

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 9.00am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 4th Sunday during School term

WEDNESDAY: NO Mass at 10.00am
6.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass

RECONCILIATION: 8.30am till 8.45am every Sunday

BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young

WEDDINGS: At least 6 months' notice -
Telephone or email office in Young

WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG

SAT/SUN: 6.00pm (SAT) 9.00am (SUN)

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 23 FEB. 2020

ACOLYTE: Nev Stokes or John King

MUSIC: Di Franks

READERS: Glenys O'Connor & Terry Carroll

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Mary Moffitt and Chris Lynch

COUNTERS: Terry Carroll and Mary Moffitt

CLEANING: Betty Penrose, Loy Best,
Bernadette Dykhoff

(CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND MORNING TEA)

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 1 MAR. 2020

ACOLYTE: Nev Stokes or John King

MUSIC: Peter Butcher

READERS: Terry Carroll and Rachael Power

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Liz Carroll and Marj Cross

COUNTERS: Terry Carroll and Julie Finn

MEMORIAL BOOK

To have names placed in the book, please fill in the names of the deceased members of our parish and our relatives in the folder at the church rear.

Please fill in the sheet by PRINTING their name and date of death.

These will be placed in a memorial book which can be added to each year.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7;
Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 February 2020

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Dear Friends in Christ

The parish welcomes you warmly to 2020. We started the year on a sad note. The bushfires orchestrated by intense drought and heat was such a bizarre experience for all of us. However, the generosity of the parish in cushioning the intensity of the disaster on some of our brothers and sisters in the Deanery is magnanimous. I want to thank each and every one of you for such a prompt response, given the limited notice of preparation.

To continue our united front as Parishes and a Mission, the Lord has opened the tributary of Lent to us this year. It is my hope, individually and collectively, we shall seize the opportunity to seek the face of God in an arduous moment in our country and in our State. For this, we are wasting no time in announcing the Lenten program for our Parish and Mission.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Young: - 8-00am Mass/Distribution of Ashes
- 6-00pm Mass/Distribution of Ashes
Boorowa: - 6-00pm Mass/Distribution of Ashes
Grenfell: - 6-00pm Mass/Distribution of Ashes

I encourage parishioners, willing to support our homebound brothers and sisters, to please request ashes to be carried to them.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross is close to the heart of the Church as a means of meditating and contemplating the mysteries of the passion of Christ. I encourage parishioners to please attend this function. The times for this program are 12:00 noon and 6:00pm in the parish every Friday of the Lenten Season. This also holds for Boorowa and Grenfell.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

After the Easter celebration, the parish will for the first time, celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. The time and program shall be communicated in due course. However, the venue for this year will be in Young. We intend to take it in turns in our Mission churches each year.

SACRAMENTS AND APOSTOLIC NUNCIO'S VISIT

On a note of thanksgiving, the parish will celebrate different sacraments for our boys and girls. The highlight will be the Visit of the Papal Nuncio to our parish on Pentecost Sunday. He will celebrate the Holy Mass in and for our Parish in Young. During this, he will confer the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on our sons and daughters.

Finally, as the year progresses, we shall let you into the program for the second phase of the year 2020.

Thanks.

Rev James Onoja, Your Servant in Christ.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL THANK YOU

Fr George and Fr Namora at the church of the Immaculate Conception in Tumut would sincerely like to thank the Young Mission of St Mary's, St Joseph's in Grenfell and St Patrick's in Boorowa for the most generous donation following the Bushfire Appeal.

The congregation was most welcoming during our visit on the weekend. The funds are being prudently distributed. Two homes of parishioners in Batlow were entirely lost to the fires. At this stage, there have been 7 recipients of funds.

MPHS MONDAY SERVICE

Every 3rd Monday of the month at 11-00am, representatives of our church conduct an Ecumenical service at Grenfell Multi-Purpose Health Service (MPHS) for the residents there. Any parishioners who would like to attend would be very welcome. A service is held each Monday with other churches being rostered on for the other Mondays of the month.

COUNTING ROSTER

Please note that the counting of the collections at St Joseph's Parish takes place after mass each week. Please see name shown each week for the roster.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN

(For the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services)

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:



Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Larry McDonald (Husband of Helen, Father of David & Megan and Father-in-Law of Cath & Aaron), Michael Johnston (Husband of Judy)

SUNDAY VOLUNTEER ROSTER

For those who have not received their volunteer roster for March - April by email, it is on the side table under the notice board.

Please fill out your preferred dates and either leave there or return to Mary Moffitt, Liz Carroll or Di Franks so that there will be enough time to organise the roster and send to Cath McDonald. New volunteers are most welcome and training will be available. We are also looking for someone who would be prepared to learn how to be an Altar Server as one of our Acolytes will be away from 7th July till 12th October, 2020. Please contact Mary Moffitt (6343-1575 or 0419 440-692) if you are interested.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer Church Service will be held at 4-00pm on Friday, 6th March 2020 in the Presbyterian Church with a late afternoon tea to follow.

The Host country who have prepared the service are from Zimbabwe. World Day of Prayer is held in over 150 different countries and in 88 different languages! It is a global Ecumenical Movement led by Christian women and now attended by men everywhere and we welcome everyone to join us in prayer and praise and action for peace and justice. All our Grenfell Churches will be taking part in this service.

GRENFELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (24th February 2020 - 8th March 2020)

Please contact Liz Carroll on (0427) 431-544 or Di Franks on (0418) 619-740 if you or your family require assistance with funeral preparation arrangements.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STREET STALL



Our next Street Stall will be held on Friday, 20th and Saturday, 21st March. Donations of cooking, jams, pickles, plants, books or any good quality, saleable goods are most welcome. Volunteers to assist on either day. For all enquiries, please contact Deidre Carroll on 6343-1574 or (0403) 480-729.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All volunteers working with our children (i.e. Acolyte/Senior Server/Children's Liturgy or Catechists) must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

If your WWCC has expired, or you haven't had one, please address this as a priority.

If you do have a current WWCC, please ensure Cath at the Parish office has your WWCC numbers asap. Your date of birth will also be required.

(Just google Working with Children Check NSW).

IN ADDITION - All Parish volunteers, regardless of whether they work with children, are to read the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct, then sign and return the acknowledgment form.

This should be done as soon as possible.

More information is available from the following link:

<http://cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>

(Alternatively, if you don't have access to a computer, you can read the Code of Conduct form located on the table at the back of the church and then sign the Acknowledgement form & return it in the Grenfell box when it comes back to Young.)