

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



13TH JULY 2025 - YEAR C

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REFLECTION - Nick Brodie

Life, Pope Leo says, 'is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are.' 'We find ourselves in front of others,' he continues, 'faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong.'

The pope reminds us to stand with the victims of circumstance, wherever we find them. We should pray for those who are deprived of homes and livelihoods by war. Where possible, we should also give practical aid and work for peace. Closer to home, too, we have responsibilities to those around us: the elderly, migrants and refugees, the poor, the lonely, and so on.



We should never rest on our spiritual laurels. The pope warns those who, even among Christians, 'think that their own journey must take precedence.' Christianity, as he so often points out, has a unifying mission. We cannot walk by on the roads of our own age, unwilling 'to stop for another.'

Reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, the pope reminds us that 'the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate.' Rather, he points out that 'before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human.'



This weekend we take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection.

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

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: Fr John Allen, Mac Foat, Kathleen Rice, Annie Moore, David Ritchie, Corry Kooloos, Ellen Brickle, Frank Nippard, Arthur Collins. **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 JULY 2025

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.

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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, and all those we keep in our hearts.

#### Recently Deceased: Colin Smith

**Anniversaries:** Fr John Allen, Kevin Matthews, Corry Kooloos, Jean Welford, Ellen Brickle, Brendan Ryan  
**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

### Live Your Best Life in Love...

**A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple**

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required.

*The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.*

**Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:**

**October 3-5:** Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

**October 10-12:** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

*Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm*

Information/Bookings:

Phone: **Mercy & James 0409 183 676**

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



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

6.7.25 Planned Giving - \$383.00      Presbytery Collection - \$260.40

#### 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**

29.6.25 Planned Giving - \$378.70      Presbytery Collection - \$263.40

#### 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 - JULY**

**MORNING TEA AFTER MASS:** NO MORNING TEA IN JULY

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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **SEA SUNDAY - 13 July 2025 "Stella Maris launches into the deep"**

This Sunday, we join Catholics around Australia and the world in marking Sea Sunday, a day dedicated to praying for and supporting seafarers - the often unseen yet vital workers who transport over 90% of the goods we rely on daily. Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's maritime agency, provides vital spiritual and practical care to seafarers in ports across Australia and the world. As Bishop Tim Norton says: *"Seafarers share stories of storms, long hours, and unjust conditions. Stella Maris exists to walk with them, offering hope and support."* Please pray for seafarers and consider donating to support this mission at [stellamarisaustralia.org](http://stellamarisaustralia.org)

#### **JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE "Highway to Heaven"**

"Highway to Heaven" Jubilee of Youth Event is a pilgrimage organized by "THE LAMP" Parishes, the host Parish being Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. Jubilee of Youth is for High School aged youth and Young Adults. The 6.5km Pilgrimage will start at St Michael's Parish where pilgrims will walk through a safe council approved route through Berwick guided by volunteers and spiritually led by Jesus Youth on a journey with their peers. After a lunch and rest break at Wilson Botanic Park, the pilgrims will venture onto Our Lady Help of Christians Parish where they will encounter talks, adoration and Vigil Mass with Bishop Greg. After Mass dinner will be served before a concert in the Don Bosco School Hall headlined by the Jesus Youth Band. For all details on the schedule on the day and updates and more importantly to **register participants** or yourself as a **volunteer**, please visit <https://olhc.org.au/jubilee-of-youth-event/> This is a free event.

#### **PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM**

##### **13th July**

**Commentator** M Harkin  
**Reader** J Papworth  
**Offertory** Giliberto family  
**Special Minister** J Purgar  
**Counting** P & M Harkin

##### **20th July**

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

#### **PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER**

##### **13th July**

**Counting** Carmel & Tricia  
**Commentator** Lillian Adhiambo  
**Reader** Teresa Richards  
**Special Minister** Catarina Van Kuyk  
**Flowers** Mandy Emanuel

##### **20th July**

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

#### **FISH CREEK**

##### **12th July -**

**6.00pm LITURGY**  
**Leader** Nadia Stefani  
**Reader** Sandra Stefani

##### **19th July -**

**6.00pm MASS**  
**Reader** Mary Scott

#### **TOORA**

##### **12th July -**

**4.30pm LITURGY**  
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

##### **19th July -**

**4.30pm MASS**  
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
2. As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)
4. For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

**Second Reading**

Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.  
As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

**The Word of the Lord****Gospel Acclamation**

See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*Next Weeks Readings - 20th July*  
**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| <i>First Reading</i>      | <i>Gen 18:1-10</i>  |
| <i>Responsorial Psalm</i> | <i>14:2-5</i>       |
| <i>Second Reading</i>     | <i>Col 1:24-28</i>  |
| <i>Gospel Acclamation</i> | <i>(cf Lk 8:15)</i> |
| <i>Gospel</i>             | <i>Lk 10:38-42</i>  |