

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 9.00am

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

WED: NO Mass at 10-00am

Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass

RECONCILIATION: Sunday (8.30am - 8.45am)

BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young

WEDDINGS: At least 6 months' notice

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG

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

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SAT. 25 DEC. 2021

ACOLYTE: Greg Ewers

MUSIC: Peter Butcher

READERS: Leslie King

SPECIAL MINISTERS:
COUNTERS: Terry Carroll, Peter Butcher

CLEANING: Marg Baker, Mary Ray, Sr Mary

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 26 DEC. 2021

ACOLYTE: Greg Ewers

MUSIC: Peter Butcher

READERS: Phillipa Baker

SPECIAL MINISTERS:
COUNTERS: Phillipa Baker, Peter Butcher

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 2 JAN. 2022

ACOLYTE: Nev Stokes

MUSIC: Jenny Bell

READERS: Phillipa Baker

SPECIAL MINISTERS:
COUNTERS: Terry Carroll, Julie Finn

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is 60: 1-6;
Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 December 2021

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE- Bethlehem Amazement

Sometimes we are offered the following Christmas greeting: "Have an amazing Christmas!" No doubt this greeting can mean all sorts of things. For Christians, the most amazing aspect of Christmas is God becoming human in the little babe of Bethlehem. For us, all other amazements in life, flower from this fundamental Bethlehem amazement. The Christmas scene of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, three Magi, animals, stars and angels are all stilled in silent amazement as they gaze on the Almighty God becoming a vulnerable baby in the humble stable at Bethlehem.

Mary's prayer becomes our prayer as she says for all of us in amazement that our "soul magnifies the Lord." During this Christmas and New Year Season, let us all magnify Jesus in our gratitude and humble response to all the amazing things that have happened to us during this extraordinary Covid year of 2021 - both good and not so good!

Let us show an amazing closeness to our families, neighbourhoods and cities where this time may be a real practical struggle. Now that we are able, let us visit each other- especially those who have had a very isolated and lonely 2021. Then our Bethlehem amazement will also have a real practical expression. Rest up during this time! We are all tired! God bless you all during this Christmas and New Year Season.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, parishes will be conducting the annual Archbishop's Christmas Appeal at their Christmas Masses.

Funds will be raised again to support Church Communities overseas desperately in need.

SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass - 9.00am at Young
Communion Service - 9.00am at Grenfell
Sunday Mass - 10.30am at Boorowa

LATEST COVID UPDATES FROM NSW GOVERNMENT (17/12/21)

As of Friday, 17th December NSW Government announced that places of Worship are open to all, with no person limits, but Check-ins are still required. Masks are not mandatory, but feel free to still wear one if you want. The choice is yours.

Singing is permitted by all again too.

HILLTOPS HEALING CHRISTMAS FETE (Sponsored by St Mary's Parish)

A huge thank you to everyone who donated or helped at our Hilltops Healing Christmas Fete. It was a huge success! The total figure raised was \$4,500-00 (after all expenses taken out)

WHAT AN EFFORT!!

Donations of \$1,500-00 each will be given to St Vincent de Paul, Young Community Chest and Crisis Accommodation.



Thank you to everyone who were part of our Community Fete.

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Saturday, 25th December and opened again on Tuesday, 18th January.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and safe Christmas with love and peace for a brand New Year.

The weekly parish bulletin will be available in the church plus on the website each week.

Please feel free to go to: cg.org.au/young and download view.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Keith Churchin, Kathleen Bandy, John Butcher

GRENFELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

As the death of a loved one can be a very stressful time, we have support in place if you need it. Please contact Di Franks (6343-2230 or 0418 619-740) or Mary Moffitt (6343-1575 or 0419 440-692) if you or your family would like assistance with funeral preparation arrangements.

(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.

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

The Prayer to St Joseph (by Pope Francis)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Happy Christmas to all of our beloved parishioners. May the joy of Christmas always remain in your family.

Thank you for your support of your parish over the last year.

With love and prayers from
Fr Jiss,
Fr Allen,
Fr Warrick and
the Parish team.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all volunteers who helped in any way to make our Christmas Masses such a beautiful celebration. i.e. Setting up, Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Acolytes, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Counters etc. It is greatly appreciated.