

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 Fr. Darren Howie

Priests' Residence:

5 Buckley Street, Yarram.

Parish Office: 5182 5028

PO Box 59 Yarram, 3971

Email: yarram@cdsale.org.au

St Mary's Facebook Link: -

<https://fb.me/StMarysYarram>

St Joseph's Facebook Link: -

<https://fb.me/StJosephsFoster>

Parish Secretary

Bookkeeper

Janette Sampson

Bulletin Notices: By Thursday

yarram@cdsale.org.au

Office Hours:

To Be Advised

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. (for clarity please repeat message).

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



10TH MAY 2026
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A



17th May FOSTER 9.00am and YARRAM 11.00am.

YARRAM	1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays	11.00am
	2nd and 4th Sundays	9.00am
FOSTER	1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays	9.00am
	2nd and 4th Sundays	11.00am
FISH CREEK	NO CHANGE	
TOORA	NO CHANGE	
WOODSIDE	Saturday before 5th Sunday of the Month 5.00pm	

On Saturday 30th of May Mass will be at Woodside at 5:00 pm. Contact Anne Marie Robb if you would like to share a meal at the pub afterwards.

Fr Darren Howie will be away on annual leave from May 10-20.

Fr Manny Lomagno will be presiding Sunday, May 17.

MASS TIMES 10th - 17th May

Yarram

Tuesday - No Mass

Thursday No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Sunday— 11.00am May 17th

Fish Creek

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 9.30am

Foster

Wednesday No Mass

Sunday - 9.00am May 17th

Toora

Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass

(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

The 6th National Censure Count of Attendance is for all of May.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - YARRAM

Fr. Darren Howie, 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, Loretta Clark, Norma Moore and all those we keep in our hearts. .

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Fr Aeneas Hennesy, Msgr. James Emmett, O’Mara, Leon Van Meeuwen, Gerald English, Carmel Hoskin, Merrick Daniel, Bill Dessent, Betty Gaylor & Des Moore **May they rest in peace.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Darren Howie, Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Leanne Denbrok, John Denbrok (Youth Representative), Wilemina Low, Mandy Emanuel, Duilio Stefani, Terry Harrington

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

Sick Parishioners: Agnes Berden, Mary Scott, Roz Bryan, Ken Vagg, Maria Pangrazzi, Robert Vuillermin, Frank Stefani, Kath Hurst, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, and all those we keep in our hearts.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Fr Aeneas Hennesy, Msgr. James Emmett & Ann Van Dyke. **May they rest in peace**



THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families

facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support.

Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year’s Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously.

There will be a Special Collection on June 7th.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE
HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

2026

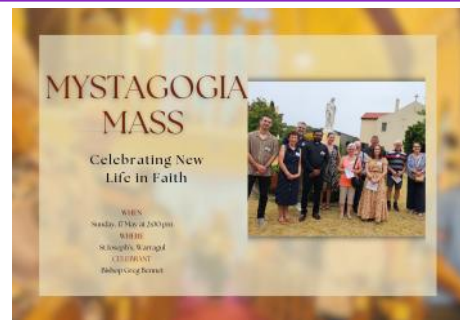
APRIL 26TH 4.45 - 5.45 PM
 FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 6.00 PM
 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, NARRE WARREN

MAY 3RD 4.45 - 5.45 PM
 FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 6.00 PM
 ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BERWICK

MAY 31ST - MASS 5.00 - 6.00 PM
HOLY HOUR 6.00-7.00 PM
 ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRARALGON

MORE DATES TO FOLLOW...

Join us in praying for more vocations...



We invite you to join in supporting those newly initiated into the Catholic Church., Rhiannon, Nullani, Tessa and Owen.

As they reflect on their RCIA journey, we pray for the grace to deepen their Christian faith and become more fully integrated into parish life.

When: Sunday, 17 May at 2:00 pm

Where: St Joseph’s, Warragul

CELEBRANT: BISHOP GREG BENNET



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

26/04/26 Planned Giving - \$630.25 Presbytery Collection - \$298.40

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*

19/04/26 Planned Giving \$460.30 Presbytery Collection \$231.80

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 Darren are asked to contact the Parish office on 5182 5028 and leave a detailed message of person's name and contact details. (For clarity please repeat message.)

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 - MAY

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 14th June Parish Pastoral Council
EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday *after* 11.00am Mass

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - MAY

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.



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reflections. Like and subscribe at facebook.com/dioceseofsale or find us on Instagram @dioceseofsale to stay connected with our faith community!



**Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration
At St. Mary's**

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

Our parish community is delighted to announce the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for **Ivy Sampson, Hunter Badham and Lachlan Kidd** on *Sunday, 31st May at 11:00am*. This is a significant and joyful step in their faith journey, and we invite all parishioners to keep these young candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are especially honoured to welcome Bishop Greg, who will be presiding over the Confirmation ceremony. Following the celebration, we invite everyone to join us for a shared luncheon. To help make this a welcoming and festive occasion, we invite parishioners to bring a plate of food to share. Thank you for your continued support of our young people and their faith journey. We look forward to celebrating together as a community.

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

10th May
Commentator P Gabiana
Reader M Harkin
Special Minister K Foat
Counting J Papworth, P McAninly

17th May
Commentator R Irving
Reader P McAninly
Special Minister L Giliberto
Counting M & S Telling

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

10th May
Commentator Des
Reader Teresa
Special Minister Richard

17th May
Commentator Lillian
Reader Barry
Special Minister Maree

FISH CREEK

9th May 6.00 pm MASS
Reader Bianca Stefani

16th May 6.00pm MASS
Reader Nadia Stefani

TOORA

9th May 4:30 pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

16th May 4.30pm MASS
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you

when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come
to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by
my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'