

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 Denbrosk

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



27TH JULY 2025 - YEAR C

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

Lord
teach
us to
pray

Luke 11:1



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: Muriel Brennan, Rona Dessent, Will McDonald, Don Reed, Edna Ledder, Cecily Daly, Hugh Moore, Anne Kirley, Bryan Edwards, Viv Dessent, Brian Nankervis, Moy Lancaster, Alice Phelan, June Eefting, Annie Haywood

May they rest in peace.

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:

Anniversaries: Jean Clayabal, Matthew Tuffin, Ronald Callander, Raymond Seton, Peter Poletto

May they rest in peace

YARRAM

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE JUBILEE OF OUTREACH TO THE POOR

On SATURDAY 29th November

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated goods for the Jubilee Outreach to the Poor Hampers.

We still require the following:

Household Products - detergents, kitchen cloths, candles, tea towels, handwash, small home décor items, cooking utensils eg tongs etc.

Food - tinned fruit, tinned fish, coffee, tea, spreads like honey, vegemite, syrups, jam, chutney etc.

Personal Products - soaps, handcream, body wash, lip balms, tissue packs, bath salts, face washers, towels etc.

We are aiming to collect goods to make up quite a number of hampers to be distributed to the Food Bank in Yarram, YDHS (Social workers for poor) and Vinnies.

Thanks for your support

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.*

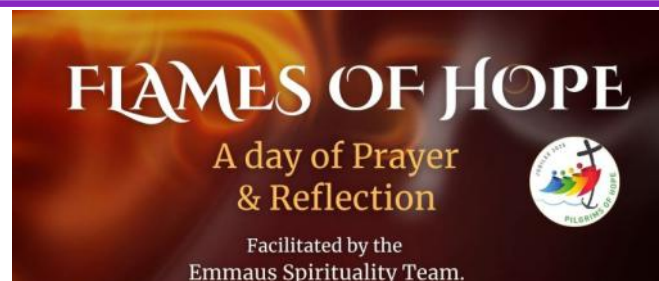
Amen

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In conjunction with National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Greg is inviting our diocesan family to participate in a Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations - a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord of the Harvest to inspire more men and women to answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Let us be united in prayer as individuals, families, youth, and prayer groups for more vocations.

Place & Time: **Saturday, 2nd August** - 11.00am - 12.00 Noon, St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

Sunday 10th August - 3.00pm - 4.00pm,
St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North



This special day, entitled 'Flames of Hope' is an opportunity for busy people to pause, reflect, and renew their hope in the light of faith.

The day is being offered twice and you are invited to attend at whichever location and date suits you best.

Saturday 16 August at Holy Family Catholic Church,
70 Girraheen Rd, Maryknoll - from 10am to 2.30pm

Thursday 21 August at St Brigid's Catholic Church,
19 Church St, Cowwarr - from 10am to 2.30pm

Please register at: tinyurl.com/4bdykw5s



Thank you to those making donations

God bless your generosity

20.7.25 Planned Giving - \$169.75 Presbytery Collection - \$140.10

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

20.7.25 Planned Giving - \$217.65 Presbytery Collection - \$ -

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 - AUGUST

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 10th AUGUST - Filipino Ladies

LITURGY MEETING: Friday 1st August, 10.30am

JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday 7th August, 2.00pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday 21st August, 1.30pm

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

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - AUGUST

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.*



SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 2025

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, all are warmly invited to a special gathering honouring the many prayer groups in our diocese. The day will take place across two locations.

The first part of the gathering will take place at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch (16-18 Scarborough Street) from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. This time together will include Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Exposition, Benediction. This will be followed by a cuppa at 4.00pm.

The celebration will continue at St Joseph's, Wonthaggi (27-29 Dowling Street) from 5.00pm. There will be prayer group displays around the church and foyer, followed by Night Prayer at 6.00pm and Mass at 6.30pm.

Pilgrims are encouraged to begin their journey at Inverloch and then travel on to Wonthaggi for the evening liturgy.

Please RSVP by 13 August by calling **03 5672 1111** or emailing: **Wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au**

MUSIC AND POWERPOINT AT MASS

Due to current health concerns, both Julie and Maureen are in need of help with preparing both the Music and PowerPoint Presentations for Mass on Sundays.

For further information please call Maureen on
0409 962 667

Come and See

Bishop Greg warmly invites young people from across our diocese to the Vocations Come and See event - a time for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Join us for prayer, hear vocation stories, ask questions, and take the next step in discovering where God may be leading you.

Sunday, 17th August 2025

3:00-4:00 pm

St Patrick's Parish

142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

27th July

Commentator L Giliberto
Reader R Irving
Offertory Prisca & Noah
Special Minister S Telling
Counting M & S Telling

3rd August

Commentator A M Robb
Reader M Smith
Offertory J & B Kemp
Special Minister L Giliberto
Counting M Giliberto, Volunteer

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

27th July

Counting Nadia & Nell
Commentator Fieke Vuillermijn
Reader Terry Harrington
Special Minister Maree Gobel
Flowers Teresa Richards

3rd August

Counting Des & Leon
Commentator Rachel Vuillermijn
Reader Richard Denbrok
Special Minister Leanne Denbrok
Flowers Patsy Hilder
Cleaners

FISH CREEK

26th July - 6.00pm LITURGY
Leader Bianca Stefani
Reader Sandra Stefani

2nd August - 6.00pm MASS
Reader Mary Scott

TOORA

26th July - 4.30pm LITURGY
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

2nd August - 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who

raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Next Weeks Readings - 3rd August
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>89:3-6. 12-14. 17</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Col 3:1-5, 9-11</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation</i>	<i>(Mat 5:3)</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Lk 12:13-21</i>