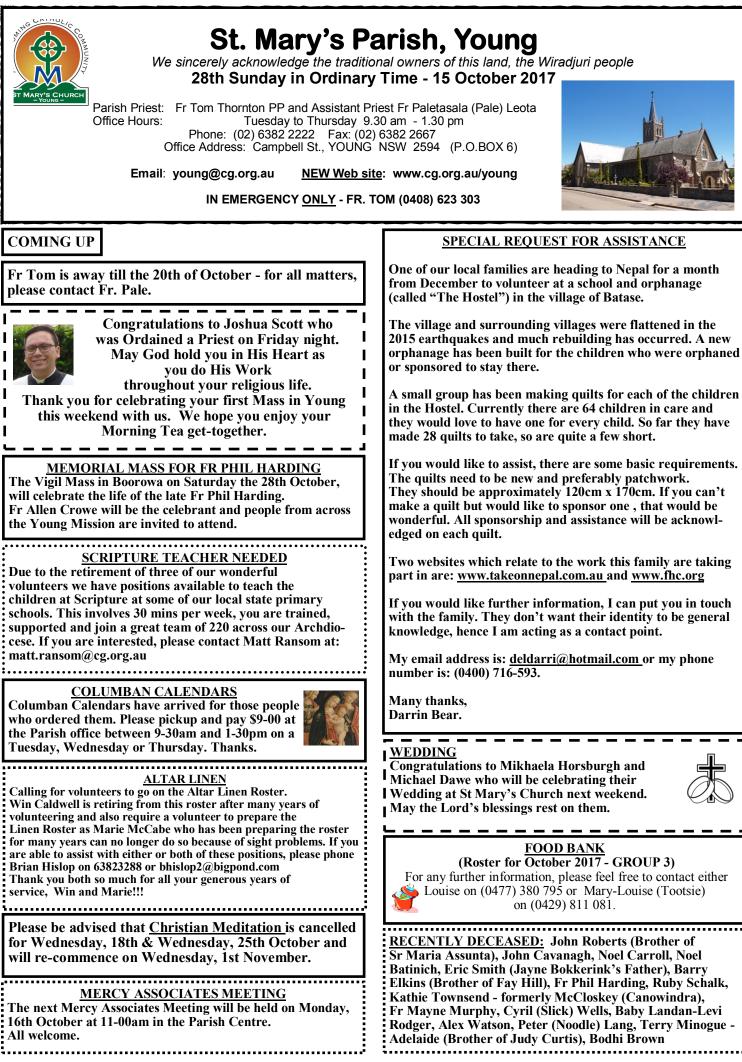
**OPEN CHURCH** – Parishioners can enter the body of the church any time for prayer during daylight hours through the main glass doors at the back of the Church.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue 17th Oct	
	8.30am Mass in Chapel
Wed 18th Oct	NO Mass at Boorowa 10.00am Mass at St Mary's School
Thur 19th Oct	10.00am Mass at Grenfell 8.30am Mass in Chapel
Fri 20th Oct	11.00am Mass at Boorowa 8.30am Mass in Chapel
Sat 21st Oct	10.00am Mass at YRV 9.30am - 10.00am Reconciliation 11.00am Mass at MSJ
Sun 22nd Oct	6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young 8.00am Mass at Bribbaree 9.30am Mass at Young 9.30am Mass at Grenfell
Note: A Funeral	Mass usually replaces a Weekday Mass
VOCATIONS PRA 9.00am in the Ch	AYER GROUP: apel on Thursdays
Baptism Preparati	ng Masses on the second Sat/Sun of month ion Night - 1st Tuesday of each month or all Baptism Preparation night enquiries).
CHRISTIAN MED	<u> ITATION:5-30pm</u> in Chapel Wednesdays
ADORATION: 5.	00pm-6.00pm in the CHAPEL Fridays
WEDDINGS: By a	(New Daylight Saving Time) appointment (at least 6 months' notice)
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## PLEBISCITE ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

The current issue of same-sex marriage and the proposal to change the basic definition of marriage in Australia raises issues that are central to a society seeking maturity. We all know and love same-sex attracted people in our families, parishes and communities. They do feel particularly vulnerable in the current national discussions. Our respect and care reaches out to them as always. That been said, traditional marriage must be considered one of the great treasures of humanity. Clearly, Christianity has given it a particular sacramental understanding. Yet, the exclusive love sharing of a man and a woman that is open to the possibility of giving life to children has been a central benchmark of healthy societies over millennia. St John Paul II often wrote that society comes through the family. Strengthening society means strengthening marriage and families. How can changing the basic and enduring definition of marriage assist a strong society? Several recent Popes have also made the parallel with environmental ecology and human ecology. They rightly see their interconnection. For example, why be strong on protecting the natural beauties of Australia but less so on protecting proven human beauties, like traditional marriage? Indeed, we seem to be strong on protecting the environment but seemingly more ready to endanger the delicate ecology of human relationships in re-defining marriage. Subjective considerations are significant but must be balanced carefully with objective truths about the value of traditional marriage and its links with the flourishing of society. Clearly, too, if overseas examples are a guide, many countries that have permitted same-sex marriage are now encountering all sorts of challenges regarding abuses to the fundamental rights of religious freedom and speech. Various ideologies can be asserted in a subtle manner as the new "right". Pope Francis warns us about the advance of an "ideological colonisation" in our world. Let us do all we can to protect traditional marriage from any legal re-definition. Make sure you vote! For more information, we encourage everyone to visit The Coalition for

## **VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVER**

Marriage website: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/

Mercy Care Centre is seeking volunteer Bus Driver/s for transporting Hennessey Day Centre clients -Driving the day centre 16 seat bus (light rigid bus licence required) - this runs twice daily, Monday to Friday, with a Mercy staff member on board who assists with transporting clients to and from the centre. We would be grateful for offers to drive one or some of these bus routes. We provide orientation and training. If you are interested, please contact Jane Parkman on 6382 8444 or JParkman@mercy.com.au

<u>ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER</u> St Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at the <u>Conference Room</u> in the St Vinnies Centre. The dates for the next meetings is <u>Monday, 16th and 30th</u> <u>October at 11 00am.</u>

## **WEBSITE**

Please be advised that we now have our Website up and running. Just go to: cg.org.au/young, and download view for the latest Bulletins etc.