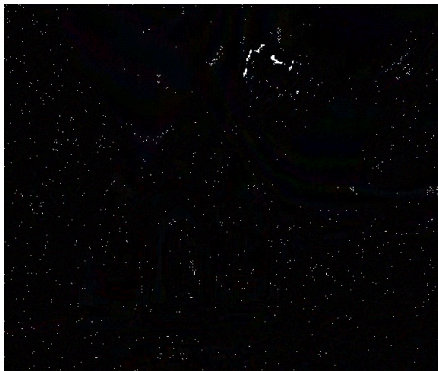



Catholic Parishes of Yarrawonga & Cobram

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)

	Parish Priest: Fr Junjun Amaya (0459-356-917) Email: junix28@gmail.com Acting Secretary: Debbie Friedlieb (Ph: 03 5744 3030) Email: yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au	
	SCHOOLS Sacred Heart Primary, Yarrawonga Principal: Arn Gorman Ph: 035744 3339 Secondary: Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga Principal: Lew Nagle Ph: 03 5742 1300 St Joseph's Primary, Cobram Principal: Sarah Iddles Ph: 0358721573 Sister of Mercy: Sr. Helen Glasheen	
Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga Cnr Murphy & Witt Streets PO Box 36, Yarrawonga Vic 3730	St Joseph's Cobram 6-8 William Street PO Box 424 Cobram, Vic 3644	

Second Sunday of Lent

Year B – 25th 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.

Caritas Project Compassion 2024 (Ronita's story, Philippines)

22-year-old Ronita lives in a barangay (native Filipino term for a local district), in Quezon City, in the Philippines. She lives with her husband Lean and their two children, Egzy Grey who is 3 years old and Clark who is 5 years old. Ronita's husband works seven days a week in waste disposal, from 3am to 9pm each day. It is exhausting, laborious work, made harder by the very hot climate. Despite this, Ronita and her husband are only able to rent a very small brick room (measuring around 10 square metres). Growing up, Ronita's family faced many challenges. She grew up with her mum, who worked three jobs because Ronita's father left their family. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. She was at risk of never re-entering the education system when she had her first child, Clark, at 17. With the support of people like you, Ronita was given a second chance at completing her studies when she heard about the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ's Alternative Learning System (ALS) program, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies, and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child, Egzy Grey. Ronita has now completed her final high school exams and secured a job at a call centre, which required a Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma to apply. To support Caritas, **envelopes or project compassion boxes** are available at the foyer. Donations online is also available at <https://www.caritas.org.au/>.

POSITION VACANT

- Parish Secretary (Yarrawonga and Cobram) Catholic Parishes (in the Diocese of Sandhurst)

Position: **Administrative Assistant**
 - **Administration & Office Support**

Yarrawonga and Cobram Parish invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (based in Yarrawonga office)
15 Hours per week, Permanent Part Time
3-4 Days per week

To apply for this position please send resume and cover letter to

yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Detailed role description available on enquiry.

Formation for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and members of ministries in our parish.

When: Thursday, 7 March 2024 (7-8:30 pm)

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Yarrawonga, Facilitated by Fr Junjun.

Formal Commissioning and commitment to Ministries will take place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. All interested in ministries are welcome to attend.

COBRAM

St Joseph's School Fete Saturday 16th March 2024 (St Joseph's School Fete)

We would welcome any parishioners who would be interested in making jams/preserves or some goodies for the cake stall. New jars and plates would be provided. If interested you could contact the school office (58 721573) or Carmel Natale

NOTE: In the Interim, thanks to her availability and generosity, Debbie Friedlieb will be our Acting parish secretary. The office is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm.

Parish Matters

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 24/25 February 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: Nagle Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Dale Brooks
 Libby Dowling
Sacristan: Liz Connell
Overhead/Music: Dick Morris
Money Count this Weekend: Team 6: Noel Richmond
 Joe Cilia

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Rob Morey
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gabriella 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
Overhead: Carmel Natali
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Statue of Mary: Mrs Melina Coppola
Ministers to the sick: Pat West, Fred Pinnuck,
 Maree Robinson

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2/3 March 2024

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator: Brian Keenan
Lector/Reader: Bernadette Quinn
Presentation of Gifts: Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Michelle O'Meara

Sacristan: Christine Martin
Overhead/Music: Noel Richmond

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Commentator: Anne Gleeson
Lector/Reader: Bernadette McKenzie
Presentation of Gifts: Julie & Dale Brooks
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sr Helen Glasheen
 Di Pendergast

Sacristan: Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music: Jen Sagaidak

Money Count this Weekend: Team 7
 Colin & Janet Brennan

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader: Stephanie Arundel
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Pat Raco

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Lector/Reader: Teresa Grillo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Josie Violi
Counting Team: John & Joan Moriarty
Altar Society: Mary Kennedy, Anne Trease & Vita Janssens
Statue of Mary: Mr & Mrs Germano
Sacristan: Veronica Perra

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Everyone is welcome to join a group of parishioners for lunch on: **Sunday 25th Feb 12:00 noon Top Pub, Cobram**
- **Rosary in February 27th Feb (Tuesday) 2:00 pm**
- **Faith Circles/Lenten Programme - Thursday 29th Feb at 1.30pm (Church Foyer). All welcome.**

Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

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

SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES (Meeting)
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 28th Feb (last Wednesday) of February at 7:00 pm (Parish House)

Sacred Heart Yarrowonga Lenten Program, meets every Thursday in Lent at **10:00 am or 5:30 pm** at the Narthex

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Where: Cobram Uniting Church
When: Friday, 1st March 2024, 11:00 am
 The service which has been written by an ecumenical group of Christian women in Palestine will include Guest Speaker, Gail Parkinson (*Table Top, Albury*). Gail has recently visited Palestine and Israel. A light lunch will follow the Service. **All welcome!**

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
 God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’
 When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’ The word of the Lord. ® **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 115 (116):10,15-19
Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted,’
 O precious in the eyes of the Lord
 is the death of his faithful. ®

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
 you have loosened my bonds.
 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
 I will call on the Lord’s name. ®

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in
 the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem. ®

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS (3rd Sunday of Lent)

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm: Ps 18:8-11
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us. The word of the Lord
 ® **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean. The Gospel of the Lord. ® **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

POPE FRANCIS Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Fridays in Lent, 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga

WITH GRATITUDE: A big thanks to Bernie Connell for the new look of our Parish Church Sign in the front. Great work! It blends beautifully in our front lawn.
 A big thanks to Cole Brennan for donating a new hedge trimmer for the parish. Much appreciated!
 “God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7
Fr Junjun

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:
Marita Ryan

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

James Smith, Joe O'Callaghan, Hugh McDonald, Mary Gorman, Matthew O'Kane, Della Clifford, Mary Jenkins, Patricia O'Dwyer, Patricia Cummins, Ellen Nunn, Daphne Ferguson, Kathleen Hanrahan, John O'Dwyer, Enrico Corlatti, Leodigaria Panogalinog, Andrew O'Dea, Tony Farey, Terry Lyons, Andrew Hicks, Mary Weygood, Andrew Scally, Kathryn Murphy, Rod Stacey

COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick, especially: Maddison Watt, Des McGrath, Les Harris, 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

Recently Deceased: Adrian Doyle

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

24th John Bourke, Lilian Walsh, Marie Wishart, John Desmond O'Dwyer

25th Cecilia Manning, Caroline 'Carrie' Dunn, Frank Latessa, Samuel Christopher

26th Desmond Shelley, Sr. Claudine O'Shea R.S.M.

27th John Brookes, Anthony Bell, Mario Fantig

28th Lena Bombardiere, Edna Butcher, Michael McCann. Mary McCann, Elsa Mullally

1st March Nina Latorre, Dot Edwards, George Elgar, Janice Margaret Houlihan, Ellen Langhan.

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 of the Month

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	26 Feb	Priest's Day off
Tuesday	27 Feb	10:30 am Funeral Mass (Cobram)
Wednesday	28 Feb	9:30 am (Cobram)
Thursday	29 Feb	9:30 am (Yarrowonga)
Friday	1 March	10:00 am <i>Sacred Heart Primary School Opening Mass (MPB)</i>
Friday	1 March	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

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

Save the Date

From Bishop Shane Mackinlay...

Dear Monsignors, Fathers, and Council, Committee and Staff members, I am very pleased to advise you that **Fr Henry Onyirioha** arrived in Australia last Friday. He is currently residing in St Kilian's, Bendigo. On Saturday 2 March, Fr Henry will take up an appointment as Assistant Priest at St Therese's Parish, Kennington. At about the same time, Fr Jinjo Solis will transfer his residence from St Therese's to St Kilian's. I ask you to join me in welcoming

Fr Henry to his new appointment in Sandhurst.



SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst commits to a safe and nurturing culture for all children, young people, and adults in our Church. 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: Preaching his first sermon, a newly-ordained priest had written a thoughtful line in his sermon, "God called me to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out the devil."

But his nerves got the best of him that his sermon came out like this: "God called me to heal the dead, cast out the sick, and raise the devil."

Church Bulletin Bloopers:

- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend the tragedy.