

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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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time * Year B – 8th September 2024**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: 8 September 2024

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. For more on the Church's work in this area, visit: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

As part of our responsibilities as a Childsafe organization, we have an obligation that any volunteers that interact with children must have a current Working With Children Check. To check if your volunteer role requires WWCC, please contact the parish office (for Yarrawonga volunteers) or Fr Junjun/Carmel Natale (for Cobram volunteers). If you already hold a WWCC could you please provide a copy to Amy in the office/Carmel Natale in Cobram.

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Angelus Message on today's Gospel (Mk 7:31-37)

This Sunday's Gospel passage refers to the episode of the miraculous healing by Jesus of a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They brought to him a deaf and dumb man, beseeching Him to lay a hand upon him. Instead, He performed two different gestures upon him: first of all He took the man aside, far from the crowd. On this occasion, as on others, Jesus always acts with discretion. He does not want to impress people; He is not seeking popularity or success, but wishes only to do good to people. With this attitude, He teaches us that good is to be done without clamour, without ostentation, without "blowing one's trumpet". It should be done quietly. Jesus revealed to us the secret of a miracle that we too can imitate, becoming protagonists of "Ephphatha", of that phrase 'be opened' with which He gave speech and hearing back to the deaf and dumb man. It means opening ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are suffering and in need of help, by shunning selfishness and hardheartedness.

PRAYER

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience

to seek out assistance when required. Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer 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



CUPPA: There will be a morning tea after Sunday Mass in both Yarrawonga and Cobram today. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Care Group for organizing this.

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

Parish Matters

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 7/8 Sept 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

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

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Commentator: George Cousins
Lector/Reader: Julie Brooks
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Mansfield, Lucy Mansfield
Sacristan: Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music: Di Pendergast
Money Count: Liz Connell, Joe Connell

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

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

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Michelle Griffies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lou Janssen
Music & Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Overhead:
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Statue of Mary: Mr & Mrs Leo Kelly
Ministers to the Sick: Mary Kennedy, Fred Pinnuck, Josie Violi, Ted De Koke

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14/15 Sept 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Eileen Thorp
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,, Margaret Cousins
Sacristan: Di Pendergast
Overhead/Music: Dick Morriss
Money Count: TBA

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Mary-Kate McCormick
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gabriella Raco

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Anne Betts
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Melina Coppola
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Statue of Mary: Nancy Grillo
Sacristan: Veronica Perra
Altar Society: Mary Kennedy, Anne Trease & Vita Janssens

St Joseph's Cobram Community Events

- **SUNDAY LUNCH**
Sun- 8th September – Central Hotel Cobram 12:00pm
 - **ROSARY-** Tues 10th September, 2:00pm in the Church.
 - **Faith Circles –** Thursday 12th September 1.30pm
 - **ITALIAN LADIES 30th BIRTHDAY-** Sunday 15th September. Mass 11:00 am. Lunch 12:30 pm TOP HOTEL. RSVP to Veronica by 11th September.
 - **STAMPS-** We collect old stamps. Place them in the box in the foyer and we give them to the Mercy Sisters.
 - **HELP/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**
 - **CLEANING:** Working with a small team to clean the Church interior (Dusting, sweeping foyer etc. No heavy labour required). **You would be rostered once or twice on a 12-week roster.**
 - **SPECIAL MINISTER TO THE SICK:** Are there any of our current special ministers who distribute Communion at Mass who could support those taking Eucharist to our housebound parishioners, as well as doing many other volunteer roles within our Parish. **You would be rostered once or twice on a 12-week roster.**
- If you can help in either of the above volunteer roles, could you please leave your name and contact details with Fr Junjun (0459356917) or Carmel Natale (0400104741)
 If you need further information regarding the roles, please give Carmel a call
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Wednesday 25 September, 10 AM.

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
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-Thurs 19th September, 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.

The Spring Edition of the Australian Catholics Magazine is available for free at the Church Foyer. Take a copy.

September is Dementia Awareness Month. Dementia is a brain condition; it is not a normal part of ageing. Dementia affects your mood, memory, thinking and behavior. It is much more common after the age of 65. There is no known cure yet, but there are treatments for the symptoms, and support is available. In Australia, more than 421,000 people live with dementia. It's the leading cause of death for women. Dementia can be hereditary. If you're concerned about early warning signs in yourself or a loved one, talk to your doctor. Free and confidential, the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500 provides expert information, advice and support.

<p>1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7 A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah Say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water. <i>The word of the Lord .</i> ® Thanks be to God.</p>	<p>2nd Reading: James 2:1-5 A Reading from the Letter of St James My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed person, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. <i>The word of the Lord.</i> ® Thanks be to God.</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1 R: Praise the Lord, my soul! It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ® It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. ® The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. ®</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 4:23 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!</p>
<p>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9 Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9 Second Reading: James 2:14-18 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35</p>	<p>Gospel Mark 7:31-37 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’ <i>The Gospel of the Lord.</i> ® Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>First Reconciliation (Cobram) We wish all the best our Sacramental candidates in our parish who will be celebrating their first Reconciliation this coming Friday, 13 September, at 12:30 pm in our parish. Noah McArthur, Asha Downie, Valentina Siciliano, Milana Vourgaslis, Pippa Kneebone, Isaac Dopper, Zavier Latina, Samentha Prasad, Luca Perri, Hunter Adam Harwood, Violet Ventre, Archie Gumbleton, Talia Mancini, Ethan O’Malley, Liam Mustica, Lynique Oosthuizen, Stella Startari, Eloise Hourigan, Lewis Diaco, Mack Arlo Nye, Koa Jackson, Ruby Florance, Luisa Raco, Chloe Sim, Frankie Lean, Archie Santoro. Thanks to the sacramental team and St Joseph’s school, for journeying with them in the program. Thanks also to their families, friends and parishioners for supporting, encouraging and praying for them.</p>
<p>First Reconciliation (Yarrowonga) Congratulations to: Declan Bankier, Tom Bruce, Mitchell Blomely, Levi Bott, Ernie Buerckner, Rory Buerckner, Matilda Courtney, Lexi Cummins, Oliver Cummins, Olivia Deglatis, Josephine Dowling, Zoe Dowling, Paddy Doyle, Jack Hawking, Sam Hicks, Nash Johnson, Charlotte Kaine, Olive Kelly, Annabelle Kennedy, Alexander Mulquiney, Tate McGlynn-Phillips, Ned O’Brien, Nelly O’Donhue, Darcy O’Dwyer, Oliver Page, Isla Parker, Indianna Perks, Chelsea Seal, Farley Simmons, Elizabeth Thomas, Mackenzie Wright, who celebrated their first reconciliation last Wednesday, 4 September. Thanks to their families and the team from Sacred Heart Primary School Yarrowonga for journeying with them in the program and for the parishioners praying for them. Also thanks to Fr Michael Morley for assisting with our celebration of the first reconciliation.</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>

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

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

7th Tom Brennan, Phyllis Shelton, Edwin Isherwood, Mother M. Peter Furlong

8th Desmond Costigan, Maurice Duffy, William Bourke, Queen Elizabeth II

9th Norma Corboy, Margaret Stevenson, Pat Gorman, Isabelle Connell, Frances Doherty, Evelyn Murphy, Kath Myers

10th Margaret Ryan, Francis McPherson, Terry Ryan, John Quinn

11th Gregory Sullivan, Pat Carroll, Kevin O'Neil, Audrey Walsh

12th Barbara Brear, Gerald O'Connor, Win Dalton, Monica Clifford

13th James F Quinn, Harold A O'Bryan, Robert Clayton, Anne Lee

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

NO MASS in Cobram this Wednesday and in Yarrowonga on Thursday. Fr Junjun is away for the Priests' Annual In-service in Moama. Mass resumes on Friday.

Friday 13 Sept 9:30 am Yarrowonga
11:30 am 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



APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO INDONESIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TIMOR-LESTE AND SINGAPORE (2-13 September 2024)

We accompany our Holy Father with our Prayers for a fruitful visit and abundant

blessings to the people who opened their countries, extended their hospitality and welcomed the Pope into their hearts.

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:

7th Anthony O'Kane, Irma Orzegowski, Jackie Manning

8th Ann Nota, Adam Anderson, Bartolo Lopes, Jack Finnigan

9th Rocco Stefano Diaco, Jeremiah Sullivan

10th Fr. Jack Gallacher, Mary Ryan

11th Annunziata Fotia, Wilma (Shirley) Mahoney, Val Doyle, Alice Lawless, Noreen Hanrahan, Martin Moriarty, Grazia Cassise, Caterina Veneziano, Antonio Veneziano

12th Trish Gilmore, Gaye Muscara, James Kevin Steen, John Richard Sumner

13th Cheryl Ann Nye, Briccio Mendoza, George Ind, Sheila Agatha Coughlan and May Finnigan

DIOCESAN MATTERS

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL for retired Priests of Sandhurst 14/15 September 2024

Currently, our Diocese has 12 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese.

A special collection (second collection) will be taken up next weekend, 14/15 September for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided. **Envelopes will be available on the weekend of 14/15 September. Thank you.**

SEASON OF CREATION CREATION PRAYER

God our Father, you created the world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marvelling at sunrise and sunset just as we do. Help us to participate in the life around and within us as your life, as you living in us and we living in you and in each other. God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For resources and info on celebrating this season of Creation, please visit: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>
Idea for celebration: Walk to Church Sunday. Leave the car behind (if possible) and walk to attend Church on Sundays this season.

JOKE... A census taker walked up to a woman who was sitting on a porch. After introducing himself, he said, "How many children do you have?" The woman answered, "Four." The census taker asked, "May I have their names, please?" The woman replied, "Eenie, Meenie, Minie, and George." Confused, the census taker said, "May I ask why you named your fourth child 'George'?" "Certainly! Because we didn't want any Moe."

