

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 9.00am (2sqm per person rule)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 4th Sunday during School term

WED. 16th Dec: Mass at 10.00am (2sqm)

Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass
NB: (2sqm per person rule)

RECONCILIATION: Sunday or Wednesday

BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young (2sqm per person rule)

WEDDINGS: At least 6 months' notice - (2sqm)
Telephone or email office in Young

WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG

SAT/SUN: 6.00pm (SAT) / 9.00am (SUN)

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 13 DEC. 2020

ACOLYTE: Nev Stokes

MUSIC: Peter Butcher (no singing)

READERS: Glenys O'Connor

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

COUNTERS: Phillipa Baker, Peter Butcher

CLEANING: Liz Carroll, Jeanne Montgomery, Chris Lynch

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 20 DEC. 2020

ACOLYTE: John King

MUSIC: Di Franks (no singing)

READERS: Rachael Power

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

COUNTERS: Liz Carroll and Julie Finn

(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: 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

3rd Sunday of Advent - 13 December 2020

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

(Latest protocols for NSW parishes, effective MON. 7 DEC. 20)

Weekday Masses/Weekend Masses/Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms/Private Prayer and Social Gatherings are all to be celebrated respecting the 2sqm per person rule **(200 people maximum for Masses only), inside** excluding clergy and liturgical ministries.

Families can sit together, but in relation to other persons/families apply 2m² rule.

You need to **record your name and number in the register provided.** This way we will have a contact if a health risk is posed within our community in relation to COVID-19.

Communion in the hand only.
Sacred Host, not the Precious Blood, to be offered.
No touching at the sign of peace.

No collection plates/bags are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at **BACK OF THE CHURCH** (Before or after Mass).

MASS will be available on the Catholic Voice website online. You can watch this anytime at a time that suits you best. Please visit: www.catholicvoice.org.au

CURRENT MASS ARRANGEMENTS

It is wonderful that mass is again being celebrated at St Joseph's Church, and we can now all attend each week with the 2sqm/person rule (200 people limit). As we need to adhere to government regulations, please sanitise your hands when entering the church, remember to social distance in your seating and the pews must be disinfected after each mass as well. Those who have restrictions from their Doctor are not to attend mass, but you are invited to ring and leave your name and number at Young office (on 6382-2222) and either Fr Jiss or Fr Joe will visit you at a time that suits you best. (Visit the Catholic Voice Website for latest info).

FACE MASKS

The State Government has recommended the use of masks including Church gatherings. Kindly note that the Archdiocese has not issued a protocol to include mandatory use of masks at the moment, however it is **highly recommended** and if parishioners who feel like using one, should do so. For convenience, St Joseph's have provided masks at the entrance of the church for those who need to use one this weekend. If you feel like wearing one every week, please bring your own.

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.

GARAGE SALE

Fr Allen is holding a Garage Sale at 3 Dundas Street, Young on the dates below. There is some great Christmas present ideas at cost price. (Original artwork and photographs etc).

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th December (9-00am to 4-00pm)

Thur. 17th & Fri. 18th December (10-00am to 4-00pm)

Sat. 19th & Sun. 20th December (9-00am to 4-00pm)

Please ring Fr Allen on 6382-2263 if you have any enquiries.

Prayers are requested for Jennifer Sullivan (Sister of Bill Mainwaring) and Veronica Galvin who are not well at the moment.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Reg Cassidy. (Brother of Mary and Veronica Galvin).

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Will be held before Christmas on the following dates:

Thursday, 17th Dec. at 6-00pm - Boorowa

Friday, 18th Dec. at 6-00pm - Young

Sunday, 20th Dec. at 10-00am - Grenfell (normal Recon)

GRENFELL FOOD HALL

To all parishioners:

As part of their commitment to helping others in the community, St Joseph's School is once again collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Grenfell Food Hall. These items will be used either for their Christmas hampers, or to augment their existing stock. Items may be left at the church or can be dropped off at the school. Please be sure that use by dates extend into 2021. You are welcome to contact Leslie King if you require any further details (on 63431514 or leslie.king@cg.catholic.edu.au).

All donations will be gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

As Christmas approaches, we would like to give the church a really good clean. Our rostered team of Sharon Eppelstun and Phillipa Baker would appreciate some extra help to make sure the church is looking its best. They are planning to clean at 8.30am on Wednesday 23rd December. If you can't make it at that time, maybe you could offer to do a particular area at a time which suits you.

Please contact Sharon (0439 962 036) or Phillipa (0408 011 543) to offer assistance.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our parish is fortunate to be celebrating two masses at Christmas time, 6.00pm on Thursday 24th December and 9.00 am on Friday 25th December. Because of continuing regulations about Covid 19, and because many more people usually come to mass at Christmas time, those wanting to attend Christmas mass will need to indicate beforehand which mass they will be attending. There will be sheets at the back of the church for parishioners to indicate their preference, and also if additional family members or friends will be attending. At each mass there will be a Covid monitor to check off names of those who have put their name on the list. To avoid disappointment, please indicate your mass preference early.

YOUNG MISSION CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil - 6-00pm Young (outside), 6pm Boorowa, 6pm Grenfell
- 9-00pm Young
Christmas Day - 9-00am Young and Grenfell



GRENFELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (14th December 2020 - 27th December 2020)

Please contact Di Franks on (0418) 619-740 or Jenny Bell on (02) 431-778 if you or your family require assistance with funeral preparation arrangements.