

**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 7th Nov 8.30am Mass in Church  
12.30 Mass at Boorowa  
Wed 8th Nov 8.30am Mass in Church  
10.00am Mass at Grenfell  
Thur 9th Nov 8.30am Mass in Church  
11.00am Mass at Boorowa  
Fri 10th Nov 8.30am Mass in Church  
10.00am Mass at YRV  
Sat 11th Nov 9.30am - 10.00am Reconciliation  
11.00am Mass at MSJ  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young  
Sun 12th Nov 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 PRAYER GROUP:**  
9.00am in the Chapel on Thursdays

**BAPTISMS:** During Masses on the second Sat/Sun of month  
Baptism Preparation Night - 1st Tuesday of each month  
(Ring Office first for all Baptism Preparation night enquiries).

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** 5-30pm in Chapel Wednesdays

**ADORATION:** 5.00pm-6.00pm in the CHAPEL Fridays  
(New Daylight Saving Time)

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment (at least 6 months' notice)

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 11/12 November 2017**

**READERS:** First Second  
6.00pm: Terry Mulligan Judith Mulligan  
9.30am: Trazel Scott Sharon Hibbert  
6.00pm: (ACOLYTE) Tony Fowler  
9.30am: (ACOLYTE) Owen Pippard  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** 6.00pm: Grace Taylor, Abbey Hall,  
Millie Hyam, Dominic Moran  
9.30am: Madeline Wegmann  
**PLANNED GIVING:** Trevor and Laurelle Green  
**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Leanne Parkman and Team 7  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Ally McDonall/Hennessy College  
**CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE ROSTER:** Bill Kearney (Nov)  
**LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER:** Greg Muller and Gareth Logan  
(November)  
**MAINTENANCE:** Jim Zickefoose and Mick Dwyer (Nov)  
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - 0427 410 422  
**LINEN ROSTER:** Irene Hopwood  
**ROSARY STATUE:** Mr & Mrs W Causer, 62 Wombat Street  
**NEXT:** Bill & Mary Kearney, 111 William Street  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
6.00pm: Gerard SImms Charles Boshier  
9.30am: Carmel Hardcastle Judy Curtis

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Wis 6: 12-16;  
1 Thess 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

PLEASE EMAIL ANY MESSAGES FOR THE BULLETIN TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 1.30 PM WEDNESDAY, AS THIS IS THE CLOSE OFF TIME FOR ALL ENTRIES. THANKS.



**St. Mary's Parish, Young**

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 November 2017**

Parish Priest: Fr Tom Thornton PP and Assistant Priest Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota  
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**NEXT WEEK**

**Tue. 7th Nov.** - **Deanery Meeting at the Presbytery from 9.30 - 12.30 7-00pm - Baptism Preparation at the Parish Centre**  
**Wed. 8th Nov.** - **5-30pm - Grenfell First Reconciliation**  
**Thu. 9th Nov.** - **5-30pm - Young Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at the Presbytery - ALL MEMBERS are asked to attend**

**THANKS**

Sincere thank you to Don and Jim for their work on the concrete out the front of the church and for the ramp that helps me approach the altar for mass. Fr. Tom.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH MEETING**

It is getting close to that time of year again so please be advised that there will be a Christmas Lunch meeting held on Wednesday, 15th November at 7-00pm in the Parish Centre to make arrangements for this year's festive occasion. All are welcome to attend.

**Doctor, Nurse or Allied Health Professional?**

Please sign this open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide: [www.healthprofessionalssayno.info](http://www.healthprofessionalssayno.info)  
Proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on 16th November. Similar bills are expected to be introduced in other states in the near future.  
Let your members of parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care & mental health services, disabilities assistance & excellent palliative care, rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide & euthanasia which would place the most vulnerable patients at risk as well as undermining the relationship between patients & healthcare professionals which is based on trust & mutual respect.  
This is an independent petition which has been organised by concerned healthcare professionals.

**Knights of the Southern Cross 11th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations**

Hennessy Catholic College is joining communities throughout Australia each day this week to pray for Vocations, particularly for Catholic chaplains in the Australian Defence Forces and are inviting you to pray the Crusade Prayer with them from the 5th - 11th November.  
"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia, including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

**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 inter-connection. 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 Marriage website: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/](http://The Coalition for Marriage website: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bernie Sam, Fr John Airey CSsR, Ted Forde, Sr Annette Johnston, John Roberts (Brother of Sr Maria Assunta), John Cavanagh, Noel Carroll, Noel Batinich, Eric Smith (Jayne Bokkerink's Father), Barry Elkins (Brother of Fay Hill), Fr Phil Harding, Ruby Schalk

**1st Year Anniversaries of death for this week are:**  
Ross Wark and Kenneth Cummings.  
Please keep these families in your prayers.

**VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVER**

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

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

If anyone is interested in joining a Roster for the Offertory Procession during either Mass on a weekend, please contact Trish Saines on (0433) 391-788 to add your name to the list.

**FOOD BANK**

(Roster for November 2017 - GROUP 4)  
For any further information, please feel free to contact either Louise on (0477) 380 795 or Mary-Louise (Tootsie) on (0429) 811 081.

**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

One of our local families are heading to Nepal for a month from December to volunteer at a school and orphanage (called "The Hostel") in the village of Batase.

The village and surrounding villages were flattened in the 2015 earthquakes and much rebuilding has occurred. A new orphanage has been built for the children who were orphaned or sponsored to stay there.

A small group has been making quilts for each of the children in the Hostel. Currently there are 64 children in care and they would love to have one for every child. So far they have made 28 quilts to take, so are quite a few short.

If you would like to assist, there are some basic requirements. The quilts need to be new and preferably patchwork. They should be approximately 120cm x 170cm. If you can't make a quilt but would like to sponsor one, that would be wonderful. All sponsorship and assistance will be acknowledged on each quilt.

Two websites which relate to the work this family are taking part in are: [www.takeonnepal.com.au](http://www.takeonnepal.com.au) and [www.fhc.org](http://www.fhc.org)

If you would like further information, I can put you in touch with the family. They don't want their identity to be general knowledge, hence I am acting as a contact point.

My email address is: [deldarri@hotmail.com](mailto:deldarri@hotmail.com) or my phone number is: (0400) 716-593.

Many thanks, Darrin Bear.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

Columban Calendars have arrived for those people who ordered them. Please pickup and pay \$9-00 at the Parish office between 9-30am and 1-30pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Thanks.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS IN NOV/DEC. 2017**  
St Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at the Conference Room in the St Vinnies Centre. The dates for the next meetings are **Monday, 13th November, Monday, 27th November and Monday, 11th Decemera t 11 00am.**

You are invited to take part in helping create a blueprint for the future of the Hilltops Region. Join Hilltops Council at the workshop in Young Town Hall to have a direct say in shaping the future of your Hilltops.  
**Thursday, 16th November: 6-30pm - 9-00pm**