

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:
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Parish Secretary
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Bulletin Notices: By Thursday
yarram@cdsale.org.au

Office Hours:
Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm
Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Safeguarding Officers
Yarram- Jennifer Heeraman-
Nieuwenhuizen
Foster-

Maintenance Personnel
Yarram - Eugene Benc
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



**23RD MARCH 2025 - YEAR C
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



MASS TIMES

Yarram

Sunday 9am
Thursday NO MASS THIS WEEK
Friday 10am

Foster

Sunday 11am
Wednesday 11am
(2nd Wed of the month at Prom Care)

Fish Creek

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)
1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 9.30am

Toora

Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass
(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)

'JESUS REJECTS AND STRONGLY CONTESTS THE IDEA OF BLAMING GOD' FOR THE WORLD'S MISFORTUNES.

God does not send disasters to punish people. God is not vindictive, but ever merciful. And we are all called to respond to God's mercy, the Pope says, 'especially during this time of Lent.'

This includes learning how to stop blaming God. We should try to turn our attention to those times when, as the Pope puts it, it is 'our selfishness that tears apart relationships; ... our wrong and violent choices that unleash evil.' We are called to become the kind of people who can acknowledge our own faults.

'But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy,' the Pope adds, 'and he wants to help us here.' This is why Jesus 'encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God.'

The fig tree is an obvious symbol for each one of us. 'More time is given to it,' the Pope says, 'another possibility. I like to think', he adds, 'that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity.'

Such a chance is here, now. It is up to us to seize it. - Nick Brodie

YARRAM HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY April 13 9.00am Yarram
CHRISM MASS April 15 11.00am Sale
HOLY THURSDAY April 17 7.30pm Yarram
GOOD FRIDAY April 18 3.00pm Yarram
EASTER VIGIL April 19 7.30pm Yarram
EASTER SUNDAY April 20 9.00am Yarram

FOSTER HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY April 13 11.00am Foster
CHRISM MASS April 15 11.00am Sale
HOLY THURSDAY April 17 7.00pm Foster
GOOD FRIDAY April 18 3.00pm Foster
EASTER VIGIL April 19 7.00pm Foster
EASTER SUNDAY April 20 9.00am Toora
EASTER SUNDAY April 20 10.30am Fish Ck

MARCH, MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

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: Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Margaret Muir, Mary Willis, Therese Morris, Pauline Kimber, Loretta Clark, Zena Purtic, Chanel Bassett, and all those we keep in our hearts. That they will be sustained by the care of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Leo Beaumont, Matthew Moore, Noel Dessent Riek Van Berkel, Baby Arie Nieuwerkerk, Roger Collins, Anne Krutli, Colin Jones, Sr Emilian Greelish, Cecilia Lyons

May they rest in peace.

*Parishioners are invited to St Mary's Easter Play.
April 1st, 12.20pm at Mary MacKillop Hall*



JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering.

The Diocese of Sale is pleased to announce the Jubilee of Volunteers, a special occasion to celebrate and recognise the invaluable contributions of volunteers across all our parishes. This event will take place on **Saturday, 5:00pm, 29 March 2025, at St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance.**

The event will include:

Thanksgiving Mass honouring volunteers

Volunteer stories sharing experiences of service

Smorgasbord Dinner to celebrate together, RSVP parish office (stbrendan@bigpond.com) by 21st March 2025

This Jubilee celebration is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of volunteers and reflect on the importance of service in the Church. For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all.

We invite all volunteers across the Diocese of Sale to join us in gratitude and celebration.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

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

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

Sick: Roz Bryan, Ken Vagg, Maria Pangrazzi, Robert Vuillermin, Frank Stefani, Baby Dominic Monahan, Kath Hurst, Margaret Bertram, Monica Midwinter, Mary Mason, Mary Slater, John Box, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, 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: Minnie Seton, Francisca Van Loon, Rita Baldwin, Maria Biesuz

May they rest in peace.

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

Fr Michael Willemsen and Rony George invite you to join a conversation on healing the wounds of the soul - the wounds of sin and division.

This online session will explore Reconciliation and Healing, touching on topics such as unforgiveness, repentance, and the transformative power of sacramental reconciliation.

Date: Tuesday 25th March

Time: 7:00pm

Platform: Online

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful discussion. For more details or to register: tinyurl.com/ya6mzxwh or email pastoral@sale.catholic.org.au

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Plots are available. New members are welcome to join the committee.



President: Damian Moore - 0439 677 799

Secretary: Judith McAninly - 0412 249 976



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

9.3.25 Planned Giving - \$676.50 Presbytery Collection - \$326.20

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*

16.3.25 Planned Giving - \$765.50 Presbytery Collection - \$170.50

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 - MARCH

MORNING TEA AFTER MASS: 13th April, Filipino Ladies
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St Mary's Church, every Friday during Lent at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10.00am

FOSTER PARISH DIARY - MARCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday during Lent at 4.00pm
GOSPEL REFLECTION: St Joseph's Foster, every Friday during Lent 4.30 to 5.15pm
FOSTER ROSARY: Every Monday, 8.30am followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
FOSTER ROSARY: Every Wednesday before 11am Mass
PRAYER GROUP, FISH CREEK: Every Wednesday, 10.30am, in Church. Prayers for the sick and dying, followed by Mass or Liturgy at 11.00am.

Fish Creek parishioners joyfully welcome

The Seraphs of St Pats

to our Mass this weekend.

Thank you all for bringing your wonderful music ministry to us.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

Everyone is welcome
To celebrate the Healing Mass for the

SICK AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

APRIL 6



WITH BISHOP GREG BENNET
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
KOOWEERUP.

11am - Mass
Light lunch immediately after Mass.
Health care display in the Hall.
Health Care Workers welcome to dress in uniform.

Anyone with Health care memorabilia to provide for a display would be greatly appreciated. Please call Bernie 0423947172



Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025



Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code caritas.org.au/project-compassion / **1800 024 413**

JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, St. John the Baptist parish Koo Wee Rup invites you to join us for the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, a special Healing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg, where we will offer prayers for the sick members of our parish communities and their families.

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025 **Venue:** St. John the Baptist Parish, Koo Wee Rup **Time:** 11:00AM

This Mass will be a moment of grace and healing, where we will lift in prayer those who are ill and acknowledge the dedication of healthcare workers to attend in their uniforms as a sign of their vocation and the institutions they represent.

Submit Prayer Intentions: We invite parishioners to send the names of sick individuals they wish to be prayed for during the Mass. Please send these names to Fr Avinash George at avinash.george@sale.org.au Let us come together as a faith community to pray for healing, strength, and God's abundant blessings in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM

23rd March

Commentator A M Robb
Reader M Smith
Offertory Giliberto family
Special Minister S Telling
Counting P & M Harkin

30th March

Commentator M Telling
Reader M Harkin
Offertory Prisca & Noah
Special Minister L Giliberto
Counting J Papworth, P McAninly

PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER

23rd March

Counting Nadia & Nell
Commentator Fieke Vuillermin
Reader Terry Harrington
Special Minister Maree Gobel
Flowers **NO FLOWERS IN LENT**

23rd March

Counting TBA
Commentator Teresa Richards
Reader Richard Denbrok
Special Minister Leanne Denbrok
Flowers **NO FLOWERS IN LENT**
Cleaners Ben and Eileen

FISH CREEK

22nd March - 6.00pm MASS
 Reader Nadia Stefani
29th March - 6.00pm LITURGY
 Leader Bianca Stefani
 Reader Mary Scott

TOORA

22nd March - 4.30pm MASS
 (on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe
29th March - 4.30pm LITURGY
 (on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord

