

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 THIS WEEK: SUN. 12 APR. 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

CLEANING: Suspended

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 19 APR 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

CLEANING: Suspended

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 2: 42-47;
1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 12 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Bulletin will still be printed and also be available on the 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.

GRENPELL 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.

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.

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.



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)

EASTER MESSAGE 2020 FROM THE ARCHBISHOP CORONA (CROWN) OF THORNS

Just a few months ago, none of us had heard of CORONAVIRUS.

Now it is our uninvited Easter guest.

It seems the whole world has become sick due to its global presence.

We cannot get away from it. It has turned our world upside down. We are anxious and fearful. Even in supermarkets we appear to be suspicious of each other.

We are trying our best in our home isolation. The experience so far is one of mixed blessings. New routines are not easy to navigate on our own. Now whole families and others are to negotiate a new way of daily life for the next few months. “Corona” is a Latin word meaning “crown”. This pandemic has become a crown of thorns for us all.

In the hours before his death, Jesus too knew of a crown of thorns. It became one of his terrible sufferings before his death on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus suffers with us in our sufferings. This is the meaning of the key word *compassion*.

The Easter message is clear: by suffering with the suffering Jesus we enter by Grace into the hope of Resurrection in Him.

Doing this is not something of mere human initiative. We surrender to the Grace invitation of Jesus. The Risen Lord awaits our YES coming from our deepest selves. We do this as Church through, with and in Jesus. Mary and all the saints participate in this saving encounter.

We are never alone.

This Easter will be celebrated in unprecedented circumstances. All our Churches are closed.

Many, but not all, can participate via online platforms. It will be so new to us. Yet, this pandemic will eventually be contained. Hope insists on this.

We want, however, from the quasi-Monastic anchorage of our homes, to encounter Jesus more than ever. Our lives are in flux.

Only Jesus remains forever. Alleluia!

Our new found Easter faith insists that it be expressed in practical charity. We do all we can to help those struggling. We thank the medical professionals, cleaners and volunteers,

emergency forces, priests and religious, lay faithful and all who give us particular leadership in our time of real need of human closeness and the caress of the Lord who rises in our midst.

Happy Easter and every blessing to you all!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
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