

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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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.*

5th Sunday of Lent

Year C – 6th April 2025

Walking together in faith & love for Project Compassion 2025

At the heart of Caritas Australia's mission is the belief that we are stronger together. In 2025, we embrace Partnership as our guiding value, recognising that real change can only happen when we walk alongside one another in faith, hope and love. Partnership embodies the belief that collaborative efforts are essential to effect meaningful and sustainable change. This commitment to partnership is deeply rooted in the organisation's values, guiding its approach to humanitarian aid and development.

Jesus loved people. He travelled with them, ate with them, washed their feet, joked with them. He spent time with those by the wayside: the woman at the well, the blind man of Jericho, the man called Legion who harmed himself with rocks. Caritas Australia is an agent of joy. We are a wonderful network of relationships between people, all of whom have their own story and their own understanding of life's mystery. We try to be as open as Jesus was, especially to the possibilities for those who long for healing. We exist to contribute to that healing, to celebrate the capability of those we encounter. We are servants, not judges. We try to respond to real needs, not the needs we imagine. We do not create co-dependents. Caritas Australia does not want to live in a divided world. We want to walk hand in hand with the people who welcome us into their lives and communities. This year, Project Compassion highlighted inspiring stories that showcase the power of partnership: **Toefuata'iga** (Samoa); **Lam** (Vietnam); and **Irene** (Democratic Republic of the Congo).



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



Yarrawonga: Have you seen this book stand?

This bookstand belongs to a family member of the late Mrs Pat Mills and was used in the church at her Funeral in January. It was last seen in the nuns chapel. If you have seen it, could you kindly contact the office or James Cummins. Thank you

Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Cobram (St Joseph's)

Wednesday, 9 April 6:00pm

Yarrawonga (Sacred Heart)

Thursday, 10 April 6:00pm

Cobram: Ottrey Lodge (Anointing Mass)-

Wednesday, 9 April (10:30 am).

NO 9:30 am parish Mass on this day.

BAPTISM: Yarrawonga

We welcome the families of: **Willa Blair & Georgie Rose Butts**

Ellie Anne & Emma Rose Seymour

Rose & Archie Lovell

Sage Ellie-May, Easton James & Hallie Jean Bowen

as they are being baptised in Yarrawonga this weekend.

We rejoice and welcome you to the Christian Faith.



Cobram (RCIA)

This Sunday, we welcome **Shantae Watt-Fotia** in our parish for the Rite of Election. She is currently teaching at St Joseph's School. This is a step-part of her journey in becoming Catholic as an adult. We hope that she'd be fully initiated into the Church by coming May, 2025.



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS: This is yet to be organized for the time being. For office inquiries outside, please leave a message on 03 5744 3030, text 0459356917 or email: yarrawonga@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ROSTER FOR THIS 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
 <u>9:00 am Sunday Mass</u>	
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 Pendegast
Counting 8th 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
 <u>11:00 am Sunday Mass</u>	
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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 12/13 April 2025

YARRAWONGA

5:00 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Commentator:	Brian
Lector/Reader:	Bernadette Quinn
Offertory Procession:	Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister of	
Holy Communion:	June Dale
Sacristan:	Barb Osmotherly
Overhead/Music:	Noel Richmond
 <u>9:00 am Sunday Mass</u>	
Commentator:	Michael Ross
Lector/Reader:	Anne Gleeson
Offertory Procession:	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of	
Holy Communion:	Mary Mansfield, Lucy Mansfield
Sacristan:	Margaret Cousins
Overhead/Music:	Dale Brooks
Counting 15th April:	Joanne Horne

COBRAM

6:30 pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass

Lector/Reader:	Josie Grasso
Offertory Procession:	Cath Gattuso
Extraordinary Minister of	
Holy Communion:	Gabriella Raco
Music/Sacristan:	Veronica Perra/Gisella Bextream
Computer:	Joan Moriarty
 <u>11:00 am Sunday Mass</u>	
Lector/Reader:	Philomena Crea
Offertory Procession:	Rosa Grillo
Extraordinary Minister of	
Holy Communion:	Mary Kennedy
Music/Sacristan:	Veronica Perra
Computer:	Carmel Natale
Counting:	John & Joan Moriarty
Statue of Mary:	Mrs Mary Kennedy

Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrawonga Matters

Yarrawonga Aged Care Communion Services
Woodspoint: Communion Liturgy Tuesday, 10:00 am
Karana: Communion Liturgy Tuesday, 10:30 am

PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING

Parish Pastoral Care Group- 4th Tues each month 2 pm
Pastoral Care Contact: Lynne Brear 0437 560 414

Yarrawonga Inter-Church Lenten Opportunities: Palm Cross Making:

St Cuthbert's Anglican Courtyard, 10 am, Monday, 7th April 2025

For some years now, Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrawonga, 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. **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.



Palm Sunday (April 13, 2025)

St Andrew's Uniting Church
 Tom St, Yarrawonga (2:30 pm)
 Enjoy Congregational singing and readings led by **The Yarrawonga Mulwala Ecumenical Choir**. Come and Celebrate with us.

St Joseph's Parish, Cobram Matters

• SUNDAY LUNCH:

Sunday 6th April – Bottom Pub Cobram at 12:00noon

• LENTEN PROGRAM- Thursday 10th April at 1:30pm- Church Foyer.

• ROSARY: Tuesday 8th April at 2:00pm in the Church. All Welcome.

• ITALIAN LADIES- Monday 7th 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 9th April 9 (12 noon). If anyone has anything they want presented to council to please speak to one of the members. See list of Council members in foyer.

Quote:

"Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. Lent is a summons to live anew."

--- Joan Chittister

1st Reading:
A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

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Responsorial Psalm**Ps 125. R. v.3****Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **®**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **®**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **®**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **®**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Palm Sunday Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Isaiah 43:16-21**2nd Reading:**
A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh
the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything,
and I look on everything as so much rubbish
if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him.
I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts,
the perfection that comes from the Law,
but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in
Christ, and is from God and based on faith.
All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection
and to share his sufferings
by reproducing the pattern of his death.
That is the way I can hope to take my place
in the resurrection of the dead.
Not that I have become perfect yet:
I have not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me.
I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking
that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past
and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the
finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive
in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation**Joel 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel**John 8:1-11****A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in
the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down
and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been
caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full
view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was
caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has
ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by
stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down
and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they
persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is
one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a
stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again.
When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with
the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who
remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where
are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied.
'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin
any more.' *The Gospel of the Lord.* **® Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Curious About Catholicism? Or Thinking about Coming Back to Church?: 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.

Come and see how the Church can be a place of peace and hope for you. For inquiries, you may contact/refer to any of the members of the Parish RCIA team **Michael Ross, Barb Osmotherly, George Cousins, Libby Dowling, Christine Martin, Fr Junjun**

**PARISH PRAYER:**

God our Father, bless our Parish of the Sacred Heart (St Joseph),

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.

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

Anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:

5th William Dowling, Maureen James

6th Edmund (Pilly) O'Dea, Marjorie Sims

7th Lorna McDonald

8th Barbara G O'Bryan, Debra Illingworth

9th Nora Branigan, Bridget Cronin

10th Myra Hall, Mervyn Lemmer

11th Freda Kennedy, Hugh O'Neill, Francis Hicks, Greg Connell, Nancy Sullivan, Claire Tripp

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 1st Sunday – 6th April

Katamatite: 7:45 am 5th Sunday – 29th June

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9 April, 10:30 am – Ottrey Lodge, Cobram

Thursday 10 April, 9:30 am - Yarrawonga

Friday 11 April, 9:30am- Yarrawonga, 11.30am Cobram

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We need volunteers to help out in the many roles to be fulfilled during our Holy Week services.

If you are available and is able to help, we would appreciate if you put your name in the sign-up sheets available at the Church Foyer, right after the Mass.

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

Anniversaries of death occur around this time especially:

5th Michael (Mick) Dorsett, Ethel Maher

7th Jean Mary Skehan, Santo Coppola, Paolo Bovalina, Heath Neal

8th Maria Zito, Georg Schifferle, Marj Hanger, Richard Peter Denehy, Marie Nunan

9th Rocco Sorrenti, Irene Mathers R.S.M.

10th Danny Simpson, Veronica (Ronnie) Bond, Michael Patrick Lawless

11th Isla Symmons, Jelica 'Helen' Krnac, Robert McManus, Bill Watson, Siegfried Victor (Vic) Orzegowski, William Houlihan

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday (1:00 pm) – Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga

2nd & 4th Sunday (12:15 pm)- St Joseph's, Cobram

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

Next Preparation session: Tuesday 6th May

Contact: 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

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

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

JOKE: King Solomon's Judgement

Two women ran into the court of King Solomon, fighting.

"My daughter was to marry this man, but this woman claims that this man was to marry HER daughter!" one of them yelled.

"There is a simple solution," said the King. "I shall cut this man in two and each of your daughters can have a piece." "Fine by me!" said the first woman.

"No, don't, I would rather let the other girl marry him than that!" cried the second.

The King didn't hesitate for a minute. "Fine." he said. "The first woman may have him marry her daughter."

"What?" protested the other? "She wanted him cut in two!"

"Indeed." said the king. "She's got the true spirit of a mother-in-law!"