

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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St Joseph's Facebook Link: -

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Parish Secretary

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Office Hours:

Thursday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Safeguarding Officers

Yarram - Jennifer Heeraman-
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Foster - Gregory Gibson

Maintenance Personnel

Yarram - Eugene Benc

Foster - Julia Aldons

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



15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 - YEAR B
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REFLECTION

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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Mass Times ~ From Monday 16th September

Monday:	No Mass	
Tuesday:	Yarram	11.00am
Wednesday:	Foster	11.00am
Thursday:	Yarram	10.00am
Friday:	Yarram	10.00am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday:	Toora: (Vigil)	4.30pm
	Fish Creek: (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	Foster:	9.00am
	Yarram:	11.00am

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us



SEPTEMBER, MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has
never done a single good act but claims that he has
faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers
or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not
enough food to live on, and one of you says to them,
'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'without giving them these bare necessities of life,
then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good
works do not go with it, it is quite dead.This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You
say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will
prove to you that I have faith by showing you my
good deeds – now you prove to me that you have
faith without any good deeds to show.'**The Word of the Lord****Gospel Acclamation**

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!**Gospel**

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they
told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah;
others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and
said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them
strict orders not to tell anyone about him.And he began to teach them that the Son of Man
was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by
the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and
to be put to death, and after three days to rise again;
and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the
way you think is not God's way but man's.'He called the people and his disciples to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will
lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'**The Gospel of the Lord**