa Harris
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Josie Violi
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Statue of Mary: Mrs Melina Coppola
Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Altar Society: Marina Barclay, Rose Grillo, Nella Sorrenti and Melina Coppola

Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday
Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday
Mass & Anointing @ Karana: 1st Tues - Oct 1 10:30 am

Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries

Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tues each month 2 pm
Pastoral Care Contact for September: Eileen Thorp 0418 172 901
Finance Committee Meeting- Wed 23rd October 6 pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- Every 4th Sunday of the month. We thank Natalie for her availability and generosity in leading this significant ministry for our young parishioners. This is open to all children of all levels up to year 6.



BAPTISM

We welcome the families of
Charlie Rosario Orsida
and

Estella Alessia-Elaine Siciliano

who are being baptised in Cobram this weekend.
Welcome to the Christian faith.

For Bulletin Notices:

If you have notices to be included in our parish bulletin, please let the office know by Wednesday of each week. Thank you!

St Joseph's Cobram Community Events

- **Sunday Lunch:** 22nd September – Barooga Hotel 12:00noon
29th September – Tungamah Hotel 12:30pm
- **ROSARY-** Tues 24th September- 2:00pm in the Church.
- **FAITH CIRCLES-** Thursday, 26 Sept, 1:30 pm
- **TRIP TO BEECHWORTH for Seniors- Monday, 7 October.** For information, contact Veronica.
- **STAMPS-** We collect old stamps. Place them in the box in the foyer and we give them to the Mercy Sisters.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

- We would like to welcome our newest members to the Parish Council and thank them for agreeing to help support our Parish. Welcome **Trish Seccull, Michael McCann, Cynthia Vincombe, Sarah Iddles (Principal, St Joseph's School)** and **Jodi Sefton (Catholic Identity Leader, St Joseph's)**
- Our other members are **Fr Junjun, Rob Morey, Rosa Perri, Pat West, Veronica Perra and Carmel Natale**. If you have anything you would like addressed concerning the Parish, please feel free to speak with one of the Council members.
- At our last meeting on August 25th, we discussed many things. Please keep an eye out in coming weeks for notices on the bulletin or at mass each week on the screen. We want to keep you as informed as possible about what is happening within the Parish
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Wednesday 25 September, 10 AM.

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
A Reading from the Book of Wisdom
The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'
The word of the Lord ® **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6
R: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. ®

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. ®

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. ®

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm: Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9
Second Reading: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for September 2024 -
For the Cry of the Earth:**
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart
the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters
and climactic change, and that all will undertake to
personally care for the world in which we live.

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3
A Reading from the Letter of St James
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony,
and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the
wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something
pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate;
it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good;
nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.
Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which
will bear fruit in holiness.
Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start?
Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared
to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you
want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and
don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you
have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.
The word of the Lord.
® **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation 2 Thessalonians 2:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their
way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know,
because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them,
'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they
will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to
death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he
said and were afraid to ask him.
They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he
asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They
said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was
the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said,
'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and
servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of
them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who
welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes
me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the
one who sent me.'
The Gospel of the Lord. ® **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

Thanks for your generosity in supporting the Caritas Project Compassion Appeal during Lent this year.
COBRAM (St Joseph's) has contributed \$1,143.00
YARRAWONGA (Sacred Heart) has contributed \$1,860.75 via parish & \$900.00 through online donation.
"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Prayer of Gratitude for Beauty of Creation

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of your creation.
We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset.
We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them.
We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by you.
We are awed by all the animals you created.
For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give you praise. Amen.

**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:

James Heath (*Liz Connell's son-in-law*), Pat Mills, Jim Brooks, Noela Corby, Kathryn O'Dwyer, Ken Jones, Ron Foley, Vikki Bye, Peter O'Brien, Liz Sandiford, Megan Burke, Brendan O'Connor

Recently deceased: Sr Mary Duffy (Mercy Sister)

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

19th John Dehne

21st Tom Runnalls, John Oscar Ryan, James Kelly, Laurence Hicks

22nd John Brian D'Arcy, Catherine Gorman, Cadel James Crawford, Rose Lister

23rd Frances M Griffin, Denis D'Arcy, Bridget Kelly, Estella Rudd, Kathleen Reardon, Phillip Maroney, Celie McDonald, John Elliott

24th Jim Branigan, Julieanne Turner

25th Joyce Schaefer, Milton Schaefer, Kathleen McConnell, Patricia O'Meara

26th Ralph Pitman, George O'Connor, Wally Bryan

27th Sr M Bernard Scanlon, Mary Monahan, David McAuliffe, Desmond O'Meara, Noreen Bartlett

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

Evie Emma Simmons, Adrian Bennett, Barry Bennett, Shane Carrick, 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

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

21st Vincenzo Papa, Vittoria Spataro, Sheila Doyle, Kevin Thomas Crozier

22nd Lorna Morey, Thomas & Edith Nolan

23rd Thelma Wren, Margorie Casey, Caterina 'Amore

25th Jean Dennis, Agnes Brown, Francesca Ballerini

26th Justin McGurgan, Sr. Patrice McSweeney R.S.M., Keith Gillespie, Evelyn MacKay, Sheila Campbell, Edward William Cook

27th Patrick Thomas 'Tom' Hicks, Sr. M. Elizabeth Cloonan R.S.M., Jeremiah Quinane and Norman Gilmore

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 1st Sunday – October 6th

Katamatite 7:45 am 5th Sunday- September 29th

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 25 Sept 9.30am (Cobram)

Thursday 26 Sept 9.30am (Yarrowonga)

Friday 27 Sept 9:30 am (Yarrowonga)

11:30am(Cobram)

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

WEDDINGS: Contact Fr Junjun- 0459 356 917 or junix28@gmail.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ FUNERAL

Contact Fr Junjun- 0459-356-917

COMPASS PROGRAM

Don't miss this Sunday's episode of Compass on ABC TV! Tune in for "Pope Francis: The Disruptor," featuring an insightful interview with our very own Bishop Shane and the esteemed Compass journalist, Geraldine Doogue. Learn more about the impactful journey and vision of Pope Francis. Timely viewing in the lead-up to the Synod on Synodality.

6:30 pm Sunday 22 September on ABC live TV, and from 7:00 am the same day on ABC iview.

JOKE... The New Organist: The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, I would appreciate if you can be upstanding, please!"

At that moment, the substitute organist played the National Anthem ... and that is how the substitute organist became the permanent organist!

Laughter is the best medicine but if you laugh for no reason, you need medicine.

DIOCESAN MATTERS

An invitation to the 50th Marian Festival in Bendigo (Sun- 13 October)

Cobram and Yarrowonga Parishioners:

A bus will be departing Cobram on 13th October to Bendigo to attend the festival.

The bus will depart at 7.30am from the Civic Centre and drop parishioners at the Cathedral. The bus trip will be \$30. This is open to all parishioners in both Cobram and Yarrowonga. If you are interested, please contact Mary Kennedy on 0437 179 016.



50th ANNIVERSARY MARIAN FESTIVAL
Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, Sunday 13th 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
Finally my Immaculate Heart will Triumph
- Our Lady of Fatima, July 15th, 1917
PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY (2-27 OCTOBER 2024)

The Second Session of the Synod on Synodality (XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops) is just around the corner with participants set to touch down in Rome on 29 September in time for a two-day spiritual retreat to prepare them for the Synod.

The Synod discussions will be deeply rooted in prayer and follow a 'Spiritual Conversations' model; focusing on the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission."

Let's keep all of the participants, including our own Bishop Shane, in our prayers as they embark on this journey of faith and unity.