

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. Confidence Masvosva
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Priests' Residence:

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Parish Office: 5182 5028

PO Box 59 Yarram, 3971

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St Mary's **Facebook Link:** -

<https://fb.me/StMarysYarram>

St Joseph's **Facebook Link:** -

<https://fb.me/StJosephsFoster>

Parish Secretary

Diana Cannizzo

Bookkeeper

Janette Sampson

Bulletin Notices: By Thursday

yarram@cdsale.org.au

Office Hours:

Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Safeguarding Officers

Yarram- Jennifer Heeraman-

Nieuwenhuizen

Foster-

Maintenance Personnel

Yarram - Eugene Benc

Foster -

Sick Calls or Communion to the Sick: 5182 5028 or

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

Baptisms:

At least 4 weeks notice please.

Weddings:

At least 6 months notice please.

St. Mary's Primary

School:Principal:

Mrs Maria Moore 5182 5659



20TH APRIL 2025 - YEAR C
SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



EASTER REFLECTION

The joy of Easter, Pope Francis reminds us, is a call 'to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others.' Like the women finding the tomb empty and telling the disciples, or Peter running to the tomb when he heard the news, we are called to respond to the message with action! We are meant to become bearers and sharers of hope: He is Risen!

As the Pope suggests, sometimes this means that we have 'to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord.' We need to be open to being changed.

'A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit', the Pope declares emphatically, 'is a *Christianity without Easter*.' Every year, therefore, we should take up anew this opportunity to follow our Lord with joyful hope. Each Easter is an opportunity to proclaim Christ Risen in our own time and place.

'Let us make Jesus,' the Pope says, 'rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him.' Let us embrace this Easter opportunity for 'encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world.' Let us proclaim the Resurrection by what we do next.

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MASS TIMES

Yarram

Sunday 9am

Thursday 11am

Friday 10am

Fish Creek

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 9.30am

Foster

Sunday 11am

Wednesday 11am

(2nd Wed of the month at Prom Care)

Toora

Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

Parish Office will be closed from Holy Thursday, 17th April. Re-opens on Thursday 1st May.

APRIL, MONTH OF BLESSED SACRAMENT / HOLY SPIRIT

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - YARRAM

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Anne-Marie Robb (Chairperson) Maria Moore (Principal, Deputy Chairperson) Leonore Giliberto, Sue Benc, Jennifer Heeraman-Nieuwenhuizen, Prisca Gabiana

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK YARRAM

Sick: Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Margaret Muir, Mary Willis, Therese Morris, Pauline Kimber, Loretta Clark, Zena Purtic, Chanel Bassett, and all those we keep in our hearts. That they will be sustained by the care of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Julia Shaw, Paola Gionfriddo, Sr Bernadette Cunningham, Pauline Cosgriff, Jack Lyons, Dot Papworth, David Goodwin, Elsie Marshall, Alan Mitchell

May they rest in peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Ben Worsteling (Chairperson), Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Leanne Denbrok, John Denbrok (Youth Representative), Mary Gobel (Youth Representative) Duilio Stefani, Wilemena Low

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

Sick: Roz Bryan, Ken Vagg, Maria Pangrazzi, Robert Vuillermin, Frank Stefani, Baby Dominic Monahan, Kath Hurst, Margaret Bertram, Monica Midwinter, Mary Mason, Mary Slater, John Box, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, Colin Smith, 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: Jos Gobel, Ralph Callaghan, Martin Leo Synan, Marie Vuillermin, Garry Eldred

May they rest in peace.



YARRAM and FOSTER
Parishes warmly welcome
and thank **Fr Peter Bickley**
for leading us in our Easter
Services. God bless you.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Heavenly Father,
we place our trust in your loving hands!
We put our Parish under the
guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Bless each one of us with the grace to be
listening and accepting people.
May we work together in joyful hope,
and faithfully give witness
to your presence with us.

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pray for us.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pray for us.

Amen



St Agatha's Parish
Cranbourne



SUNDAY 4TH MAY GRANDPARENTS DAY AT
10.45AM MASS

FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA IN THE PARISH HALL

SUNDAY 11TH MAY MOTHER'S DAY: BLESSING

SUNDAY 18TH MAY FOR ELDERLY, WIDOWS,
WIDOWERS, SINGLE PARENTS AT 10.45AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA IN THE PARISH HALL

SATURDAY 31ST MAY MASS AT 11.00AM: 25TH &
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
FOLLOWED BY A **FAMILY FUN DAY ST AGATHA'S**
GROUNDS.

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE ON 5996 1985 OR EMAIL
PARISHOFFICE@STAGATHAS.ORG.AU



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2025

For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray
that the use of the new technologies will not replace
human relationships, will respect the dignity of the
person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

As part of **St Agatha's Jubilee** celebrations you
are invited to join us if you are celebrating your 25th
or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, on Saturday
31st May at 11.00am Mass for a special blessing.
Please contact the parish office with your details
on 03 5996 1985 or email:

parishoffice@stagathas.org.au



Thank you to those making donations
God bless your generosity

6.4.25 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
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13.4.25 Planned Giving - \$ Presbytery Collection - \$

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 Confidence 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 - APRIL

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 11th May, Finance Committee

Please pray for our Candidate,
Jaime Badham
who will be received in the Church this Easter Vigil.

PLEASE RETURN ALL SURVEY FORMS BY 27TH APRIL.

PLACE IN BOX PROVIDED IN CHURCH. THANK YOU.

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - APRIL

FINANCE Meeting: Wednesday 23rd April, 11.30am

FOSTER ROSARY: Every Monday, 8.30am *followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

FOSTER ROSARY: Every Wednesday before 11am Mass

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



*Fr Confidence, Diana and Janette wish all parishioners
and their families a most blessed Easter season.*

Alleluia!



Easter Sunday
20th April 2025



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code caritas.org.au/project-compassion / **1800 024 413**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

20th April

Commentator

Reader

P Casanova

Offertory

J & J Papworth

Special Minister

P McAninly

Counting

M & P Harkin

27th April

Commentator

M Smith

Reader

J Allgood

Offertory

K Bassett, J Purgar

Special Minister

S Telling

Counting

J Papworth, P McAninly

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

20th April

Counting

Leanne, Terry, Ben

Commentator

Reader

Special Minister

Leanne Denbrok

Flowers

Teresa Richards

27th April

Counting

Nadia & aNell

Commentator

T Harrington

Reader

L Charana

Special Minister

M Gobel

Flowers

Teresa Richards

Cleaners

Des & Sally

FISH CREEK

19th April -

6.00pm MASS

Reader

Nadia Stefani

26th April -

6.00pm MASS

Reader

Mary Scott

TOORA

19th April-

4.30pm MASS

(on rotation)

J Moysey & W Lowe

26th April -

4.30pm MASS

(on rotation)

J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord*Next Weeks Readings - 27th April***SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

Second Reading Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 20:29)

Gospel Jn 20:19-31