

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

Priests' Residence:

5 Buckley Street, Yarram.

Parish Office: 5182 5028

PO Box 59 Yarram, 3971

Email: Confidence.masvosva@cdsale.org.au

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- Janette Sampson

Foster- Richard Denbrok

Maintenance Personnel

Yarram- Eugen Benc:

51891203

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 JULY 2025 - YEAR C

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

MASS TIMES

Yarram

Sunday 9am

Thursday NO MASS

Friday NO MASS

Fish Creek

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

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

Foster

Sunday 11am

Wednesday NO MASS

(2nd Wed of the month at Prom Care)

Toora

Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Leanne Denbrosk, John Denbrosk (Youth Representative), Mary Gobel (Youth Representative) Wilemena Low

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK YARRAM

Sick Parishioners: John O'Callaghan, Margaret Muir, Therese Morris, Loretta Clark, and all those we keep in our hearts. .

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Patricia Geiger, Margery O'Connor, Sylvia Filmer, Dan Kirk, Sebastian Gionfriddo, Jean Garland, Lorna Murphy, Alberta Lucas, Edward Lucas, Edith Mellin, Don O'Neill, Maureen Laurence, Laurence Anson, Brenda Moore
May they rest in peace.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

Sick Parishioners: Roz Bryan, Ken Vagg, Maria Pangrazzi, Robert Vuillermin, Frank Stefani, Kath Hurst, John Box, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, and all those we keep in our hearts.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Jacoba Van Lith, Greg Hilder, Candida Pangrazzi, Paul Michael Doran, Rosina Pacetto, Amabile Pangrazzi, Brenda Moore
May they rest in peace



A warm welcome to Fr Martin Dixon who is celebrating Masses for us this weekend. We thank you and may God bless you always.

JUBILEE OF OUTREACH TO THE POOR JUBILEE YEAR PROJECT

As part of Yarram's Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee celebrations, we will be hosting the
"Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor"

On SATURDAY 29th November

In preparation for our special Jubilee feast, we are looking to make up hampers to distribute to the poor in our community.

Non perishable items can be donated to help create Hampers for the Poor.

At this stage of the year, detergents, soaps, tinned fruit, chutneys, jams, etc. can be placed in the baskets at the back of the Church. All goods will be much appreciated.

The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy

Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



In conjunction with National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations - a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations.

Place and Time: **Saturday, 2nd August** - 11.00am - 12.00 Noon, St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

Sunday 10th August - 3.00pm - 4.00pm, St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North



*Thank you to those making donations
God bless your generosity*

13.7.25 Planned Giving - \$ Presbytery Collection - \$

Foster Church Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—527413354

Foster Presbytery Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—296638619

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13.7.25 Planned Giving - \$261.40 Presbytery Collection - \$
Peter's Pence—\$82.05

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 - JULY

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: NO MORNING TEA IN JULY

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday, 10am - 11am, followed by Mass



SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 2025

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, all are warmly invited to a special gathering honouring the many prayer groups in our diocese. The day will take place across two locations.

The first part of the gathering will take place at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch (16-18 Scarborough Street) from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. This time together will include Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition, Benediction. This will be followed by a cuppa at 4.00pm.

The celebration will continue at St Joseph's, Wonthaggi (27-29 Dowling Street) from 5.00pm. There will be prayer group displays around the church and foyer, followed by Night Prayer at 6.00pm and Mass at 6.30pm.

Pilgrims are encouraged to begin their journey at Inverloch and then travel on to Wonthaggi for the evening liturgy.

Please RSVP by 13 August by calling **03 5672 1111** or emailing: **Wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au**

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - JULY

FOSTER: Every Monday, 8.30am Rosary *followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ 9.00AM*

FOSTER: Every Wednesday 10.30AM Rosary, *followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ 11.00AM*

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

PLEASE NOTE

The postal address for Foster is:

P.O. Box 59

Yarram, VIC. 3971

We will no longer be using the PO Box in Foster.

ATTENTION YARRAM PARISHIONERS: UPDATE ON BELL TOWER CROSS

The cross on the bell tower has been removed. The SES has also removed their tape, so we are now able to use the Church as per usual. More information will be available after Fr Confidence's return.

Thank you for your cooperation.



PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

20th July

Commentator Sampson girls
Reader L Giliberto
Offertory Telling family
Special Minister K Foat
Counting J Papworth, P McAninly

27th July

Commentator L Giliberto
Reader P Casanova
Offertory Prisca & Noah
Special Minister S Telling
Counting M & S Telling

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

20th July

Counting Leanne & Terry
Commentator John Denbrok
Reader Des Hansen
Special Minister Richard Denbrok
Flowers Teresa Richards
Cleaners Des & Sally C

27th July

Counting Nadia & Nell
Commentator Fieke Vuillermijn
Reader Terry Harrington
Special Minister Maree Gobel
Flowers Teresa Richards

FISH CREEK

19th July - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Mary Scott

26th July - 6.00pm LITURGY
Leader Bianca Stefani
Reader Sandra Stefani

TOORA

12th July - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

19th July - 4.30pm LITURGY
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me

responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a
generous heart

and yield a harvest through perseverance.

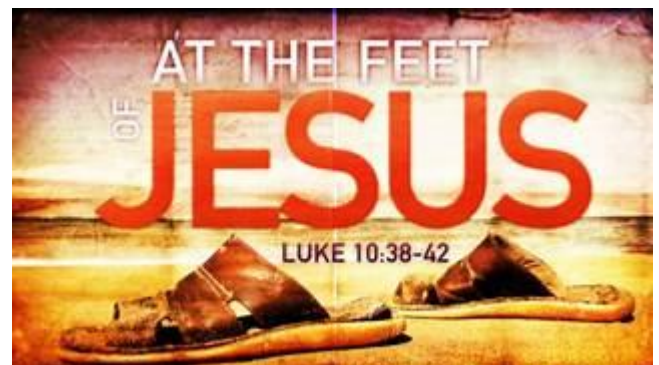
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Next Weeks Readings - 27th July
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Gen 18:20-32
Responsorial Psalm	137:1-3, 6-8
Second Reading	Col 2:12-14
Gospel Acclamation	(Rom 8:15)
Gospel	Lk 11:1-13