

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

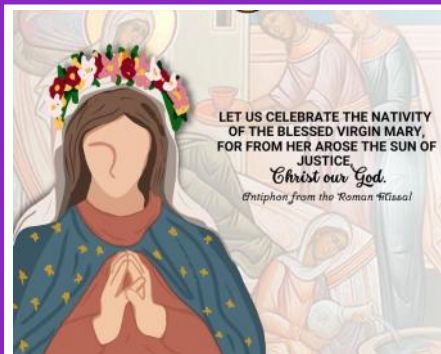


7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



To all our dear fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, father like figures, and priests in our lives, may God bless you all abundantly on this special day.

HAPPY
Father's
DAY



ST MARY'S, YARRAM PARISH FEAST DAY

NATIVITY OF MARY

Sunday 14th September

11:00am MASS

Followed by a shared lunch.

Please bring a plate of food, either savoury or sweet

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME ON THAT DAY

MASS TIMES this week

Yarram

Sunday 14th - 11am

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 14th - 9am

Wednesday 11am

(2nd Wed of the month at Prom Care)

Toora

Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

SEPTEMBER: DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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: Sadie Garland, Wilhelmina Woodgate, Ada O'Neill, Don McLeod, Joe Dick, Rafael Keron, Liz Menzies, Edward Gardner

May they rest in peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Leanne Denbrosk, John Denbrosk (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: Frank Berden, Valda Murphy, Eric Smith, John Mills, Ivy Doran, Ruth McDonald

May they rest in peace

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 ask parishioners to please 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, or can be left at the back of the church. A monetary collection will be taken up on the day in support of Outreach to the Poor.

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

ST JOSEPH'S FOSTER, PLEASE NOTE:

MASS ON SUNDAY 14TH OF SEPTEMBER

WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00AM

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

**God our Father, through the intercession of
St. Joseph, the foster father of Your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks
and praise for all fathers in the world.**

**We pray for them so that they may find
courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.**

**We remember fathers, grandfathers, and
great grandfathers who are no longer with
us but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.**

Amen



This theme highlights that while open discussions are crucial, words alone are not enough: we must turn dialogue into meaningful action. NAPCAN acknowledges that while conversations can raise awareness, challenge harmful norms, and spark new ideas, real change happens when we take steps to create safer environments for children that prevent them from harm. This year, we are focusing on moving beyond conversations to concrete actions that prevent harm and instead, focussing on strengthening support systems, and empowering communities to actively protect children. By shifting from conversation to action, we can ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences real safety, care, and protection.



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

24.8.25 Planned Giving - \$ Presbytery Collection - \$

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**



31.8.25 Planned Giving - \$ 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 - SEPTEMBER

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 7th September, Finance Comm.

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

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER

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.

ST MARY'S WORKING BEE

Please come help us spruce up inside the church

Wednesday 10th September @ 11:00am

Many hands make light work!

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE

FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Today the Leaving Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons of our Diocese and overseas priests in time of sickness.

By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided

A leaving collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend

Jubilee of Consolation
St Michael's Church
125 High Street, Berwick

St Michael's, Berwick warmly invites you to join us in this Jubilee Mass of Consolation.

13th September at 11am

Followed by a light lunch, social gathering and displays from groups who support others in their time of grief.

PLEASE WEAR A SPLASH OF YELLOW IN SUPPORT

"Make Me a Chanel of Your Peace"

Bookings can be made at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DM110P>

CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized together on September 7, 2025. The ceremony will take place in St. Peter's Square and will be the first saints canonized by Pope Leo



PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

7th September

Commentator	S Telling
Reader	A M Robb
Offertory	Giliberto family
Special Minister	J Purgar
Counting	J Papworth, P McAninly

14th September

Commentator	R Irving
Reader	J Papworth
Offertory	Telling family
Special Minister	P McAninly
Counting	M & S Telling

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

7th September

Counting	Des & Leon
Commentator	Des Hansen
Reader	John Denbrok
Special Minister	Leanne Denbrok
Flowers	Patsy Hilder
Cleaners	Mandy & Sally B

7th September

Counting	Carmel & Tricia
Commentator	Terry Harrington
Reader	Des Hansen
Special Minister	Richard Denbrok
Flowers	Mandy Emanuel

FISH CREEK

6th Sept. -	6.00pm MASS
Reader	Sandra Stefani

13th Sept. -	6.00pm MASS
Reader	Bianca Stefani

TOORA

6th Sept. -	4.30pm MASS
(on rotation)	J Moysey & W Lowe

13th Sept. -	4.30pm MASS
(on rotation)	J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not
granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother;

especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

SAFETRAC TRAINING

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS, please watch out for the Safetrac online training email. Only new volunteers and those volunteers who haven't completed the training in the last 3 years will be receiving an email.

We don't expect you will run into any issues, but reach out to your Safeguarding Officer if you have any problems.

Thanks, Safeguarding

Next Weeks Readings - 14th September **THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS**

First Reading	Num 21:4-9
Responsorial Psalm	77:1-2, 34-38
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel Acclamation	()
Gospel	Jn 3:13-17