

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: NO 9.00am until further notice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 4th Sunday during School term
(SUSPENDED)

WEDNESDAY: NO Mass at 10.00am

Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass

RECONCILIATION: 8.30am till 8.45am every Sunday
(SUSPENDED)

BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young
(SUSPENDED)

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG

SAT/SUN: NO 6.00pm (SAT) / 9.00am (SUN)

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 5 APR 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

CLEANING: Suspended

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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: Acts 10: 34, 37-43;
Col 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 5 April 2020

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CATHOLIC DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS (YOUNG MISSION) RE: THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

There will be no further Celebration of Masses, Prayer gatherings or Baptisms in the Diocese until further notice.

There will be no Holy Communion distributed to private homes or aged care facilities until further notice.

Reconciliation in Young Saturday 9-30am - 10-00am, outdoors now.

This decision has been made by the Federal Government due to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Daily Mass will be available on the Catholic Voice website online (from 6-00am) each day. You can watch this anytime at a time that suits you best. Please visit: www.catholicvoice.org.au

(ALL CHURCHES ARE TO BE CLOSED 24 HRS EACH DAY)

A PRAYER AT A TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (Archbishop Christopher Prowse)

Heavenly Father,

We praise and thank you for your loving presence, especially in the Lent/Easter season.

We offer heartfelt thanks, dear Lord, particularly for our recent rains. Once again, we come to you in our need. As your children we are in need of your healing and protection.

Just as we have been recovering from our dangerous bushfire summer, we have now been thrown into a fearful coronavirus (COVID 19) autumn.

We are tired and frightened. We feel a sense of panic and future uncertainty on a global scale.

Be with us now, Loving Master. Without you all is nothing – only empty hearts and a total reliance on our own feeble resources.

But with you “there is mercy and fullness of Redemption” (Psalm 130/7). With you there is “the loving mercy of the heart of our God (who) will give light to those who sit in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1/79).

It seems that so many public gatherings are now postponed or cancelled. There is virus death, the sick, and the anxious. We are spending more time on our own, or with family or friends.

We pray for the sick and those looking after them. Help us to offer practical help to those who struggle.

Let us use these times, O Lord, for your greater glory, especially during Lent and Easter. Let us pray more, and truly listen to you more in loving silence, stillness and simplicity.

Almighty Father, you always journey with us in life's challenges.

Help us to meet you often in the scriptures and our sacraments.

Increase in us faith, hope and trust.

Protect us from this coronavirus. Remove it from our common home.

Heal those who are sick and dying.

Mary, Help of Christians, as always we fly to you in our need. Be close to us and point out your Son, Jesus, to us in this pandemic. St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us.

We make this and all our prayers through Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, AMEN.

PARISH STREET STALL

Thank you to those parishioner who supported the street stall with donations, cooking and other saleable goods and to volunteers who worked on the stall over the two days.

Through your efforts and the outstanding contributions from the general public, \$1554-60 was raised.

The winner of the \$100-00 voucher or wood, drawn by Narelle Zammit, was Rodney O'Neill.

Rodney chose the voucher to spend at Mawhood's IGA.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Unfortunately due to the coronavirus, Divine Mercy Sunday has been cancelled in Young on Sunday, 19th April.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS WEEK- END ON SUNDAY 5TH APRIL



As Daylight Saving Time is about to end on Sunday, 5th April at 3-00am, clocks are turned back 1 hour, so it's easier to remember to just wind your clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Bulletin will only be available now on our website each week.

Please go to: cg.org.au/grenfell and download view.

The Parish office will still be taking enquiries by email: young@cg.org.au or telephone: (02) 6382-2222.

GRENFELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

(23rd March 2020 - 5th April 2020)

Due to the coronavirus, this service has been suspended until further notice. Please ring Fr James on (0455) 157-604 for all enquiries.

JACK GRANT TURNS 100 YEARS

Our much loved parishioner Jack Grant turned 100 on Tuesday, 31st March 2020. Jack's family and the parish had been preparing to help Jack celebrate this amazing milestone for some time. Sadly, the recent coronavirus protocols we are complying with caused this event to be postponed. We wish Jack a very Happy Birthday and hope we can celebrate with him at a future time. Perhaps parishioners might like to ring and congratulate Jack for his Birthday instead.



SPECIAL MINISTERS AND MPHS

Due to the Grenfell MPHS implementing government regulations regarding visitors to aged care facilities due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Special Ministers will not be allowed to take communion to the MPHS residents until further notice.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

St Joseph's Parish is rostered for Meals on Wheels from Monday, 6th April to Sunday, 12th April.

If you are unable to do your rostered day, please call Deidre Carroll on 02 6343 1574 or (0403) 480-729.

Prayers are requested for John Butcher (Brother of one of our parishioners, Peter Butcher) who is very ill at the moment

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

A message from Fr James

Do Not be Afraid: There's Hope!

Dear Friends in Christ

The world is broiled in different adversaries. A cursory look, as Christians, evokes a feeling of End-time cataclysmic Armageddon-predictions. The pit of hell has opened its mouth and cast outrageous evil spells on Mother Earth to counteract Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudate Si* that Christians should wake up to caring for the earth. His prophetic wake-up call is a premonition of what the Evil one is planning and capable of unleashing on our earth and invariably on humanity as we are experiencing in recent times.

Australia like other parts of the world is in a fair share of the doses of these Adversaries' evil deplores. While in droughts: animals, plants and crops including our lovely scenic environment were completely ravaged, pummeled and devastated. We cried for rains unending. Eventually a slight respite came.

Then came the flood that overwhelmed some parts of Australia catapulting us into an unprecedented bushfires; gassing us like rats chased and hemmed in a lair. I remember going to mass one Sunday morning about 7:30am fearing the rising sun's burning flame was going to fall on us. We quickly wrapped up the Sunday celebration so everyone can return to safety and comfort of their homes.

While trying to recover from these tripartite shock of droughts, floods and rains, what did we wake up to see? Coronavirus and it's pandemics with symptomatic and asymptomatic effects, closing not just normal lives but a strong hold on our spiritual lives as well. We no longer wrap up masse as in days of the bushfires. Now, Churches are closed. Devotees are bewildered. Communion can't reach the many in need of it.

My dear friends in Christ the good news is that there's hope. Our situation is akin to Israelites approaching Passover. Pharaoh's adamant spirit made the Passover more glorious. God's children were seriously and strongly prepared to move. Our hope is that our Passover lamb Jesus Christ will soak each door steps of your household during this Holy Week. He'll Pass over your homes, businesses, offices, hospitals, fears, sicknesses, traumas and anything that have a link to you and cleanse you.

The hosts of heavenly armies: archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and our guardian angels will surround and surmount Covid-19 in the pool of the sea of Jesus' blood. Like Moses said to the people Fear not for the Egyptians you see today tomorrow you shall see them no more (Ex 14:13). I declare to you dear parishioners fear not the Covid-19 pandemics you see today tomorrow shall see it no more!

I have been praying some radical prayers for you and over your loved ones against the attacks of the enemy of our good; and I hope you can join me on my youtube channel in these prayers. Please email me or call me on james.onoja@cg.org.au or 02 6382 1293 and I'll send you the channel.

We intend to broadcast live the Easter programs for you to follow from your homes and to help you follow our daily masses from our chapel. Fr Praveen and I are keeping vigil over you daily in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

May Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary cover you with her mantle of purity: blinding any evil-eye looking to your homes and loved ones, disguised as Covid-19, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen !

I encourage you to spend sometime rereading these passages from Exodus each day 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14, with special attention on 15 (the big song of the Passover/Easter victory).

May the Divine Mercy of God protect and shield you. Amen.