

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:

5 Buckley Street, Yarram.

Parish Office: 5182 5028

PO Box 59 Yarram, 3971

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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:

yarram@cdsale.org.au

Office Hours:

Thursday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Safeguarding Officers

Yarram- Jennifer Heeraman-

Nieuwenhuizen

Foster- Gregory Gibson

Maintenance Personnel

Yarram - Eugene Benc

Foster - Julia Aldons

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



21ST APRIL 2024 - YEAR B
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Parishioners, "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to Easter Sunday! This includes welcomers, readers, altar preparers, servers, extraordinary ministers, wardens, counters, sacristans, cleaners and all who helped in the preparations for the Easter liturgies. A special word of thanks to the musicians and singers for your hours of preparation and the sharing of your gifts and talents. Another special word of acknowledgement to our parish secretary and to the parish team members who have helped in the preparation of the Easter Liturgies. We have such a great parish made up of great people who love the Lord. Thank you all for once again making our Parish's Easter so beautiful.

Remember that the Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday. The time from Easter until Pentecost might be considered as one continuous celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. So much so that St. Athanasius, the fourth century bishop of Alexandria Egypt, called the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost "the Great Sunday." We should do our best to maintain our enthusiasm and joy at the rising of Christ from the dead throughout this time, gathering more and more from this great season of grace. The prominence of the Easter Candle, the white vestments, the sprinkling of Holy Water at Mass, all indications we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus for more than just one day, in fact we celebrate it for fifty days. The paschal mystery, the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ is the centre and height of the Christian liturgical year; let us make sure we let the Lord know we mean it. **Fr Confidence**

Weekday Mass Times - From Monday 22nd April

Monday:	No Mass	
Tuesday:	Yarram	11.00am
Wednesday:	Foster	11.00am
Thursday:	NO MASS	
Friday:	NO MASS	

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday:	Toora: (Vigil)	4.30pm
	Fish Creek: (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday:	Foster:	9.00am
	Yarram:	11.00am



Good Shepherd Sunday Leaving Collection for Formation of Seminarians will be taken up at all Masses this weekend and next. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - YARRAM

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Anne-Marie Robb (Chairperson) Maria Moore (Principal, Deputy Chairperson) Leonore Giliberto (Secretary), Sue Benc, Jennifer Heeraman-Nieuwenhuizen, Prisca Gabiana

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Ben Worsteling (Chairperson), Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Julia Aldons (Secretary), Leanne Denbrok, John Denbrok (Youth Representative), Mary Gobel (Youth Representative), Duilio Stefani, Wilemena Low

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK YARRAM

Sick: Loretta Clark, Zena Purtic, Sr Anne Tuck, Hank Zillig, Chanel Bassett, and all those we keep in our hearts. That they will be sustained by the care of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Julia Shaw, Paola Gionfriddo, Sr Bernadette Cunningham, Pauline Cosgriff, Jack Lyons, Dot Papworth, David Goodwin, Elsie Marshall, Alan Mitchell

May they rest in peace.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

Sick: Margaret Bertram, Monica Midwinter, Mary Mason, Mary Slater, John Box, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, Jim Vuillermin, 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: Jos Gobel, Ralph Callaghan, Martin Synan, Marie Vuillermin, Garry Eldred

May they rest in peace.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Andrew Chinn is coming to our school next Tuesday the 23rd of April. We will have a whole school concert at 2.00pm in the Mary Mackillop Hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

There is a meeting on Wednesday at 1.00pm at St Mary's School for parents and candidates in preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

VOCATION PRAYER 2024

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, we earnestly ask you to bless our diocese and the Church with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously live their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and parishes that we may be given the grace and strength to live our baptismal vocation to be holy, as You are. Bless us that we will respond to your invitation to be living witnesses and disciples of hope as we discern our life in your son, Jesus Christ.

Bless young men and women to respond openly and generously to your invitation to become ministers of your Word and Sacraments, or to serve You faithfully in the covenant of Marriage, or the dignity of single life.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



As Vocations Director of our Diocese, I helped recruit Anthony Nguyen from Vietnam for the Sale Diocese. He was already generously pursuing a vocational path to priesthood and sensed a call from God to serve overseas. Once he arrived ten months ago, Bishop Greg asked Fr Brendan to provide a home for him here at Narre Warren while Anthony went to ACU to further his English studies. Many of you have met him in recent months and been impressed, as I have, with his exuberance and enthusiasm. And, he thrived in the company of the Youth Group. We will see Anthony when he is 'home' during seminary holidays. Please continue to pray for him and all the seminarians.

A special collection for the Sale Diocese Bursary Fund, which covers Anthony's training costs, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Fr Michael Willemsen



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

14.4.24 Planned Giving - \$507.20 Presbytery Collection - \$237.15

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*

14.4.24 Planned Giving - \$749.50 Presbytery Collection - \$138.00

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 - APRIL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 19th May -St Mary's Yarram
CONFIRMATION: Sunday 28th July -St Mary's Yarram
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 1st Tuesday of Every Month
MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 12th May, Finance Committee

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - APRIL

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION APRIL

"We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world."

**ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL
ODE OF REMEMBRANCE**



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.



**SATURDAY
11th MAY**

9:15AM - 2:00PM

**Our Lady Help
Of Christians
Narre Warren**

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOLY FATHER FOLLOWING THE
ATTACK IN BONDI JUNCTION SHOPPING CENTRE**

In a telegram to Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin conveyed Pope Francis' deep sadness over the violent attack at a local shopping centre in Sydney, Australia. The Pope assured his spiritual support for all affected, offering prayers for the deceased, the injured, and the first responders. He invoked divine blessings of consolation and strength upon the nation. For more information visit: cdsale.org.au/news

- 9.15am Mass
- 9.45am Adoration
- 10.15am Cuppa
- 10.30am Presentation by Mike Hansen - Praying with Scripture and Icons
- 11.30am Personal reflection and sharing. Who is Mary for me?
- 12.00 Midday Marian prayer
- 1.00pm Rosary
- 1.30pm Benediction
- 2.00pm Close

**BISHOPS OFFER PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES
IN WAKE OF BONDI ATTACK**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference offers its prayers and condolences in the wake of the Bondi Junction attack. For more information visit: cdsale.org.au/news

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

21st April	
Commentator	J Allgood
Reader	R Irving
Offertory	P Gabiana, R Ramsay
Special Minister	S Telling
Counting	M & S Telling
28th April	
Commentator	M Telling
Reader	J Papworth
Offertory	Giliberto family
Special Minister	K Foat
Counting	M Giliberto, Volunteer

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

21st April	
Counting	Catherina & Sally
Commentator	D Pollard
Reader	Des
Special Minister	C Van Kuyk
Cleaners	B & E Worsteling
28th April	
Counting	Ben & Roger
Commentator	D Pollard
Reader	F Vuillermin
Special Minister	M Gobel

FISH CREEK

20th April -	6.00pm MASS
Reader	Nadia Stefani
27th April -	6.00pm MASS
Reader	Mary Scott
TOORA	
20th April -	4.30pm MASS
(on rotation)	J Moysey & W Lowe
27th April -	4.30pm MASS
(on rotation)	J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation**

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Next Weeks Readings - 28th April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading	Acts 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm	21:26-28, 30-32
Second Reading	1Jn 3:18-24
Gospel Acclamation	(Jn 15:4-5)
Gospel	Jn 15:1-8