

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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Sixth Sunday of Easter ***

Year B – 5th May 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.

L'Osservatore Romano (Pope Francis' Homily)

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the certainty that "Jesus prays for us", considering the day's readings from the Gospel of John (17:1-11) and the Acts of the Apostles (20:17-27). We have the best defense lawyer on our side, who "does not speak much but loves" and who "in this very moment" is praying for each of us, showing "his wounds to the Father" to remind him of "the price he paid to save us".

It is important, the Pontiff remarked, "to carefully consider this truth, this reality: in this moment Jesus is praying for me. I can go forward in life because I have a lawyer who defends me. If I am guilty, I have many sins", Jesus "is a good defense attorney and will speak about me to the Father". And just "to highlight that he is the first lawyer, he tells us: I will send you another Paraclete, another lawyer. But he is the first. And he prays for me, and in the prayer of intercession that today, after his ascension into heaven, Jesus says for each of us". In this way, "when — [whether] at church, at home with our families — we are in need or have problems, we say 'pray for me', we have to say the same to Jesus: 'Lord, pray for me'".

And today how does Jesus pray? "I believe that he does not talk too much with the Father — he loves" the Pope responded. He then added: "But there is one thing that Jesus does today, I am certain that he does: he shows his wounds to the Father. And Jesus, with his wounds, prays for us as if to say 'Father, this is the price! Help them, protect them, they are your children whom I have saved'".

Otherwise, advised Pope Francis, "one would not understand why Jesus, after the Resurrection, had this glorious, beautiful body: there were no bruises, there were no cuts from the scourging — all were healed, but the five wounds were there". And "Jesus wanted to take them to heaven to pray for us, to show the Father the price", as if to say: "This is the price, do not leave them alone now, help them!".

May, is traditionally dubbed as the month of Mary. in the Philippines, Catholic faithful gather in their parish Church to pray the Rosary and offer flowers to our Lady. This would culminate with a Santacruzán- commemorating the discovery of the Holy Cross by St Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine. **The Filipinos in Cobram** and surrounds invite all to join us on **2nd June 2024**, Sunday, starting with the usual 11 am Mass, followed by a Rosary, a special tribute to our Lady (Flores de Mayo), Santacruzán, and a shared lunch. Welcome!

YARRAWONGA MULWALA CHURCHES

invite all to celebrate the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024**

12 - 19 May 2024

"You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27)

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso.

We endeavour to gather in each of the Christian Churches in Yarrawonga-Mulwala to spend some time together in prayer and a cuppa afterwards.

We begin the week of prayer with our **Parish-Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga, hosting the first day of prayer on Monday, 13 May, 2024, at 6:00 pm.**

St Brigid's Mulwala has scheduled to host on Friday, 17 May, at 6:00 pm.

We hope the other churches will supply their preferred dates as the week of prayer comes closer.

Spread the word. All welcome!



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

Parish Matters

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 4/5 May 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Michelle O'Meara
Lector/Reader: June Dale
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Eileen Thorp
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, Libby Dowling
Sacristan: Liz Connell
Overhead/Music: Dick Morriss
Money Count this Weekend: John Clarke, John Cummins

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Francesca Crea
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat West
Music & Sacristan:
Overhead: Joan Moriarty

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Philomena Crea
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mary Kennedy
Music & Sacristan:
Overhead:
Counting Team John & Joan Moriarty
Statue of Mary Sandra Panuccio
Altar Society:

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 11/12 May 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Brian Keenan
Lector/Reader: Bernadette Quinn
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Xavier Martin
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, Di Pendergast
Sacristan: Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music: Jen Sagaidak
Money Count this Weekend: Angela Clarke, Bert & Kay Tait

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Pat West
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Francesca Crea

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Teresa Grillo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Josie Violi
Counting Team John & Joan Moriarty
Ministers to the sick:
Statue of Mary Mary Kennedy
Sacristan: Veronica Perra

St Joseph's Cobram Community Events

- SUNDAY LUNCH 5th May – Central Hotel -12:00 noon
- PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES- Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes from the foyer of the Church. Thank you to all those who participate in our planned giving program. Your generosity really helps in the upkeep of our parish Church and building maintenance. New contributors always welcome. Please see Fr Junjun if you would like to contribute.
- ROSARY- Every Tuesday during May, 2:00 pm (Church)
- PARISH WORKS UPDATE... Just a quick note to let you all know what new developments are happening in Cobram Parish.

-A new door has been installed in the Common Room to allow access to the enclosed outside area.
 -Our major project of repairing wooden facia and capping is moving forward and it is hoped will be completed in the next three months and once completed we hope to pursue exterior painting as the weather warms.
 -Any parishioner with ideas (re:Old Convent) that could improve our facilities or suggestions of social inclusion for all within our Parish would be welcomed. Please confer with the PPC Members: Carmel Natale, Rosa Perri, Pat West, Rob Morey, Veronica Perra, Fr Junjun

Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

Woods Point: 10:00 am every Tuesday
 *Woods Point- Mass & Anointing- First Tues of May, 10am
 Karana: 10:30 am every Tuesday
 *Karana Mass & Anointing- First Tues of June, 10:30 am
 Mass of Anointing for the sick and elderly – Tuesday 14 May 2024, 1.30pm

Sacred Heart, Yarrowonga Parish Ministries Meetings

Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tues each month 4 pm
 Contact Person for May, Angela Clarke, 0417094631

ECUMENICAL PENTECOST WALK

Sunday, 19 May 2024

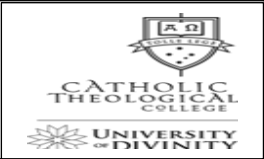
Start 2:30 pm sharp at St Andrews by the Lake, Mulwala, then walk, skip, hop, ride to the other Churches for a short reading and prayer.

All Welcome!



<p>(1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p>As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘I am only a man after all!’</p> <p>Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’</p> <p>While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.</p> <p>The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</p>	<p>(2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 A Reading from the first Letter of St John</p> <p>My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.</p> <p>Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.</p> <p>God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God’s love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. The word of the Lord. ® Thanks be to God.</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm (Ps 97:1-4 Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.</p> <p>Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. ®</p> <p>The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love For the house of Israel. ®</p> <p>All the ends of the earth have seen The salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, Ring out our joy. ®</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!</p>
<p>Pope Francis’ Monthly Intention for MAY 2024 For the Formation of Men and Women Religious, and Seminarians</p> <p>Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.</p>	<p>Gospel John 17:11-19 Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’</p> <p>The Gospel of the Lord. ® Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: The Ascension of the Lord</p> <p>First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm: Ps 46:2-3,6-9 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20</p>	

Catholic Theological College: Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions.
Engaging Your Faith: May 2024: Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.
Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.
For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



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.

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Anne Donaghey
And those whose anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:

James McCarty, Margaret Wall, Ella Boyd, Noel O'Keefe, Mary Powell, Maureen Mahony, Kevin Ford, Tom King, Phyllis King, Thomas O'Dwyer Snr, James (Jim) Lane, John Anderson, Catherine O'Dwyer, Adrian Bradley O'Connor, Margaret Mulquiney, William Bamblett, Raymond Hine,

COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick: Shane Carrick, Olivia Amodio, Carmel Natale, Maddison Watt, Les Harris, Ramon Herezo, Colleen Brooks, Carmel Clancy, Charles Camenzuli, Peter Petersen, Fr. Rob Niehus, Bruce Campbell, Frances Hale, Giulia Vitullo, David Cooper, Taylah Brooks, Erin Carlson-Higgins, Tyson King, Malcolm Caldwell, Susanne White and Narelle Brooks

Recently Deceased: Pauline Baldwin & Emma Bates

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

4th M. Louise Austin R.S.M. 5th Natalizia Raco, Pietro (Peter) DeMaio, Des O'Neill, Kathleen O'Reilly, Jack Mullavey, Josephine Nicholson, Catherine O'Dwyer
6th Karl Liebmann, James (Jim) Ryan, Sam Bovalina, Serafino Berdini, Fr. Ed Dakin, Joyce Morgan, Sr. Xaveria Maidment, Desmond Milovitch
7th Jim Cummins, Harry Ham
8th Carmelina Augello, Antonio (Toni) Bruni
9th Maurice Francis Coughlan, Desmond Finn
10th Agnes Culhane, Carmelo Bovalinan and James McCormack

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 5th Sunday- June 30th

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7 May, 10:00 am (Woodspoint- Mass/Anointing)
Wednesday 8 May 9:30 am (Cobram)
Thursday 9 May 9:30 am (Yarrowonga)
2:00 pm (Funeral Service (Cobram))
Friday 10 May 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

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ FUNERAL

Contact Fr Junjun- 0459-356-917

DIOCESAN MATTERS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SEMINARS 2024

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

This will be followed by a choice of 3 workshop options:

1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter
2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms. Lyn Breen
3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor

St Kilian's Church, Bendigo 5:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Tuesday 21 May 2024

St Liborius' Church, Eaglehawk 10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday 25 May 2024

Please make a booking via

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1154479>

or email Leslie Cooper

leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

or phone the Chancery Tel:03 5445 3600.

Registrations due by Monday 13 May 2024

JOKE A new pastor in a small parish spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first service. The following Sunday, the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that because the church was dead, it is everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon, the notice stated. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered with flowers. After the pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church", all the people lined up to look into the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror!