

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



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STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



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Peter is associated with the community in Jerusalem and Paul with the Gentile converts. Together they represent the universality of the church. The red vestments worn today remind us of the price their commitment exacted of them.

The followers of Christ come from every race and culture, every generation and social class. It is not a common culture that draws them together, but a common faith. The church has been strengthened by the blood of the martyrs. This was the case in its earliest years, and it is the case today. Both Peter and Paul are examples of how God takes those weak in faith and transforms them into champions of the gospel. Once transformed, each man threw himself wholeheartedly into the mission that was his. Their fate should not surprise us, for they were disciples of one who gave his last breath for the life of the world.

In so many places in the world today modern martyrs pay the ultimate price for their faith. We see this in Latin America, in many African countries, in the Middle East, and in Asia, to name but a few areas. Although the word martyr usually refers to one who dies for the faith, the Greek word (*mártys*) really means witness, one who gives testimony. Like Peter and Paul, the martyr is one whose life gives witness to the faith. However, when this witness is too much of a challenge, the witness' life is placed in jeopardy. Peter and Paul call us all to this kind of testimony to faith.



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)

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Anthony Brown, Joy Hocking, Gary Green, Carmel Canning, Cherie Hopkins, Julie Kazdailis, Phyllis Hibbs, John Conroy, Alan Reeves, Marie Lennon, Mollie McAninly

May they rest in peace.

FLOWERS & FOLIAGE are urgently needed during Winter. If you can help out with any donations it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring flowers to the Parish Office on Thursdays or Fridays. Thank you.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2025

That the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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 Sunday 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.

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A meeting to organise a committee for this event will be held on

**Thursday 17th July at 2.00pm in the  
St Joseph's Room.**

*If you are interested in helping, please come along. Many hands make light work!*

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

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

### 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, Colin Smith, and all those we keep in our hearts.

#### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Christina Taylor, Violet Vuillermin, John Conroy, Patrick Callaghan, Albert Heslop

**May they rest in peace**

### 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 VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Application Forms are available on our website: [uacpallottines.au](http://uacpallottines.au)

Closing Date 15 August 2025

### SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE, FEAST - JULY 3

Patron Saint of doubters, blind people, builders, geometricians, masons, surveyors and theologians.

*"He who is humble easily obeys everyone, fears to offend anyone, is at peace with everyone, is kind to all."*

- St Thomas the Apostle



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

15.6.25 Planned Giving - \$381.60      Presbytery Collection - \$231.85

#### 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**

22.6.25 Planned Giving - \$388.80      Presbytery Collection - \$145.85

#### 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](http://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**

**MORNING TEA AFTER MASS:** 13th July, Liturgy Group  
**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.

**A warm welcome to Fr Peter Bickley who is celebrating Masses for us this weekend.**

#### **ATTENTION YARRAM PARISHIONERS: CROSS ON BELL TOWER**

As a pre-cautionary measure, the front of St Mary's church has been cordoned off by the SES.  
Please do not enter the area. The matter is being dealt with by the appropriate persons.  
Sunday Masses will go ahead as per usual.  
Parishioners are to enter the church via the side door opposite the parish office.  
*Thank you for your cooperation.*

#### **BISHOPS CALL FOR PEACE**

The Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service has reiterated Pope Leo XIV's call for peace in Gaza, urging immediate dialogue and access to humanitarian aid for those suffering.  
Read the full statement at:  
[cdsale.org.au/news/bishops-call-for-peace](http://cdsale.org.au/news/bishops-call-for-peace)  
Or scan the QR code



#### **COMBINED FISH CREEK CHURCHES EVENT**

Afternoon Tea Invitation Sunday June 29 @ 2pm  
Guest Speaker: Gabby Stefani  
Gabby will speak about her nursing experience on the Mercy Ship  
Venue: Fish Creek Union Church  
Everyone is welcome  
Contact: Susan 0429 936 325 if you require transport

#### **YARRAM COMBINED CHURCHES DINNER FRIDAY 4TH JULY**

Anglican Church Hall  
St Mary's will be providing sweets

#### **CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GAMES NIGHT July 18th, 7PM**

**Marian Room, St Joseph's Catholic Church Warragul**  
Event for young adults (18-35 years old)  
Board games and dinner (Bring \$5 for dinner, and if you have a favourite board game at home bring it along.  
Enquiries: [warragul@cdsale.org.au](mailto:warragul@cdsale.org.au)

#### **HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND**

*Aid to the Church in Need* is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit:  
[www.aidtochurch.org/holyland](http://www.aidtochurch.org/holyland)  
or scan the QR code



#### **PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM**

##### **29th June**

**Commentator** M Smith  
**Reader** J Allgood  
**Offertory** K Basset, J Purgar  
**Special Minister** M Harkin  
**Counting** M & S Telling

##### **6th July**

**Commentator** S Telling  
**Reader** A M Robb  
**Offertory** P Gabiana / R Ramsay  
**Special Minister** P McAninly  
**Counting** M Giliberto, Volunteer

#### **PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER**

##### **29th June**

**Counting** TBA  
**Commentator** Maree Gobel  
**Reader** Barry Howard  
**Special Minister** Leanne Denbrok  
**Flowers** Mandy Emanuel

##### **6th July**

**Counting** Des & Leon  
**Commentator** Des Hansen  
**Reader** John Denbrok  
**Special Minister** Fieke Vuillermijn  
**Flowers** Patsy Hilder  
**Cleaners** Diana & Sally B

#### **FISH CREEK**

**28th June - 6.00pm MASS**  
**Reader** Mary Scott

**5th July - 6.00pm MASS**  
**Reader** Bianca Stefani

#### **TOORA**

**28th June - 4.30pm MASS**  
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

**5th July - 4.30pm MASS**  
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe



## First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*Next Weeks Readings - 6th July*  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| First Reading      | Is 66:10-14       |
| Responsorial Psalm | 65:1-7            |
| Second Reading     | Gal 6:14-18       |
| Gospel Acclamation | (Col 3:15, 16)    |
| Gospel             | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 |