

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 9.00am (10 only)

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

WEDNESDAY: Mass at 10.00am (10 only)

Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass
NB: Funerals (maximum of 20 inside/30 outside)

RECONCILIATION: Sunday or Wednesday

BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young (10 only)

WEDDINGS: At least 6 months' notice - (10 only)
Telephone or email office in Young

WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 24 MAY 2020

ACOLYTE: Suspended

MUSIC: Suspended

READERS: Suspended

SPECIAL MINISTERS: Suspended

COUNTERS: Suspended

CLEANING: Suspended

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 31 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 2: 1-11;
1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

The Ascension of the Lord - 24 May 2020

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

(Latest protocols for NSW parishes, effective Friday, 15th May 2020).

Churches may now be open, but will be restricted to no more than 10 people in the building at any time.

Mass may be celebrated for no more than 10 people, excluding those conducting the service.

These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5metres. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place.

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/UCsapBOOEHdD7pg1j49HMDfQ>

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 wander and wallow 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/UCsapBOOEHdD7pg1j49HMDfQ>

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 (18th May 2020 - 31st May 2020)

Please contact Margaret Baker on (0427) 438-267 or Jenny Bell on (02) 6343-1778 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)

Entrustment of Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians.

(This entrustment is to be prayed throughout Australia on 24th/25th May 2020).

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

St Joseph, Pray for us.

CURRENT MASS ARRANGEMENTS

It is wonderful that mass is again being celebrated at St Joseph's Church, even though only 10 people can attend at one time.

As we need to adhere to government regulations, please sanitise your hands when entering the church. The pews must be disinfected after each mass as well, so we ask parishioners to use the front 5 rows, while socially distancing, so that the whole church does not need to be thoroughly cleaned after each mass.

So that you can have the opportunity to attend mass, on either Wednesday or Sunday, please phone Mary Moffitt (6343 1575 or 0419 440 692) to make sure your preferred date has vacancies.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

St Joseph's Parish is rostered for Meals on Wheels from Monday, 1st June to Sunday, 7th June 2020. Owing to the Covid-19 Virus conditions, some parishioners may be unable to assist if restrictions are still on. If you are rostered - Please contact Denise Makin at Cowra/Grenfell Meals on Wheels on 6343-2233 or Deidre Carroll on (0403) 480-729 to confirm.



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.