

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
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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



**16TH MARCH 2025 - YEAR C
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



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 19 March, Feast St Joseph -
Rosary 10.30am, followed by Liturgy
of the Word with Communion
Toora
Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass
(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

YARRAM HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY April 13 9.00am Yarram
CHRISM MASS April 15 11.00am Sale
HOLY THURSDAY April 17 7.30pm Yarram
GOOD FRIDAY April 18 3.00pm Yarram
EASTER VIGIL April 19 7.30pm Yarram
EASTER SUNDAY April 20 9.00am Yarram

FOSTER HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY April 13 11.00am Foster
CHRISM MASS April 15 11.00am Sale
HOLY THURSDAY April 17 7.00pm Foster
GOOD FRIDAY April 18 3.00pm Foster
EASTER VIGIL April 19 7.00pm Foster
EASTER SUNDAY April 20 9.00am Toora
EASTER SUNDAY April 20 10.30am Fish Ck

MARCH, MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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: Barbara Graham, Kevin Collins, Len Walshe, Ralph Seidel, Sr Joyce White, Dr Lou Testro, Joan Benton, Betty Kirwin

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: Gary MacPherson, Gavin Vagg

May they rest in peace.

Good Friday Service at Tarraville, 18th April, 2025
11.00am, followed by Hot Cross Buns. All are welcome

ST MARY'S YARRAM - EASTER ROSTER

To enable the smooth running of our celebrations during Holy Week, we require volunteers to take part in all the ceremonies. If you are able to help out in any way, please fill in your name, phone number and email address on the rosters which are at the back of the church. Thank you!



Congratulations and Blessings
Pat Petersen
on your 90th birthday!

"Pat has been a life long parishioner of Fish Creek and is a life member of the Catholic Women's League."



JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering.

The Diocese of Sale is pleased to announce the Jubilee of Volunteers, a special occasion to celebrate and recognise the invaluable contributions of volunteers across all our parishes. This event will take place on **Saturday, 5:00pm, 29 March 2025, at St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance.**

This Jubilee celebration is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of volunteers and reflect on the importance of service in the Church. For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all.

We invite all volunteers across the Diocese of Sale to join us in gratitude and celebration. More details to follow.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Greenmount has plots available, and are also looking for



Greenmount Catholic Cemetery



new members to join the committee. For enquiries:

President: Damian Moore - 0439 677 799

Secretary: Judith McAninly - 0412 249 976



Thank you to those making donations
God bless your generosity

9.3.25 Planned Giving - \$648.10 Presbytery Collection - \$324.50

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
God bless your generosity

9.3.25 Planned Giving - \$760.80 Presbytery Collection - \$74.50

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 - MARCH

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 13th April, Filipino Ladies
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St Mary's Church, every Friday during Lent at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10.00am

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - MARCH

WEDNESDAY 19th March, Feast of St Joseph - (Foster)
Rosary 10.30am, followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday during Lent at 4.00pm
GOSPEL REFLECTION: St Joseph's Foster, every Friday during Lent 4.30 to 5.15pm
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.



AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

Sunday, 30th March 2025
3:00-4:30 pm

St Michael's Parish
33-35 Kay St, Traralgon VIC 3844

A stirring in your heart for God? Could Jesus be inviting you to
What this might mean for you? share in his ministry as a Priest?



Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student

from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

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**



GLOBAL MISSION: No age limit!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special **online session showcasing** older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our **unique opportunities** and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online register at palms.org.au/events 02 9560 5333

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025 **Time:** 11am - 12pm

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

16th March
Commentator L Giliberto
Reader Patrick Casanova
Offertory Telling family
Special Minister K Foat
Counting M Giliberto, Volunteer

23rd March
Commentator A M Robb
Reader M Smith
Offertory Giliberto family
Special Minister S Telling
Counting P & M Harkin

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

16th March
Counting Leanne, Terry, Ben
Commentator John Denbrok
Reader Des Hansen
Special Minister Richard Denbrok
Flowers **NO FLOWERS IN LENT**
Cleaners Des & Sally C

23rd March
Counting Nadia & Nell
Commentator Fieke Vuillermin
Reader Terry Harrington
Special Minister Maree Gobel
Flowers **NO FLOWERS IN LENT**

FISH CREEK

15th March - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Bianca Stefani
22nd March - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Nadia Stefani

TOORA

15th March - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe
22nd March - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
- It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of

something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord

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

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

