

**MASS TIMES:**

**SUNDAY:** 8.00am Mass (2nd & 4th Sunday)  
8.00am Communion Service  
(1st & 3rd and any 5th Sunday)

**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 (7.30am - 7.45am)

**BAPTISMS:** Telephone or email office in Young

**WEDDINGS:** At least 6 months' notice  
Telephone or email office in Young

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT YOUNG AND BOOROWA**

**YOUNG:** 6.00pm (SAT) & 10.00am (SUN)  
**BOOROWA:** 5.00pm (SUN)

**ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 25 DEC. 2022**

**ACOLYTE:** Nev Stokes  
**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher  
**READER:** Phillipa Baker  
**COUNTERS:** Peter Butcher and Julie Finn  
**CLEANING:** Betty Penrose, Loy Best,  
Bernadette Dykhoff

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 1 JAN. 2023**

**PRESIDER:** Di Franks  
**GOSPEL/REFL:** Leslie King  
**ACOLYTE:** Greg Ewers  
**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher  
**READER:** Phillipa Baker  
**COUNTERS:** Terry Carroll and Julie Condon

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Num 6: 22-27;  
Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21:



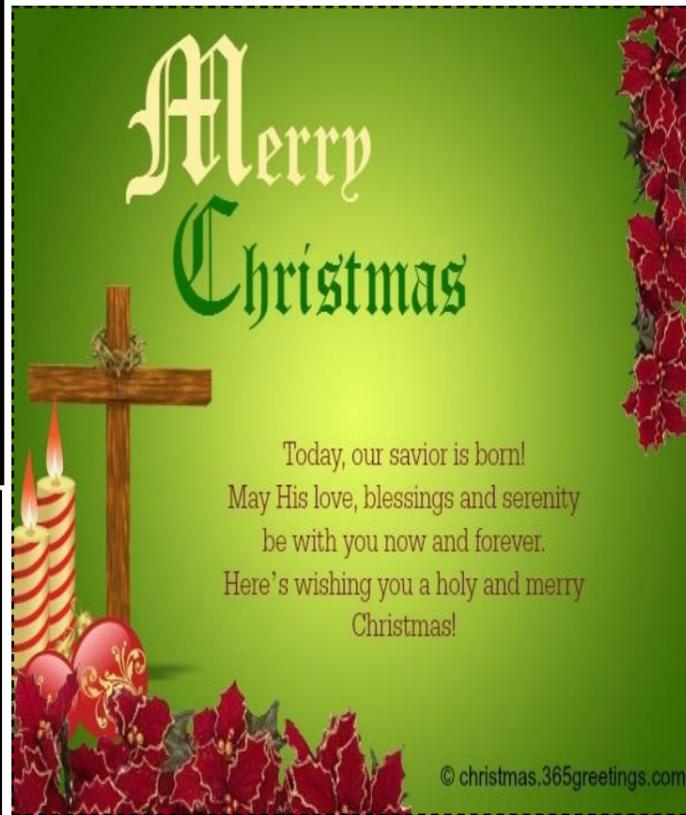
**St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell**

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 December 2022

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jiss Sunny  
**Office Hours:** Friday 9.30 am - 1.30 pm  
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**CHURCH CLEANING**

The 2023 cleaning rosters have been emailed out or are available at the back of the church for those without email addresses. Many thanks.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Please be advised that we have a new Facebook page for Catholic Mission of Young (includes Young, Grenfell and Boorowa Parishes).

If you have any notices that you would like included, please email Megan at: boorowa@cg.org.au (with at least one week's notice) and she will enter it for you.

**CHURCH OPENING HOURS**

If you wish to pay a visit - St Joseph's Church will be open daily from 10.00am - 4.00pm and following Mass on Sundays.

Please keep the inside doors closed to prevent the pigeons paying a visit.

**ADVENT 2022  
REMOVING THE EXEMPTION**

Dear friends in Christ,

You will be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic period, this Archdiocese did not require us to attend Church. This was an extraordinary measure for our health and wellbeing.

Given the facts of the new situation regarding the pandemic, I am lifting the exemption from obligation to worship God at mass on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2022.

Clearly, this obligation does not bind those who have serious health concerns, or who are physically or morally prevented from attending Mass.

Indeed, I ask you to remain at home, if you are feeling unwell, have cold or flu symptoms, or believe you pose a risk to the health of others.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present with us in a very special way when we gather as a community in prayer and action, walking together in our faith and celebration. We attend Mass because Jesus feeds us in Word and Sacrament.

An obligation to attend Mass is present to support and encourage us all to gather for the Eucharist, "the source and summit" of our entire Christian lives. We need each other's prayers at Mass, especially to support those struggling in life.

We appear to be coming to an end of this long and, for so many, most terrifying time. We reflect on all we have experienced.

We pray for each other, especially for those who continue to suffer in any way from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare for the Christmas Season of joy, let us continue our "Walking Together" into this penitential season of ADVENT in repentant and joyful HOPE for the coming of the Saviour at Bethlehem.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Prayers are requested for Fran Harveyson, Bill Mainwaring, Jennifer Sullivan (Sister of Bill Mainwaring), Veronica Galvin and Shirley Cassidy (Sisters of Mary Galvin) who are not well at the moment.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Nancy Spackman, Kelly Franks

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

St Joseph's Parish is rostered for Meals on Wheels commencing Monday December 26 till Sunday January 01 2023.

If you are unable to do your rostered day, please find a replacement and advise Deidre Carroll 0403480729 or 63431574, who in turn will advise Meals On Wheels.

Please also advise if you are still able to deliver Meals On Wheels in 2023.

New volunteers are most welcome.



**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.

**The Christmas Tree**

**STAR**  
It reminds us of the birth of Jesus, who brings light to our lives.

**TREE**  
It symbolizes the tree of heaven. It used to be customary to use apples to decorate it; today balls are preferred.

**LIGHTS**  
They remember that Jesus is the light of the world that delivers us from the darkness of sin.

**GIFTS**  
They remind us that God loves humanity so much that He delivered His only Son to us.