

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- 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



1ST JUNE 2025 - YEAR C
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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)

JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART 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

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: Leo Wirker, James Henderson, Nick Grazotis, Bob Johnstone, Corrie Tymensen, Thelma Handford, Louis Kirley, Jane Kiely, Albert Harry, Jim McAninly

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: Margaret Comrie, Wally Henry
May they rest in peace

YARRAM: PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 8th



The Pentecost Novena has begun.
Please remember to continue praying.
May 30th - June 7th.

*****MASS OFFERINGS*****

If you would like Fr Confidence to offer a Mass for your special intentions, please write the name for whom the Mass is offered and the reason for the offering on an envelope. Place your donation inside the envelope and hand it to Fr before Mass begins. God bless.



Jubilee of Lay Ministers and Leaders.

You are cordially invited to
the Jubilee of Lay Ministers and Leaders
to be held at St John's Trafalgar
on June 15th 2025 at 2.00pm-
A Liturgy of Blessing for
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors,
Baptism and Sacrament Teams,
Parish Pastoral Workers.
Parish Community Volunteers
and Leaders of Parish Committees.
The Service of Blessing will be followed
by afternoon tea.

RSVP to the Parish secretary by May 31st.
56331166
trafalgar@cdsale.org.au

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

ASSEMBLY SUMMARY REPORT - MARCH 2025

2025 Diocesan Assembly Summary Report

Bishop Greg Bennet, and the Diocesan Mission Council, are pleased to share the **2025 Diocesan Assembly Summary Report** with the people of the Diocese of Sale. This report outlines the key themes, insights, and recommendations that emerged from the two-day Assembly held at Federation University, Churchill, in February this year. You can access the full report at:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/diocesan-assembly-1>



Thank you to those making donations
God bless your generosity

18.5.25 Planned Giving - \$393.80 Presbytery Collection - \$317.70

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

25.5.25 Planned Giving - \$394.65 Presbytery Collection - \$187.35

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 - JUNE

LITURGY MEETING: Friday 6th June @ 10.30am

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 8th June, Parish Pastoral Comm.

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

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - JUNE

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.

COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY DINNER

FRIDAY 6th JUNE
5.30pm at ANGLICAN HALL

It is our turn to provide the mains this month.

Contact: Paul McAninly - 0477 700 238

We are also looking for new committee members.
Please let Paul know if you are interested.

YARRAM & FOSTER PARISHES

Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for your collection at the church from next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity. Your contributions help to keep our parishes running.
God bless

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DEAR FR. CONFIDENCE**



Monday, 2nd June

Wishing you a birthday filled with God's blessings. Thanking God for the gift of your faith-filled life and praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you as you serve the Church.



Jointly hosted by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) Registrations Now Open!

Registrations are now open for our jointly presented National Liturgy & Music Conference, *Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament & Song*.

This biennial gathering will be held in Adelaide for the first time from 1 – 3 October, 2025 at the Hilton Hotel.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in what should be a most enjoyable and educative event.

For more information and to register, please visit:
<https://pilgrimsofhope.com.au/>

**Migrants,
missionaries of hope**

Each year on **20 June**, the world celebrates **World Refugee Day (WRD)**. WRD

is designated by the United Nations to honor refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and to promote solidarity with them for a "world where refugees are welcomed." The Church encourages us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

1st June

Commentator A M Robb
Reader M Smith
Offertory Giliberto family
Special Minister J Purgar
Counting M & S Telling

8th June

Commentator M Telling
Reader M Harkin
Offertory J & B Kemp
Special Minister K Foat
Counting M Giliberto, Volunteer

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

1st June

Counting Des & Leon
Commentator R Denbrok
Reader L Charana
Special Minister L Denbrok
Flowers Patsy Hilder

8th June

Counting Des & Leon
Commentator R Denbrok
Reader M Gobel
Special Minister F Vuillermin
Flowers Patsy Hilder
Cleaners Des & Sally C

FISH CREEK

31st May - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Bianca Stefani

7th June - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Sandra Stefani

TOORA

31st May - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

7th June - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Next Weeks Readings - 8th June

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Second Reading Rom 8:8-17

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26