

# Catholic Parishes of Yarrawonga & Cobram

Incorporating Sacred Heart (Yarrawonga), St Joseph's (Cobram), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Tungamah), St Mary's (Katamatite) & St Mary's (Burramine)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES- GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)



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### SCHOOLS

#### Sacred Heart Primary, Yarrawonga

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#### Secondary: Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga

Principal: Lew Nagle Ph: 03 5742 1300

#### St Joseph's Primary, Cobram

Principal: Sarah Iddles Ph: 0358721573



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**Yarrawonga & Cobram Catholic Parishes are Child-Safe Organizations: We are committed to National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. With the Diocese of Sandhurst, we commit to provide "a safe and supportive environment for all persons, especially children, young people and adults at risk and has a zero tolerance of abuse."**



*We acknowledge and pay respect to the First Nations people, past and present, the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land.  
We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice.*

**4th Sunday of Lent**

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**Year C – 30th March 2025**

**Irene** lives in a remote village in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Life hasn't been easy for Irene. After losing her father in a war, Irene and her family were forced to flee their home. Life became even more challenging when her husband left, leaving Irene to raise her 2 children alone. Without finishing her education and with few job opportunities in her village, she struggled to provide even the basics for her family. Things began to change when Irene joined the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program (YCSP), run by Caritas Kongolo with the support of Caritas Australia. Through the program, Irene learned sewing skills and was provided with a sewing machine and fabric. Irene also gained farming skills. Now, she grows enough food to feed her family and even shares her sewing knowledge by mentoring other women in her community. "Before, women depended on men's income, but now, with our sewing skills, we can take care of ourselves," Irene said. Your support of Project Compassion helps women like Irene to create brighter futures for themselves and their families.



**We thank the Sacred Heart Primary Yarrawonga: staff, students and parents for organizing the Mass at Sacred Heart, last Sunday. We truly appreciate your active participation in the Liturgy.**

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called '**Laetare Sunday**' (also '**Rose Sunday**'). It is taken from the words "Laetare, Jerusalem," (Isaiah 66:10 & Psalm 121:1. Laetare (Latin word) means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: our God is a loving, merciful and forgiving Father.



Yarrawonga

You can support CARITAS Project Compassion 2025 through the **donation boxes available at the Foyer, envelopes or ONLINE by scanning the QR code here.** Please note the parish QR Code where you belong.



Cobram

### Morning Tea to farewell our Parish Secretary

This **Friday, 4 April**, Amy O'Kane is concluding her role as the parish secretary of Yarrawonga and Cobram Catholic Parishes. Amy's dedication to the Church, commitment to her role, her commendable work ethic, knowledge, and her being an efficient office administrator, certainly made significant impacts in the Administration of our Parish. Certainly, I am very grateful to Amy for her work with us for a year. To express our gratitude and our best wishes to Amy, parishioners are invited to gather for a **morning tea with Amy (at the Church Narthex) after the 9:30 am Mass on Friday, 4 April.** All welcome. Fr Junjun

### Stations of the Cross

**Fridays in Lent**

**6:00 pm at**

**Sacred Heart Church.**

**All welcome to pray with us.**



### Cobram: Mass of Anointing of the Sick & Elderly, Wed, 2nd April, 1:30 pm.

Afternoon tea follows. No 9:30 am Mass this day.

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### Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation

**Cobram (St Joseph's)- Wednesday, 9 April, 6:00 pm**

**Yarrawonga (Sacred Heart)- Thursday, 10 April, 6:00 pm**

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**NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** For office inquiries outside these times, please leave a message on 03 5744 3030, text 0459356917 or email: [yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 29/30 March 2025

### YARRAWONGA

#### 5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Commentator:** Brian Keenan  
**Lector/Reader:** Dean Carroll  
**Offertory Procession:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Barb Osmotherly  
**Sacristan:** Eileen Thorp  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

#### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**Commentator:** Janet Brennan  
**Lector/Reader:** Bernadette McKenzie  
**Offertory Procession:** Angela Clarke  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Michael Ross, Anne Gleeson  
**Sacristan:** Trish Cummins  
**Overhead/Music:** Dale Brooks,  
**Counting 1<sup>st</sup> April:** James Cummins

### COBRAM

#### 6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Stephanie Arundel  
**Offertory Procession:** A & N Trease  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Gabriella Raco  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra/Gisella Bextream  
**Computer:** Joan Moriarty

#### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Michelle Griffies  
**Offertory Procession:** Mary Kennedy  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Lou Janssens  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Computer:** Carmel Natale  
**Counting:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Statue of Mary:** Mrs Filomena Galati

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5/6 April 2025

### YARRAWONGA

#### 5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Commentator:** Barb Osmotherly  
**Lector/Reader:** Mary Hockley  
**Offertory Procession:** Volunteers  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Christine Martin  
**Sacristan:** Eileen Thorp  
**Overhead/Music:** Noel Richmond

#### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**Commentator:** George Cousins  
**Lector/Reader:** Sr Helen Glasheen  
**Offertory Procession:** Holly Dowling  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Margaret Cousins, Trish Cummins  
**Sacristan:** Liz Connell  
**Overhead/Music:** Di Pendergast  
**Counting 8<sup>th</sup> April:** Joe Cilia

### COBRAM

#### 6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Rob Morey  
**Offertory Procession:** Cathy Steward  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Pat Raco  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra/Gisella Bextream  
**Computer:** Joan Moriarty

#### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**Lector/Reader:** Anne Betts  
**Offertory Procession:** Margret Burns  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Melina Coppola  
**Music/Sacristan:** Veronica Perra  
**Computer:** Carmel Natale  
**Counting:** John & Joan Moriarty  
**Statue of Mary:** Mrs Sandra Panuccio  
**Altar Society:** Cynthia Vinecombe & Co  
**Ministers to the Sick:** Pat Wast, Josie Violi, Carmal Natale, Fred Pinnuck

### Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrowonga Matters

#### Yarrowonga Aged Care Communion Services

**Woodspoint: Mass & Anointing** Tuesday, 1 April 10:00 am  
**Karana: Communion Liturgy** Tuesday, 10:30 am

#### PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING

**Parish Pastoral Care Group-** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month 2 pm  
*March Pastoral Care Contact: Lynne Brear 0437 560 414*  
**Parish Liturgy Group-** Thursday, 3 April, 6:00 pm

### Yarrowonga Parish Lenten Program

**Thursdays in Lent (2 options) @ Church Narthex**  
**10:00 am (With Sr Helen) & 5:15 pm (with Michael Ross)**  
 Lenten Program Guide available at the foyer. All Welcome!

### Yarrowonga Inter-Church Lenten Opportunities:

**Palm Cross Making: St Cuthbert's Anglican Courtyard,**  
**10 am, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

For some years now, Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrowonga, St Cuthbert's Anglican, St. Andrew's Uniting Church & St. Andrews on the Lake, join together to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, we have a combined service at Kennedy Park, at 8:30 am, followed by each respective Church's Palm Sunday service. **For the making of the Palms (no experience required), please bring: A small pair of scissors, an old towel, a plastic bag, and a smile!** Please ring Anne on 0418 281 673 as we need numbers for morning tea.

### St Joseph's Parish, Cobram Matters

#### • SUNDAY LUNCH:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Burke's Yarrowonga at 12:30pm

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Bottom Pub Cobram at 12:00noon

- LENTEN PROGRAM- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 1:30pm- Church Foyer.
- ROSARY: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm in the Church. All Welcome.
- PASTORAL CARE MEETING- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 3pm
- ITALIAN LADIES- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April BYO Lunch at Mivo Park 12.30pm, meeting to follow at 1.30pm
- PASTORAL CARE GROUP (April contact)- If you have or know of anyone with a particular need, e.g. visitation to the sick, death in the family, etc, please contact Vita Janssens on 0456 779 730
- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If anyone has anything they want presented to council to please speak to one of the members. See list of Council members in foyer.
- **Save the dates COBRAM**
  - **Ottrey Lodge (Anointing Mass)- Wed, 9 April (10:30 am).**  
The 9:30 am Mass this day- cancelled.
  - **Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Wed 9 April, 6:00 pm at Church.**

**Sincere thanks to all volunteers in our parishes who keep our ministries going, our buildings, lawn & gardens well- maintained.**

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Joshua 5:9-12</b></span>  <b>A Reading from the book of Joshua</b></p> <p>The Lord said to Joshua,  ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’  The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept  the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month,  at evening in the plain of Jericho.  On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that  country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same  day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of  that country, the manna stopped falling.  And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year  onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.  <i>The word of the Lord</i>     ® <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Luke 15:18</b></span>  Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</p>
<p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9</b></span>  <b>Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</b></p> <p>I will bless the Lord at all times,  his praise always on my lips;  in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  The humble shall hear and be glad. ®</p> <p>Glorify the Lord with me.  Together let us praise his name.  I sought the Lord and he answered me;  from all my terrors he set me free. ®</p> <p>Look towards him and be radiant;  let your faces not be abashed.  This poor man called; the Lord heard him  and rescued him from all his distress. ®</p>	<p><b>Gospel</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Luke 15:1-3. 11-32</b></span>  <b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke</b>  The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company  of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the  scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and  eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:  ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father,  “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to  me.” So the father divided the property between them.  A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had  and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a  life of debauchery.  ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe  famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself  out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to  feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with  the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything.  Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s  paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying  of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer  deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid  servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.  ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was  moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and  kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned  against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called  your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out  the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and  sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill  it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of  mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is  found.” And they began to celebrate.  ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as  he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling  one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother  has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf  we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He  was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to  plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years  I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet  you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with  my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after  swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the  calf we had been fattening.”  ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have  is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice,  because your brother here was dead and has come to life;  he was lost and is found.”’  <i>The Gospel of the Lord.</i>  ® <b>Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.</b></p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2 Corinthians 5:17-21</b></span>  <b>A Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians</b></p> <p>For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation;  the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.  It is all God’s work.  It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ  and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation.  In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to  himself, not holding the people’s faults against them, and he  has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.  So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were  appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s  name is: be reconciled to God.  For our sake God made the sinless one into sin,  so that in him we might become the goodness of God.  <i>The word of the Lord.</i>     ® <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C</b>  <b>First Reading:</b>     Isaiah 43:16-21  <b>Psalm:</b>                Ps 125. R. v.3  <b>Second Reading:</b>    Philippians 3:8-14  <b>Gospel:</b>                John 8:1-11</p>	<div data-bbox="1401 1818 1532 1962" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Curious About Catholicism? Or Thinking about Coming Back to Church?:</b> Whether you're seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith or considering returning to the Church, we invite you to join us at the Catholic Parish. We welcome you and love to accompany you in your journey to discover Jesus Christ or to rediscover the profound sense of home and belonging that our faith offers. <b>Come and see how the Church can be a place of peace and hope for you.</b> For inquiries, you may contact/refer to any of the members of the Parish RCIA team <b>Michael Ross, Barb Osmotherly, George Cousins, Libby Dowling, Christine Martin, Fr Junjun</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH PRAYER:</b>  <b>God our Father, bless our Parish of the Sacred Heart (St Joseph),</b>  <b>so that we may love you more. Help our parents to give good example to their children, and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy. May each parishioner grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.</b></p>



**YARRAWONGA: We entrust to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our relatives and friends who are sick:**

Peter O'Dwyer, James Heath, Noela Corby, Ken Jones, Ron Foley, Vikki Bye, Peter O'Brien, Megan Burke, Brendan O'Connor, Jen Sagaidak, Lori Perry, Jim McKenna, Christine Titheridge

**Recently Deceased:** Rodney Ryan, Alfred Galea

**Anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:**

**29th** Eunice Williams, May Trewin

**30th** Sr M. Veronica Cox, John Maher, Anastasia Griffin, Frances Runnalls

**31st** Anne Parker, Frank Martin, John V Clarke, Agnes (Kay) Dewan

**1st** Sr M. Carmel Arund, Antoni Swierzbiolek, Keith Jacobs, Jack O'Donoghue, Joan Lysaght

**2nd** Keith Doyle, Dorothea Philomena Jacobs, Jean Blick, Bernard Hemphill, Michael Groves

**3rd** Stan Box, Barbara Shea

**4th** Lynne Gibbons, Tony Murphy, Mary-Louise Lynch

**COBRAM: With St Joseph, our Patron, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick:**

Teresa Dunn, Francine & Peter Mezenberg, Ashlin Grasso, Bill Carroll, Debbie Opray, Kerry Harrison, Laurie Vinecombe, Melinda England, Evie Emma Simmons, Adrian Bennett, Barry Bennett, Shane Carrick, Carmel Natale, Maddison Watt, Les Harris, Colleen Brooks, Carmel Clancy, Peter Petersen, Fr. Rob Niehus, Bruce Campbell, Frances Hale, Giulia Vitullo, David Cooper, Taylah Brooks, Erin Carlson-Higgins, Tyson King, Malcolm Caldwell, Narelle Brooks

**Recently Deceased: Patricia Kennedy**

**Anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:**

**30th** Emma Curthoys, Matthew John Brien

**31st** Paul & Concetta Papa, Raimonda Lapina, Estrelita Lapina

**1st** Ruby Peterkin, Kevin Moar, Des Houlihan

**2nd** Jean Monckton, Vincent Laffan

**3rd** Lilian Hyde, Bill Walsh, Robert Carroll

**4th** Giuseppina Natale, Marie Doyle, Philomena Marxsen, Alfonso Grillo

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Yarrawonga (Sacred Heart):** Sat 5:00pm & Sun 9:00am

**Cobram (St Joseph's):** Sat 6:30pm & Sun 11:00am

**Tungamah: 7:45 am** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> April

**Katamatite: 7:45 am** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> June

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday** 1 April, 10:00 am-Anointing Mass (Woodpoint)

**Wednesday** 2 April, 1:30 pm – Cobram (*Mass of Anointing*)

**Thursday** 3 April, 9:30 am - Yarrawonga

**Friday** 4 April, 9:30am- Yarrawonga  
11.30am Mass Cobram

#### BAPTISMS

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** (1:00 pm) – Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** (12:15 pm)- St Joseph's, Cobram

**Baptism Preparation: 6-7 pm** (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month-  
Sacred Heart Church, Yarrawonga)

**Next Preparation session: Tuesday 1st April**

**Contact:** [yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

#### RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Yarrawonga:** Saturday 9:00 am

**Cobram:** Friday, before 11:30 am Mass

**WEDDINGS/ANOINTING/FUNERAL:** Contact Fr Junjun-  
0459 356 917 or [junix28@gmail.com](mailto:junix28@gmail.com)

#### Holy Week & Easter Services 13-20 April, 2025 (Yarrawonga & Cobram Catholic Parishes)

Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga	St Joseph's, Cobram
<b>12 April Saturday</b> Vigil 5:00 pm Mass Church	<b>12 April Saturday</b> Vigil 6:30 pm Mass Church
<b>13 April Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 am (Ecumenical Blessing of Palms) <b>Kennedy Park</b> 9:00 am Mass Church	<b>13 April Palm Sunday</b> 11:00 am Mass Church Blessing of Palms
<b>15 April Tuesday of Holy Week</b> 11:00 am Chrism Mass	<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo</b>
<b>16 April Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 3:00 pm Confessions Church	<b>16 April Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Confessions Church
<b>17 April Thursday of Holy Week</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer/Office of Readings Church 6:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vigil until 9:00 pm) Church	<b>17 April Thursday of Holy Week</b> 6:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vigil until 9:00 pm) Church
<b>18 April Good Friday</b> 9:00 am Stations of the Cross <b>Sacred Heart Grounds/Block</b> 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord Church	<b>18 April Good Friday</b> 11:00 am Stations of the Cross <b>Mivo Park, Cobram</b> 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord Church
<b>19 April Holy Saturday</b> 8:30 am Morning Prayer/Office of Readings Church 6:00 pm Easter Vigil Church	<b>19 April Holy Saturday</b> 6:30 pm Easter Vigil Church
<b>20 April Easter Sunday</b> 6:00 am Easter Sunrise Mass <b>Yarrawonga Foreshore</b> 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass Church	<b>20 April Easter Sunday</b> 11:00 am Easter Sunday Mass Church

#### Joke...Irishman in confession

An Irishman goes into the confessional box after years of being away from the Church. As he was sitting on the chair inside, waiting for the priest, he noticed a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. And on the shelf on the wall is a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

Then the priest comes in. The Irishman immediately said:

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be." The priest blurted, "Get out of there. You're on my side."

