

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



24TH AUGUST 2025 - YEAR C

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REFLECTION - Fr Michael Tate

Can the Dalai Lama be saved?

'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.' Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of *any* person *anywhere* at *any* time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel.

If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us.

We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel.

MASS TIMES this week

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)

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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: Cornelis Nieuwenhuizen, Brian Mowlan, Jennifer Smith, Raymond Fisher, Edwin Jensen, Mick Pearse, Lucy Lewandowski, Harry Brown, Judith Dwyer

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: Norma Mackin, Lyle McNeill, Patsi Graham, William Matthews

May they rest in peace

We warmly welcome Fr Peter Hendriks to Yarram and Foster this Sunday. Thank you and may God bless you.

YARRAM - JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE JUBILEE OF OUTREACH TO THE POOR

SATURDAY 29th November

As part of the Diocesan Jubilee of Hope, St Mary's Parish Yarram will celebrate "Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor" on Saturday 29th November 2025. All are invited to join us for 11.00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory Bennet, followed by a simple lunch.

It has come to our attention that many people in the community do not know where to go if they need assistance, either materially, mentally, or financially. So we are getting as many charitable services in town involved as possible, with talks after each Mass in November and displays and handouts available, directing people to each service.

We are asking parishioners to donate non-perishable goods so that we can assemble hampers that can be distributed throughout the community. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and can be left at the Parish Office between 9.30am and 3.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays. A monetary collection will be taken up on the day.

A big thank you to all who have already donated so generously.

COMBINED CHURCHES DINNER

FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER Anglican Church Hall, Yarram

This month it is St Mary's turn to provide the mains.

Further information contact: Paul McAninly on 0477 700 238

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT - CCR - SALE DIOCESE CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY

Colossians 1:27

Rosary - Mass - Praise & Worship - Teaching

Saturday 6th September 2025 9.30am - 4.00pm

Rosary @ 9.30am St Mary's Church

Mass @ 10.00am St Mary's Church

St Mary's Parish Hall Bairnsdale

(entry via Mc Donald's carpark)

Contact:

Maureen: 0428 522 344 or Leo: 0427 817 914

Billeting upon request. Please bring a plate to share

POPE LEO'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

"That societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons" and encouraging us to "seek paths of dialogue" and "respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity".



Thank you to those making donations

God bless your generosity

10.8.25 Planned Giving - \$392.20 Presbytery Collection - \$230.75

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

17.8.25 Planned Giving - \$638.95 Presbytery Collection - \$130.70

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: 7th September, Finance Comm.

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

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - AUGUST

FOSTER: Liturgy Meeting, Wed 27th August @ 11.30am

FOSTER: Every Monday, 8.30am Rosary followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ 9.00AM

FOSTER: Every Wednesday 10.30AM Rosary

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

CONGRATULATIONS to KAIDEN and NOAH
On receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Thursday 14th of August.
God's blessings on you both

DIOCESAN PASTORAL LIFE AND MISSION TEAM

encourages all Music Ministers, Sacristans, Welcomers, Readers, Commentators, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are to attend a special liturgical workshop with Fr Brian Nichols.

This workshop offers valuable opportunity to explore the principles and practices of meaningful liturgy preparation and engagement. **Please see the flyer in your church.** Participants are to register through our parish priest, Fr Confidence.

TEACHING AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ENCOUNTER
A day for Catechists and Sacrament Coordinators

Catechists and Sacrament Coordinators are invited to a special day of formation focused on helping young people grow in their faith through curiosity, creativity, and connection.

Two sessions available:

Tuesday 16 September 10:00am - 2:30pm
St Mary's Chapter House, 47 Foster St, Sale

Saturday 20 September 10:00am - 2:30pm
St Patrick's Parish Centre, 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham

For more information and registration, visit:

cdsale.org.au/events or Contact **Siji Dominic** - 03 5614 5163
Email: sijiD@sale.catholic.org.au

JUBILEE OF JUSTICE
*To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly
with your God - Micah 6:8*

*We warmly invite you to join us for the
Jubilee of Justice Mass
A time of reflection, unity and hope!*

Sunday 7th September @ 10.30am
St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale

*Celebrating with
Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Joseph & Fr Mark
and the commissioning of
St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents and members
Followed by a social gathering and
lunch in the St Mary's Parish Hall*

RSVP for catering purposes - 25th August
Please advise of any dietary requirements
Contact Parish Office on 5152 2942
or email: stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

24th August

Commentator J Allgood
Reader R Irving
Offertory K Bassett, J Purgar
Special Minister J Purgar
Counting M & S Telling

31st August

Commentator M Smith
Reader J Allgood
Offertory P Gabiana, R Ramsay
Special Minister K Foat
Counting M Giliberto, Volunteer

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

24th August

Counting Nadia & Wil
Commentator Lillian Charana
Reader Mandy Emanuel
Special Minister Fieke Vuillermin
Flowers Teresa Richards

31st August

Counting Volunteers
Commentator
Reader
Special Minister
Flowers Mandy Emanuel
Cleaners

FISH CREEK

23rd August - 6.00pm LITURGY
Reader Nadia Stefani

30th August - 6.00pm LITURGY
Leader Bianca Stefani
Reader Mary Scott

TOORA

23rd August - 4.30pm LITURGY
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

30th August - 4.30pm LITURGY
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord



*Next Weeks Readings - 31st August
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>67:4-7, 10-11</i>
<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Heb 12:18-19, 22-24</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation</i>	<i>(Mt 11:29)</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Lk 14:1, 7-14</i>