

# 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  
Confidence.masvosva@cd  
sale.org.au

#### Priests' Residence:

5 Buckley Street, Yarram.

Parish Office: 5182 5028

PO Box 59 Yarram, 3971

Email: [yarram@cdsale.org.au](mailto:yarram@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](mailto: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



**26TH JANUARY 2025 - YEAR C**  
**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### MASS TIMES

#### Yarram

Sunday 9am

Thursday 11am

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)

**AUSTRALIA DAY** can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

**God of all peoples, Lord of the journey who always walks with us, in this land you have blessed us with the first inhabitants of the land who have loved it through the ages:**

**For them we give you thanks.**

**You have blessed us in the settlers who made this land their home, and forged a nation with their toil:**

**For them we give you thanks.**

**You have blessed us in the many peoples of different languages and cultures who have found a new home here:**

**For them we give you thanks.**

**We ask that you make a home among us, so that justice and truth may flourish here and all Australians may walk together into the future you are preparing:**

**For that we give you thanks.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

(Archbishop Mark Coleridge)

**JANUARY, MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - YARRAM**

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Anne-Marie Robb (Chairperson) Maria Moore (Principal, Deputy Chairperson) Leonore Giliberto (Secretary), Sue Benc, Jennifer Heeraman-Nieuwenhuizen, Prisca Gabiana

**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 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:** Maggie Willis, Marie Walshe, Margaret Flanagan, Fr Bill Shanahan, Charles Handford, Albert Lucas, Arthur Rodaughan, Michael Zillig, Ted English, Reg Mitchell, Bernard Beaumont

**May they rest in peace.**

**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:** Jim Vuillermin, Desmond Elphick, Colleen Davis, Franz Heiser, Bob Walker, Lesley van der Linden, Michael Cooke, Sam Bruzzese, Anne Bright, Veronica Keecherer, John Benton

**May they rest in peace.**

**DIOCESAN CONSULTATION & ASSEMBLY PRAYER 2024-2025**

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!  
Startle us anew with your power and energy.  
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.  
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.  
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.  
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.  
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.

May we listen attentively  
to your quiet whisper at our very core.  
May we discern your call  
expressed in the voices and stories of others.  
May we build a Church  
that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.  
May be at one with all of humanity  
and the rest of God’s creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission,  
alert to opportunities, always on the move,  
bringing Good News to our needy world,  
Wind and Fire for one another.

Amen  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pray for Us.

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025**

**For the right to an education:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Our Year of Jubilee celebrations continue in February, with the Warragul and Drouin parishes combining to host a celebration of the many, many long-serving artists within all the parishes of the Diocese. This event will take place on **23rd Feb at 11:00am Mass at St Joseph’s Parish, Warragul** followed by art exhibition in the Marian Centre. Followed by shared lunch and artist and art.



*All parishes are invited to join in the Jubilee celebration of artists and their work and those who are artistic are welcome to bring a piece of their art to display. Please contact Parish Office at: [warragul@cdsale.org.au](mailto:warragul@cdsale.org.au) to register your interest and attendance at this Year of Jubilee celebratory Mass.*

**MUSIC and LIGHT**

A journey through Christian music from classic hymns to contemporary praise and worship.  
Live music: **5pm January 31st & 5pm February 1st**  
St Mary’s Anglican Church, Mirboo Nth. Info: 0438 622 721

**ST JOSEPH’S FOSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in being included on a Roster for the following, please contact the appropriate person.

**Flowers for Sunday Masses:** Teresa Richards

**Cleaning Roster:** Mandy Emanuel, phone: 0409 267 625

**Counting Roster:** Trish McGannon



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

**12.1.25** Planned Giving - \$784.60 Presbytery Collection - \$390.25

**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*

**19.1.25** Planned Giving - \$575.35 Presbytery Collection - \$212.35

**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](http://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 - JANUARY**

**LITURGY MEETING:** Friday 7th February. 10.30am  
**FINANCE MEETING:** Thursday 20th February. 11.30am  
**CHRSMTC. PRAYER GROUP MEETING:** Thursday 30th January - 9am Rosary. 9.30am Meeting in St Joseph's Room  
**MORNING TEA AFTER MASS:** 9th February, Parish Pastoral Cnl.

**FOSTER PARISH DIARY - JANUARY**

**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.

**ENCOUNTER GOD**

**Jubilee Healing Mass with Fr Mike Barry SS.CC**

**Frankston:** Monday 17th February 2025 7.00pm  
 St Francis Xavier Church Frankston

**Traralgon:** Tuesday 18th February 2025 7.00pm  
 St Michael's Church Traralgon

**Foster:** Wednesday 19th February 2025 10.00am  
 St Joseph's Church Foster

**Leongatha:** Wednesday 19th February 2025 7.00pm  
 St Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha

**Pakenham:** Thursday 20th February 2025 7.00pm  
 St Patrick's Church Pakenham

**Narre Warren:** Friday 21st February 2025 7.00pm  
 Our Lady help of Christians Church Narre Warren

**Fr Mike Barry, SS.CC - Celebrant**

A charismatic priest is best known for his healing ministries, especially through Retreats, Healing masses, Healing The Family Tree, and Spiritual Direction. He feels a special call to the inner healing of the person.

Fr Barry is the founder of "Mary's Table", a ministry that feeds the poor and homeless. He also opened a home for single and unwed mothers called "Veronica's Home of Mercy".

Fr Barry also has a special ministry for the homeless.

**2025 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**



The **Diocesan Assembly** will take place on  
**Friday, 14th and Saturday, 15th**  
 of February 2025.

The venue for the assembly is now  
**Federation University Auditorium,**  
**Churchill.**

This significant gathering will bring together representatives from all parishes across our diocese, along with members of the Diocesan Mission Council, representatives from Catholic Schools, DOSCEL (Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Office) and representatives from other faith communities.

Over the past year, the Animation Team has been working diligently to organize this event, ensuring that it provides a meaningful opportunity for reflection, discussion, and planning for the future needs of our diocese.

We ask all parishioners to keep the Assembly in your prayers as we come together to discern our shared mission and priorities for the coming years.

**PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM**

**26th January**  
**Commentator** M Telling  
**Reader** M Smith  
**Offertory** Giliberto family  
**Special Minister** P McAninly  
**Counting** E & S Benc

**2nd February**  
**Commentator** R Irving  
**Reader** A M Robb  
**Offertory** Prisca & Noah  
**Special Minister** S Telling  
**Counting** J Papworth, P McAninly

**PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER**

**26th January**  
**Counting**  
**Commentator** Mandy Em  
**Reader** T Richards  
**Special Minister** Mandy E  
**Cleaners**

**26th January**  
**Counting**  
**Commentator** R Denbrok  
**Reader** M Gobel  
**Special Minister** D Pollard  
**Cleaners** Des & Sally C

**FISH CREEK**

**25th January - 6.00pm MASS**  
 Reader Sandra Stefani

**1st February - 6.00pm MASS**  
 Reader Mary Scott

**TOORA**

**25th January - 4.30pm MASS**  
 (on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

**1st February - 4.30pm MASS**  
 (on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

**First Reading**

Isaiah 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Once more there will be poured on us  
the spirit from above;  
then shall the wilderness be fertile land;  
and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live  
and integrity in the fertile land;  
integrity will bring peace,  
justice give lasting security.  
My people will live in a peaceful home,  
in safe houses,  
in quiet dwellings.

**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 84:9-14

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

**Second Reading**

1 Cor 12:4-11

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

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in every-one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**The Word of the Lord****Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Luke 12:22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**The Gospel of the Lord**