

ST. MARY'S YARRAM & ST. JOSEPH'S FOSTER

(Including St. Gerard Woodside, St. Agnes Toora and Immaculate Conception Fish Creek)

St. Joseph's Mission Statement: We strive to:

Be an active, open, Christ centred community, building bridges towards the kingdom.

St Mary's Vision Statement:

Our parish is a faith community that aims to make Jesus known and loved by living the Gospel message of acceptance, welcome and service to all members of the community.



St Mary's Mission Statement: We strive to:

Continue to be an active, prayerful, and sacramental faith community.

Grow in faithfulness to our Catholic tradition by full participation in Eucharistic celebrations sacraments and prayer. Respect and value all creation. Use our time, talents, and treasures to provide quality human, financial and facility resources to sustain and serve our parish's faith community and the wider community.

Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable adults:

Central to the mission of St Mary's and St. Joseph's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Parish Information

Parish Priest:

Fr. Antony Rebelo

Priests' Residence:

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St Mary's Facebook Link: -

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St Joseph's Facebook Link: -

<https://fb.me/StJosephsFoster>

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Bookkeeper

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Office Hours:

Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Safeguarding Officers

Yarram- Jennifer Heeraman-

Nieuwenhuizen

Foster- Gregory Gibson

Maintenance Personnel

Yarram - Eugene Benc

Foster - Julia Aldons

Baptisms:

Fr. Antony 0427654817

At least 4 weeks notice please.

Weddings:

At least 6 months notice please.

St. Mary's Primary School:

Principal:

Mrs Maria Moore 5182 5659

Sick Calls

Communion to the Sick:

5182 5028 or 0427 654 817.

Or leave a message,
with your name and contact
number as well as details of
the person who is ill.



1ST OCTOBER 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.



THE PARABLE
OF THE
TWO SONS

Matthew 21:28-32

Which of the two did the will of his father?

WEEKEND MASSES	WEEKDAY MASSES
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays - Vigil Mass Toora 4.30pm and Fish Creek 6.00pm	Tuesday Mass at Yarram 11.00am
5th Saturdays - Liturgy Toora 4.30pm and Fish Creek 6.00pm	Wednesday Mass at Foster 11.00am (2nd Wednesday - Prom Care 11.00am)
Sunday Mass at Foster 9.00am	Thursday NO MASS
Sunday Mass at Yarram 11.00am	Friday Mass at Yarram 10.00am

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - YARRAM

Fr. Antony Rebelo, Anne-Marie Robb (Chairperson) Maria Moore (Principal, Deputy Chairperson) Leonore Giliberto (Secretary), Matthew Giliberto, Sue Benc, Jennifer Heeraman-Nieuwenhuizen

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK YARRAM

Sick: Anna Moore, Loretta Clark, Zena Purric, Sr Anne Tuck, Hank Zillig, Chanel Bassett, Norma Moore, and all those we keep in our hearts. That they will be sustained by the care of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Patricia Bourke, Julieanne Hayes, Edward Egan, Patricia Tuohy, Pat McAninly, Henk Van Berkel, Marie O'Neill, Pat Daly, Greg Foat, June Beavis, Reinhart Weber, Doreen Toner, Desmond Murphy, Betty O'Neill, Colleen Bergin

May they rest in peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Antony Rebelo, Ben Worsteling (Chairperson), Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Julia Aldons (Secretary), Leanne Denbrok, John Denbrok (Youth Representative), Mary Gobel (Youth Representative), Duilio Stefani, Wilemena Low

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

Sick: Margaret Bertram, Harvey Aldons, Monica Midwinter, Mary Mason, Mary Slater, John Box, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, Jim Vuillermin, Colin Smith, Leenie Vuillermin, Tracy van Kuyk and all those we keep in our hearts. That they will be sustained by the care of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Henry Green, Martin van Dyke, Fleur Stefani, Mary Mounsey, Bridget Fletcher

May they rest in peace.

OCTOBER 16 - 22 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK



This October, let us join with Christians across the country to pray

- ◆ For and protect religious freedom in Australia
- ◆ For God-given wisdom for lawmakers
- ◆ For courage and boldness for Christians who may face difficult choices under unjust laws.
- ◆ For comfort, provision and community for Christians who experience bullying or pressure or who lose friends, family or employment.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

*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.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey
together to eternal life and not stray
from the 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

GROWING IN CHRIST - CCR, SALE DIOCESE

This is a special invite to a one day spiritual renewal program featuring Holy Mass, encouraging and inspiring talks, healing prayers, adoration, praise and worship, and fellowship. Our guest speakers are Bishop Greg Bennet (Bishop of Sale), and Bro Lalith Pereira (founder of the Community of the Risen Lord). May the good Lord bless you all as we come together to celebrate our faith and praise God's name.

St Ita's Catholic Church, 50 Victoria St, Drouin
Saturday 21 October
10.45am to 4.00pm



The new
Diocesan
Mission
Council

DIOCESE of SALE MISSION COUNCIL

Criteria For Membership:

Members of the Council will have demonstrated their commitment to their faith and leadership in ministry and mission. Members will have an active and living faith, participate in parish life, respect other points of view, exercise deep listening, have a sense of the mission of the Catholic Church, demonstrate inclusiveness, and be committed to working collaboratively and with synodal processes. The minimum age for membership is 18 years of age.



**Thank you to those making donations -
They are greatly appreciated**

24.9.23

Planned Giving - \$

Presbytery Collection - \$

Foster Church Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—527413354

Foster Presbytery Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—296638619

**Thank you to those making donations -
They are greatly appreciated**



24.9.23

Planned Giving - \$419.35

Presbytery Collection - \$89.45

Yarram Church Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—527668496

Yarram Presbytery Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—157911099



Information about the Parish of Yarram and Foster
can be obtained from the Catholic Diocese of Sale website at www.cdsale.org.au

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH: Would you like information about the Parish and our programs or know someone else who does? Please see our Priest today or fill in a Welcome Card which is available at the Church entrances.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Any parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to illness or frailty and would like to receive Communion, and a visit from Fr Antony are asked to contact the Parish office on 5182 5028.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK: If you have a loved one who would like to be included in the prayers for the sick, please let the office know for inclusion in the bulletin. Please also advise the office if you want a name removed.

YARRAM PARISH DIARY - OCTOBER

* **Liturgy Meeting - Thursday 12th @ 10.30am**

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 1st Tuesday of Every Month

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 8th October: PPC

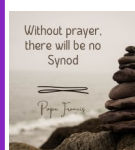
FOSTER PARISH DIARY - OCTOBER

* **PPC Toora - Wednesday 11th @ 12noon**

* **Liturgy Meeting Foster - Wednesday 25th @ 11.30am**

PRAYER GROUP, FISH CREEK: Every Wednesday, 10.30am, in Church. Prayers for the sick and dying, followed by Mass or Liturgy at 11.00am.

Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to **St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street, Berwick on Sunday 15th October at 2:00pm** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt 13:45



In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs around the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful around the world to participate through prayer to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on October 4.

With this letter, the Secretary General wants to remember that the Synod Assembly is above all a spiritual event, of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit, the true protagonist of the event.

A copy of the letter and more information on the synod can be accessed through the diocesan website at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR Anyone wishing to order a calendar for next year please visit: www.columban.org.au or Ph: 9375 9475 or email: calendar@columban.org.au

BISHOPS SAY THE ISSUES AROUND VOICE ARE MORAL AND ETHICAL, NOT JUST POLITICAL



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has prepared a statement on the upcoming referendum. The statement reiterates the Church's support for measures that seek reconciliation and justice for First Nations people, drawing on the comments of Australia's first bishop and Popes John Paul II and Francis. The bishops have renewed their earlier call for people to consider the Uluru Statement from the Heart, to have conversations with other people – including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – and to "act in a way that commits to redressing the disadvantage suffered by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will allow them to reach their potential, thus promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation". To read a copy of their statement please visit the diocesan website at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxmt56u>

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on **18 October 2023**. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

1st October

Commentator	M Smith
Reader	J Papworth
Offertory	J & B Kemp
Special Minister	L Giliberto
Counting	M & S Telling

8th October

Commentator	L Giliberto
Reader	J Allgood
Offertory	Sampson family
Special Minister	K Foat
Counting	M Giliberto, Volunteer

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

1st October

Counting	Ben & Roger
Commentator & Reader	M Gobel
Special Minister	F Vuillermin
Morning Tea	E Worsteling & T Richards
Cleaners	M Prosser & S Conroy

8th October

Counting	Carmel & Tricia
Commentator & Reader	Des
Special Minister	G Gibson
Morning Tea	M Prosser & S Conroy
Cleaners	

FISH CREEK

30th September - 6.00pm LITURGY

Liturgy Leader	Mary Scott
Reader	Sandra Stefani

7th October - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Mary Scott

TOORA

30th September - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

7th October - 4.30pm LITURGY
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



*Next Weeks Readings -
8th October*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Is 5:1-7</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Phil 4:6-9</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation</i>	<i>Cf Jn 15:15</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Mt 21:33-43</i>