

**MASS TIMES:**

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

**WED:** **NO Mass at 9-30am**

**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. 3 DEC. 2023**

**PRESIDER:** Sr Mary  
**GOSPEL/REFL:** Leslie King  
**ACOLYTE:** Greg Ewers  
**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher  
**READER:** Val Forsyth  
**COUNTERS:** Terry Carroll, Sharon Eppelstun

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 10 DEC. 2023**

**ACOLYTE:** Nev Stokes  
**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher  
**READER:** Sr Mary  
**COUNTERS:** Mary Moffitt, Phillipa Baker  
**CLEANING:** Sharon Eppelstun, Phillipa Baker, Debbie Williamson

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -(2nd Sunday of Advent)**

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11: 2 Pet 3: 8-14: Mk 1:1-8:



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

*We sincerely acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri people*

**1st Sunday of Advent - 3 December 2023**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jiss Sunny **Deacon:** Mark Ha  
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**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** St Joseph's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. If any parishioner has any concerns about the above, please email Fr Jiss or the Parish



**ADVENT MESSAGE FROM FR JISS**

As we step into the season of Advent, I'm reminded of the profound beauty in the unfolding story of God's love. It goes beyond the festive trappings and invites us into the essence of His presence amid our flaws and darkness. Week 1 of Advent focuses on the Message of Hope, echoing Jeremiah's prophecy of a righteous branch of David bringing justice and righteousness.

Here are some reflections for your contemplation:

1. What are your hopes for this Advent season?
2. How can you anchor your hope in God amidst life's uncertainties?
3. In times of sorrow, how can you find solace in placing your future hope in God?

May your Advent be filled with grace and fruitful reflections.

Many blessings,  
Fr. Jiss

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS**

The next Anointing Mass will be held in St Mary's Church at Young on Friday, 8th December at 1.30pm.

Please save the date and let anyone you know who would like to attend and bring them along. All welcome.



**Year 6 GRADUATION CLASS OF 2023**

GRADUATION MASS  
DECEMBER 13 2023 | 6 PM | ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick O'Meally, Veronica Galvin, Pam Martens, Steve O'Brien, Peter Galvin

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

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a mix of nostalgia and pragmatism that I share this update about our beloved St Columbus Church in Bribbaree. This church holds a remarkable traditional history, with many of our families deeply rooted in its community.

Regrettably, due to a decline in parishioners and the escalating maintenance costs, we find ourselves compelled to make a difficult decision—to sell the church. Before we take this step, I invite you to join me for a formal last mass or a Last Supper Mass at St Columbus Church on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in Bribbaree.

I encourage all parishioners of St Columbus to bring their family members to participate in this final gathering. It will be a poignant farewell to our community within the framework of our Catholic faith. As a gesture of remembrance, we offer an opportunity for families who have donated items to the church to reclaim them. If your family has contributed statues or liturgical items, you may retrieve them by providing evidence of ownership.

For those interested, there is also an option to purchase items from the church, and the proceeds will be directed towards noble causes. Please reach out to Brian Hislop on 6382-3288 or Bill Kearney on 6382-5555 for additional details.

It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners are able to bring a plate of food with them to share with everyone. Could you please advise either Brian or Bill if you are bringing food so we know beforehand.

I anticipate that this decision may evoke various emotions, but it is ultimately in support of our Young Mission. Let us come together on 27th December at 6.00pm for a final mass—a moment to cherish the memories and bid a heartfelt farewell to St Columbus Church.

There will be a similar gathering at a later date when arrangements are made for the sale of the Quandialla Church.

Yours faithfully,  
Fr. Jiss

**ST MALACHY'S GOOLOOGONG:**

The final Mass for St Malachy's will be celebrated today, Sunday December 03 at 2.30pm to bid a proper farewell to this cherished sanctuary, and to honour the history and memories it holds. The service will be conducted by Bishop Michael McKenna and will be followed by afternoon tea. Anyone who has had a connection with this church is most warmly invited to attend.

**2024 CLEANING ROSTER**

Thank you to the parishioners who have served on our church cleaning roster for 2023 and ensured the church remained looking clean and tidy. It is now time to think about next year. If you are willing to continue on the roster with your team, there is no need to do anything.

If you feel that you will be unable to continue in 2024, could you please let Mary Moffitt (6343 1575 or 0419 440 692) know and also the name of your replacement person.

If you are not already on the roster and would like to become part of the cleaning team, please also let Mary Moffitt know.

**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.

1st Collection for Sunday, 19th November 2023 = \$100.50  
2nd Collection for Sunday, 19th November 2023 = \$62.40  
1st Collection for Sunday, 26th November 2023 = \$246.80  
2nd Collection for Sunday, 26th November 2023 = \$133.10

**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, 21st December at 6-00pm at St Mary's Church for all of Young Mission.

This will be your last opportunity before Christmas as this night will replace any other allocated times in each Parish.



**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE MASS TIMES**

Sat. 23rd Dec:	-	Young Vigil	-	6.00pm
(W/E Masses)	-	Boorowa Vigil	-	6.00pm
	-	Grenfell Vigil	-	6.00pm
Sun. 24th Dec:	-	Young Mass	-	10.00am
Christmas Eve:	-	Young Vigil (outdoors)	-	6.00pm
Sun. 24th Dec	-	Boorowa Vigil	-	6.00pm
Christmas Day:	-	Grenfell Mass	-	8.00am
Mon. 25th Dec	-	Binalong Mass	-	9.00am
	-	Young Mass	-	10.00am

