

# 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 Sister of

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**St Joseph's Cobram**  
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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**

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**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).

### **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.



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.**

**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](mailto: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

#### 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

## 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

#### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**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, Yarrowonga Matters

#### Yarrowonga 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-** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month 2 pm  
*Pastoral Care Contact: Lynne Brear 0437 560 414*

**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. **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, Yarrowonga **(2:30 pm)**  
**Enjoy Congregational singing and readings** led by **The Yarrowonga Mulwala Ecumenical Choir.**  
 Come and Celebrate with us.

### St Joseph's Parish, Cobram Matters

#### • SUNDAY LUNCH:

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

#### • LENTEN PROGRAM- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm- Church

Foyer.

#### • ROSARY: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm in the Church. All Welcome.

#### • 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 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** **Isaiah 43:16-21**  
**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.  
*The word of the Lord*     ® **Thanks be to God.**

**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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** **Philippians 3:8-14**  
**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.  
*The word of the Lord.*     ® **Thanks be to God.**

**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 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

**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

**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 6th May**

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) Kennedy Park 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)	<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 Sacred Heart Grounds/Block 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord Church	<b>18 April Good Friday</b> 11:00 am Stations of the Cross Mivo Park, Cobram 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 Yarrawonga Foreshore 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass Church	<b>20 April Easter Sunday</b> 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!"