

**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. 17 DEC. 2023**

**PRESIDER:** Mary Moffitt  
**GOSPEL/REFL:** Sr Mary  
**ACOLYTE:** John King  
**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher  
**READER:** Glenys O'Connor  
**COUNTERS:** Sharon Eppelstun, Julie Condon

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SAT. 23 DEC. 23 - 6PM**

**ACOLYTE:** Nev Stokes  
**MUSIC:** Peter Butcher  
**READER:** Jenny Bell  
**COUNTERS:** Julie Finn, Phillipa Baker  
**CLEANING:** Marg Baker, Mary Ray, Sr Mary

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - (4th Sunday of Advent)**

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



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

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

**3rd Sunday of Advent - 17 December 2023**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jiss Sunny **Deacon:** Mark Ha  
**Office Hours:** Friday 9.30 am - 1.30 pm  
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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



**Third Sunday of Advent, JOY**

Prepare our hearts  
and remove the sadness  
that hinders us from feeling  
the joy and hope  
which his presence  
will bestow.



PLEASE EMAIL ANY MESSAGES FOR THE BULLETIN TO ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AS THIS IS THE CLOSE OFF TIME FOR ALL ENTRIES. THANKS.

**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



**OFFICE NOTICE**

Please be advised that there will be no Anointing Masses or Baptisms during the month of January.

The Parish Office will also be closed from Christmas and opening again on 23rd January 2024.

Wishing everyone a very safe, happy and blessed Christmas with all your family.



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

**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.

**GRENFELL MPS CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

The Grenfell MPS Christmas Service will be held at Grenfell MSP on Monday, 18th December at 11.00am. Parishioners are most welcome to join the service.

**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.

**WEEKLY CATHOLIC VOICE**

The Weekly Catholic Voice is available online each week. Please log into: catholicvoice.org.au and catch up with all the latest news.

**PARISH OFFICE NOTICE**

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/grenfell and download view.

**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.

**2024 CLEANING ROSTER**

The Roster for cleaning at St Joseph's Church next year has been emailed to those who have supplied an email address. For everyone else, I have placed copies at the back of the Church for you to pickup. Regards Mary.

1st Collection for Sunday, 3rd December 2023 = \$103.00  
2nd Collection for Sunday, 3rd December 2023 = \$40.90  
1st Collection for Sunday, 10th December 2023 = \$150.50  
2nd Collection for Sunday, 10th December 2023 = \$157.55

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.

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