

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. 10 MAY 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

CLEANING: Suspended

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 17 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 8: 5-8, 14-17;
1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

5th Sunday of Easter - 10 May 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

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 project 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 and download view.
The Parish office will still be taking enquiries by email: 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

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 PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

By Heidi Busse

All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise
for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers,
who give life and count toes
and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness
to care for their families and themselves
with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers
who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide
in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated
from their children because of war,
poverty or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shape us
with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and
great grandmothers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.
Amen.



(HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY THIS WEEKEND)
from the Parish Secretary

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. Prayers are also requested for Judy McInnes
who is not well.