

## 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. 3 MAY 2020

**ACOLYTE:** Suspended

**MUSIC:** Suspended

**READERS:** Suspended

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:** Suspended

**COUNTERS:** Suspended

**CLEANING:** Suspended

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 10 MAY 2020

**ACOLYTE:** Suspended

**MUSIC:** Suspended

**READERS:** Suspended

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:** Suspended

**COUNTERS:** Suspended

**CLEANING:** Suspended

(Please use this prayer for Spiritual Communion)

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 6: 1-7;  
1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12



# St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

4th Sunday of Easter - 3 May 2020

**Parish Pastor:** Fr James Onoja / Associate Pastor: Fr Praveen Paul  
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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](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au)

Or visit the Young Mission site for 9-00am mass every Sun. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsapBOOEHD7pg1j49HMDfQ>

(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.

## MAY DEVOTION

Each year two months are dedicated to seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, namely May and October, popularly called May Devotion and October Devotion. We are in May, therefore, I encourage you, dear Parishioners, to look towards the bright side of life in this month. May bring in the burgeoning of life- growing flowers radiating lush greenery and, of course, the return of rains. We are hopeful that new things will happen in coming days. Hence, the May devotion begins, perhaps with due discretion, the setting up of a mini private altar in homes, followed by daily recitation of the Holy Rosary and visits to the shrine of our Lady in the Church premises. Our intention for this month of May would be to “have new life spring from the dead” one: from COVID-19 lockdown to vibrant bustling and hustling of our daily lives.

In this moment of isolation and restriction, the mind often wanders and wallows in self pity, regrets and sometimes curses on unpalatable situations. Therefore, in line with Ignatian concept of keeping check on the mind, I am proposing the Ignatian Examination of consciousness or *Examen*. Let us tag this Exercises as “Rummaging the mind”. How to engage this exercise is simple and easy. At the end of each day seek a quiet place of rest, supposedly, before your private altar created for May Devotion, then begin:

1. Ask God for Light
2. Review the day carefully, don't rush over details
3. Review all the feelings (emotions) surfacing as you replay the dramas of the day (don't rush)
4. Choose one of those feelings (either positive or negative) and pray with it
5. After that drawing strength from this moment, look forward to tomorrow

This exercise is akin to looking through a drawer for something that you're pretty sure is there but cannot find. Keep repeating this exercise throughout the month of May. Let's talk about your experiences after the lockdown is lifted.

Hopefully, there would be good news pouring in over the weekend. Perhaps we could go for a long drive within good range. Have a cuppa with friends and all that again.

I am working on a parish youtube channel. Once it goes through, it is my hope that we could set up a camera for live-streaming from the church. This means that more opportunities for reaching out to you is increased. Peter Mullany and Cathy his wife are generous towards this course already and we thank them. At the moment, I encourage you to hook up to our presbytery chapel every Sunday 9:00am for our Sunday masses on my YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsapBOOEHD7pg1j49HMDfQ>

We are praying for you always. God bless and keep you. Please download the COVID-Safe app. It might speed up our return to normal life.

## GRENPELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (4th May 2020 - 17th May 2020)

Please contact Tania Biddle on (0422) 855-090 or Colleen Nealon on (02) 6343-3233 if you or your family require assistance with funeral preparation arrangements. Please ring Fr James on (0455) 157-604 for all other enquiries.

## 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](http://cg.org.au/grenfell) and download view.  
The Parish office will still be taking enquiries by email: [young@cg.org.au](mailto:young@cg.org.au) or telephone: (02) 6382-2222.

## THE WEEKLY CATHOLIC VOICE (NEW 2-PAGEPRINTOUT)

Keep up with the news in The Weekly Catholic Voice each week.

You can request to have a printout to be sent direct to your email or actual mailbox.

Contact: [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au)

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)

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH GIVING

Because of the current situation with Covid-19 which has closed churches for the foreseeable future, our parish is not receiving income from parishioners who normally give cash on Sundays. The closure of churches could possibly last for up to 9 months. However, the usual accounts, such as insurance, wages, electricity etc still need to be paid. We would like to encourage parishioners to give in a different way. Those who can do so could sign up for electronic banking. Alternatively, parishioners could send a cheque or similar (not cash) to the parish office in Young. We hope you will be able to assist financially with keeping our parish functioning.

The following updated Banking details for the parish are as follows:

### 1<sup>st</sup> COLLECTION (Electronic Banking only)

#### GRENPELL:

Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
BSB: 062 786  
Account#: 000029248  
Reference: GRENPELL Surname

Please note that it is not recommended that 1<sup>st</sup> Collection deposits be made over the counter at a bank. Direct debits are the preferred option.

(Please call Young Parish office to set this up for you on 6382-2222).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION (Electronic Banking only)

#### GRENPELL:

Acc Name: St Joseph's Parish  
BSB: 062 786  
Account#: 000014935  
Reference: Surname & PG ENV No

### CBA Branch Over-the-Counter Deposit for 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

#### GRENPELL:

Acc Name: Catholic Development Fund  
BSB: 062 902  
Account#: 0903419  
Reference: 40557 Surname & PG ENV No

Please Note that “40557” is the Agency Number for St Joseph's Parish and must be entered!

### NON-CBA Branch (eg WESTPAC) Over-the-Counter Deposit

#### GRENPELL:

Acc Name: St Joseph's Parish  
BSB: 062 786  
Account#: 000014935  
Reference: Surname & PG ENV No

Please find below the postal address in Young if you would like to post a cheque instead.

St Mary's Parish  
P.O. Box 6  
YOUNG NSW 2594

(Please include your name and Planned Giving Number if applicable).