

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."



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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time *** Year B – 20th October 2024

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for the World Mission Day 2024

Christ's missionary disciples have always had a heartfelt concern for all persons, whatever their social or even moral status. The parable of the banquet tells us that, at the king's orders, the servants gathered "all whom they found, both good and bad" (Mt 22:10). What is more, "the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame" (Lk 14:21), in a word, the least of our brothers and sisters, those marginalized by society, are the special guests of the king. The wedding feast of his Son that God has prepared remains always open to all, since his love for each of us is immense and unconditional. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have life eternal" (Jn 3:16). Everyone, every man and every woman, is invited by God to partake of his grace, which transforms and saves. One need simply say "yes" to this gratuitous divine gift, accepting it and allowing oneself be transformed by it, putting it on like a "wedding robe" (cf. Mt 22:12). The mission for all requires the commitment of all. We need to continue our journey towards a fully synodal and missionary Church in the service of the Gospel. Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal. Consequently, close missionary cooperation is today all the more urgent and necessary, both in the universal Church and in the particular Churches. In the footsteps of the Second Vatican Council and my Predecessors, I recommend to all dioceses throughout the world the service of the Pontifical Mission Societies. They represent the primary means "by which Catholics are imbued from infancy with a truly universal and missionary outlook and [are] also a means for instituting an effective collecting of funds for all the missions, each according to its needs" (Ad Gentes, 38). For this reason, the collections of World Mission Day in all the local Churches are entirely destined to the universal fund of solidarity that the Pontifical Society of the Propagation of the Faith then distributes in the Pope's name for the needs of all the Church's missions. Let us pray that the Lord may guide us and help us to be a more synodal and a more missionary Church (cf. Homily for the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, 29 October 2023).

For more information on World Mission Day, visit: <https://onefamilyinmission.org/wms/>

➔ At this weekend masses, our second collection goes to support the mission of the Church through Catholic Mission. Envelopes are also available at the foyer.

Alternatively, you may visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/> for more information and opportunities for donations.

YARROWONGA: You are invited to a 'Meet and Mingle' morning tea on Wed 23rd October at 10.30am at Des & Trish Cummins house, 65 Brears Road, Y'Wonga. Please bring a small plate to share. Anyone needing transport please contact Christine Adkins on 0409238291.

Knitting for babies & Widows in Timor Leste

Many thanks to all my knitters. So far this year I have sent 1,020 squares, 223 small jumpers, 108 beanies, 14 small cardigans, 50 Booties, 117 bears, 8 large jumpers, 10 crochet rugs and 1 knitted rug to Bendigo for shipping to Timor Leste. Keep up the Good work!

Kay Hanrahan

Save the Date: Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga- DAY OF PRAYER- 31 Oct (Thursday): Culmination of the Month of Holy Rosary- (Continuous Rosary from 8 am- 4 pm. Holy Hour 4-5 pm and Holy Mass at 5:00 pm.) Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the foyer if you want to lead the Rosary at specific time that day. *From the Liturgy Group.*

Save the Date: St Joseph's, Cobram Parish End of Year Gathering – Friday 15th November, 6:00 pm for 6:30 start. More details to follow.

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

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 19/20 October 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: Libby Dowling
Lector/Reader: Meegan McInness
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Mansfield, Lucy Mansfield
Sacristan: Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music: Jen Sagaidak
Counting 22nd Oct: Libby Dowling

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Francesca Dovey
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gabriella Raco
Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Overhead: Joan Moriarty

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Margret Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Kennedy
Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Counting: John & Joan Moriarty
Statue of Mary: Mr Peter Brooks
Ministers to the Sick: Mary Kennedy, Fred Pinnuck, Josie Violi, Ted De Koke

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26/27 October 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

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

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Commentator: Dick Morriss
Lector/Reader: Bernadette Mojica
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sr Helen Glasheen, Bernadette Mackenzie
Sacristan: Trish Cummins
Overhead/Music: Janet Brennan
Counting 29th Oct: James Cummins

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

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

11:00 am Sunday Mass

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

Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrowonga Matters

Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday
 Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday

PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING

Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tues each month 2 pm
Pastoral Care Contact for October: Christine Adkins 0409238291
Finance Committee Meeting- Wed 23rd October 6 pm

BOOK ORDERS: Our 2025 Daily Mass books have arrived for those who placed an order. They can be collected from the parish office. We also have *God's Word: Daily Reflections 2025* (\$20) and *Advent Daily Reflections 2024* (\$5) available for purchase.

YARRAWONGA ROSTERS: The new roster has been finalised. All volunteers will be emailed a copy and copies are also available in the Narthex.

Ecumenical Gathering (Yarrowonga)

LADIES BREAKFAST: St Cuthbert's Hall, Sunday, 27th October, 7:30 am. Guest speaker: Rev'd Roberta Hamilton.

St Joseph's Parish, Cobram Matters

- **Sunday Lunch:** 20th Oct. Barooga Sporties- 12:00pm
- **ROSARY-** Tuesday 22nd Oct. 2pm in the Church.
- **FAITH CIRCLES-** Thursday 24th Oct. 1:30 pm
- **PASTORAL CARE GROUP-** If you have or know of anyone with a particular need, e.g. visitation to the sick, death in the family, etc, please contact **Gisella Bextream** (October contact) on **0456 779 730**.
- **NEXT ROSTER: Please advise Carmel if:**
 - You can help with the cleaning roster – we are very light on volunteers.
 - If you would like to be included on the roster to have the Statue of Our Lady
 - If you know you will be away at any time between 30th Nov and 16th Feb (next roster). This does not include Christmas Masses as we will ask for volunteers.
- **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE 2025: Saturday 15th March:** If there are any parishioners who would like to make some preserves for our 2025 Fete, we would be most appreciative. If you need jars or sugar, please contact Carmel Natale 0400104741

Note: All Souls' Day Masses [Saturday, 2 November] (Yarrowonga Cemetery- 8:30 am) & (Cobram Cemetery- 10:30 am). BYO Chair

1st Reading: **Isaiah 53:10-11**
A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah
 The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
 If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
 His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content.
 By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.
The word of the Lord ® **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **Mark 10:45**
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**
R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
 The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. ®

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. ®

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
 The Lord is our help and our shield.
 May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. ®

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 4:14-16**
A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed.
 For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin.
 Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.
The word of the Lord. ® **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel **Mark 10:35-45**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
 ® **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October 2024:
 For a Shared Mission**

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops Oct. 2-27

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and remain faithful to the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

A live stream of the Synod is at <https://www.youtube.com/@VaticanNews>



#SINODO2024

How to be a missionary synodal Church

The Synod is a process of spiritual discernment, of ecclesial discernment, that unfolds in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God... That word summons us to discernment and it brings light to that process. It guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group or a political gathering, a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit.

Pope Francis 10 October 2021

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

Recently deceased: Sr Eileen Dowling, RSM

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

19th John Dempsey, Brian Hunt

20th James Gilbert, Mary O'Brien, Harry J Sier, John Leahy, Marjorie Lighton, Joan Bowman (Little), Beverley Moulday

21st Catherine Samon

22nd Patricia M O'Brien, James Beattie

23rd Raymond (Jack) Hicks, Joseph Kennedy, Mary Duncan

24th Charles B O'Connor, Simon Paca, Magdalene Molly Leete, Kevin O'Callaghan

25th Duncan J O'Halloran, Thomas Connell, John Gorman, Sr M Teresita Bradstreet

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 – 3rd November

Katamatite 7:45 am 5th Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 23rd Oct 9.30am (Cobram- w/ Yr 4's)

Thursday 24th Oct 9.30am (Yarrowonga)

Friday 25th Oct 9:30am (Yarrowonga- w/ Yr 6's)
11:30am (Cobram- Funeral Service)

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)

Next Preparation session: Tuesday 12th November

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

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

Laurie Vinecombe, Kath Renfrew, Melinda England, Evie Emma Simmons, Adrian Bennett, Barry Bennett, Shane Carrick, Carmel Natale, Maddison Watt, Les Harris, 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: Ronald (Jack) Lincoln

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

19th Margaret Patricia Wilson

20th Michael Thomas Nolan, Margaret O'Shaughnessy, William Nelson, Violet Fisher

21st Dermot Coombes

22nd Francis (Frankie) Deegan

23rd Janina Schenker, Frank Argus, Bridget Carroll, James Alfred Houlihan

25th Mollie Hogan, Ellen (Nell) West

DIOCESAN MATTERS

A Sandhurst Renewal Day including Charismatic Mass with healing prayers will be celebrated by Father Jackson Saunders.

When: Saturday, 26 October 2024

Where: Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's Parish 121 Knight Street, Shepparton

Details: 9:30 am (Cuppa) – 3:30 pm,

A love offering is being taken up. Please bring a plate to share. **Contacts:** Brigita Hore 0412 042 196,

Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 Denise Ilott 0407 506 813

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA • C • W • L • UPCOMING REGIONAL RETREATS

Benalla
WOMEN'S RETREAT

TOPIC: *Through Mary to Jesus*

Saturday, 26 October 2024

10am to 3pm

St Joseph's Church, 42 Arundel Street, Benalla

Lunch (BYO). Tea, coffee, drinks provided.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CTOJH

Heathcote
WOMEN'S RETREAT

TOPIC: *Mary Help of Christians*

Saturday, 9 November 2024

10am to 3pm

Mary Help of Christians Church, 61 Ebdon St, Heathcote

Lunch (BYO). Tea, coffee, drinks provided.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CTOJJ



Baptism: We welcome the Moore family into the Parish and wish Billy James and Tommy Stephen all the best as they are being baptised in Yarrowonga this weekend. Welcome to the Christian faith.



THANKS FR ADI INDRA from Wodonga for covering the Masses at Cobram and Yarrowonga this Sunday. Much appreciated!

VISITING CHOIR: Next Sunday, 27 October, we welcome the Couples for Christ Choir from Melbourne & Wodonga who would lead us in the singing at the 9:00 am Mass (Yarrowonga) and 11:00 am Mass (Cobram).

JOKE: The Talking Clock

Keith was known as a drunk to his friends. One night he was having a housewarming party for his new apartment. While proudly showing off his new apartment to friends, Keith led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong.

"What's that big brass gong for?" one of the guests asked.

"Why, that's the talking clock" Keith replied. "How does it work?"

"Observe." said Keith, giving it an ear-shattering pound with a hammer.

Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed,

"For God's sake, you lowlife, it's 2am in the morning!!!"

