

## MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY:** 9.00am (2sqm per person rule)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** 4th Sunday during School term

**WED:** NO Mass at 10.00am (2sqm)

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Sunday

**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. 24 DEC. 2020

**COVID MONITOR:** Jeanne Montgomery

**ACOLYTE:** Greg Ewers

**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher

**READERS:** Jeanne Montgomery

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:**  
**COUNTERS:** Peter Butcher and Terry Carroll

## ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 25 DEC. 2020

**COVID MONITOR:** Jeanne Montgomery

**ACOLYTE:** Nev Stokes

**MUSIC:** Liz Carroll

**READERS:** Val Forsyth

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:**  
**COUNTERS:** Terry Carroll and Liz Carroll

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 27 DEC. 2020

**ACOLYTE:** John King

**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher (no singing)

**READERS:** Jenny Bell

**SPECIAL MINISTERS:**  
**COUNTERS:** Phillipa Baker, Peter Butcher

**CLEANING:** Debbie Williamson, Sharon

Eppelstun, Phillipa Baker

(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:** Gen 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3;  
Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40



# St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 December 2020

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### 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.

## Born of the House of David

And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David;  
Is it a small thing for you to weary men,  
but will ye weary my God also?  
Therefore the Lord himself shall give you  
a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear  
a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:13,14

Merry  
Christmas!

WARM GREETINGS FROM  
FR. JISS, FR. JOE, FR. ALLEN,  
FR. WARRICK

### CHRISTMAS MASSES (ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL)

We will be holding a collection at all Christmas Masses for the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal.

Due to Covid precautions, there are no collection bags, but there will be a BRIGHT coloured box located at the back of the church.

Please be generous and donate to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. This collection is to raise funds for specific church related projects within & outside Australia who are urgently in need of financial support.

### 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).

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

### 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 2m<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au)

### GRENPELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (14th December 2020 - 27th December 2020)

Please contact Di Franks on (0418) 619-740 or Jenny Bell on (02) 6343-1778 if you or your family require assistance with funeral preparation arrangements.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joseph's Parish is rostered for Meals on Wheels from Monday, 11th January to Sunday, 17th January 2021. For further information, please contact Deidre Carroll on (0403) 480-729.



### CHURCH CLOSURE

Please be advised, due to a problem with pigeons nesting in the foyer of St Joseph's, that the church will not be open during the day until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas with love and peace for the New Year.

May the Lord always bless you and keep you safe, especially if you are travelling over the holidays.

### The prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Francis

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.

Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

Amen.