

**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 12th Dec NO Mass in Church  
11.00am Req. Mass for Carmel Carberry  
NO Mass at Boorowa  
6-00pm Grenfell End of School Mass

Wed 13th Dec 8.30am Mass in Church  
NO Mass at Grenfell  
1.30pm Funeral of Fr Paul Tarpey- ACT

Thur 14th Dec 8.30am Mass in Church  
11.00am Mass at Boorowa

Fri 15th Dec 8.30am Mass in Church  
10-00am Mass at YRV

Sat 16th Dec 9.30am - 10.00am Reconciliation  
11.00am Mass at MSJ  
5 - 5.45pm Reconciliation at Boorowa  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young

Sun 17th Dec 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 Thu

**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).  
(NO BAPTISMS IN JANUARY. RE-COMMENCE FEB 2018)

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: 5-30pm** in Chapel Wednesdays  
**ADORATION: 5.00pm-6.00pm** in the CHAPEL Fridays  
**WEDDINGS:** By appointment (at least 6 months' notice)

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 16/17 December 2017**

**READERS:** **First** **Second**  
6.00pm: Carmel Price Margaret Carter  
9.30am: Rob Cullen Tracey Cullen  
6.00pm: (ACOLYTE) Brian Hislop  
9.30am: (ACOLYTE) Geoff Ray  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** 6.00pm: Charlotte Cottrell-Genge, Beth Payne, James Payne  
9.30am: Madeline Wegmann, Grace Taylor, Millie Hyam  
**PLANNED GIVING:** Trevor and Laurelle Green  
**CHURCH CLEANERS:** P Watson/D Dwyer and Team 2  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
**CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE ROSTER:** Barb/Ross King (Dec)  
**LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER:** Damian Minehan and Tony Gahan (December)  
**MAINTENANCE:** Steve Watkins and Darrin Bear (Dec)  
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - 0427 410 422  
**LINEN ROSTER:** Robyn Armstrong  
**ROSARY STATUE:** Janice O'Reilly, 5 Sam Place  
**NEXT:** Mrs Pauline Parkman, 2 Hills Street  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
6.00pm: Robyn Major Melissa Noakes  
9.30am: Tone Boldrini Louise Grant

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11;  
1 Thess 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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  
**2nd Sunday of Advent - 10 December 2017**

Parish Priest: Fr Tom Thornton PP and Assistant Priest Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota  
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**IN EMERGENCY ONLY - FR. TOM (0408) 623 303**



**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS: DATES AND TIMES**

Advent has a twofold character:

- 1) A time of preparation for remembering the INCARNATION - God becoming man in the birth of Jesus
- 2) A time of looking forward in preparation for the coming of the Glorified LORD JESUS Christ

It is therefore a season of devout and expectant delight -  
So find a space and time for silent prayer to best celebrate Christmas.

12th December - 6-00pm - Grenfell End of School Mass  
16th December - 5pm - 5-45pm - Boorowa Christmas Reconciliation  
19th December - 7-00pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Young  
24th December - 8-30am - 9-15am Christmas Reconciliation at Grenfell

**ST MARY'S PARISH - 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

There will be a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Christmas on Tuesday, 19th December at 7-00pm.  
Please use this sacrament as preparation for Christmas.

**MASSES FOR 23RD - 24TH - 25TH DECEMBER 2017**

**December 23rd:** - 6-00pm Boorowa  
- 6-00pm Young  
**December 24th:** - NO Bribbaree Mass  
- 9-30am Grenfell  
- 9-30am Young

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve:** - 7-00pm Boorowa  
- 7-00pm Young  
**Christmas Day:** - 8-00am Bribbaree  
- 9-30am Grenfell  
- 9-30am Young

**VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER**

Fr Tom and the Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have selflessly donated their time to help the Church during the past 12 months. We will be holding a morning tea following 9-30am mass on Sunday, 17th December in the Parish Centre.

Everyone is most welcome to come and bring a plate to share. At this get together we would greatly appreciate any suggestions on how we could improve the processes currently in place for the volunteers.

If you would like to be more involved in your church, please feel free to come along and have a cuppa - we are constantly in need of more volunteers.

**ADVENT BANNERS**

As we travel the journey of Advent together, we are reminded to stay awake lest we are not ready when we are called. Then John the Baptist comes into the wilderness teaching of the one to come and how he is not fit to undo his sandal strap.

Then an Angel appears to Mary and asks her to be the Mother of God, so now we look forward with joy to the birth of Jesus.

**CHOIR**

There are a group of people who gather for singing at Mass on Sunday mornings, if you  
- would care to join the group  
- or have the skill to train the group  
to enhance our liturgical Celebrations on Sundays and Special occasions eg. Christmas and Easter.  
Please stay after Sunday mass this week or next to have a discussion about it. Fr. Tom..

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be conducting it's annual Christmas Appeal next weekend, 16/17th December. There will be helpers collecting outside the church after each mass. We thank you sincerely for all the support that we have received throughout the years.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 2017**

The date for the next meeting is Monday, 11th December at 11.00am

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

We are one Eucharistic Minister short for each Christmas Mass this year. If anyone is available to help on one of these days, please contact Carmel Hardcastle on (0408) 436-284. Many thanks.

**ST MARY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS LITURGY**

Dear Parents or Guardians,  
This is to let you know that there will be a Christmas Eve Mass held outside at 7-00pm this year. To make it a wonderful experience for all, we need your help.  
If your children would like to participate, we would love to have them. We will need readers, angels, shepherds, kings, Mary, Joseph, musicians and choir.  
Could you please fill out forms if you or your children are interested (at the back of the Church) and return either to the Parish Office or drop in the collection bag at mass) or email, or phone Phil on (0427) 822 104 or Vicki on (02) 6382 2361. Many thanks.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carmel Carberry, Lindsay Campagna, Fr Paul Tarpey, Elizabeth Carden - Orange (Sister of Kathy Rolfe and Marie Waugh), Janet Rentoule, Joyce Walsh (Sister of Joan Anderson), Margaret Finn, Allan Vitnell, Carmel Noakes - Wollongong (Sister of Kathy Rolfe and Marie Waugh), Clive Edwards (Margaret's husband), Bernie Sam, Fr John Airey CSsR, Ted Forde

**CHRISTMAS PREPARATION**

(Prayerful Reflections on Scripture)

Wednesdays in Advent

Dec 13 & Dec 20 - 9-00am (after Mass) to 10-00am

To be held in the Parish Centre

Please phone Terry on 6382 4452 for any enquiries

All welcome

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Christian Meditation will take a break over Christmas New Year period. The last session will be held on Wednesday, 13th December and will recommence at a date to be decided. An announcement will be in the bulletin closer to the date.

**NEW READER & ALTAR SERVER ROSTER FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018**

A roster will soon be prepared for this period. Could those on the roster please advise me of dates in this period that you are unavailable for rostering. Your reply would be appreciated by Thursday, 21st December. Contact details are: bhislop2@bigpond.com or 02 6382 3288.

**FOOD BANK**

(Roster for December 2017 - GROUP 5)

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

**DO YOU HAVE A GARDEN AND WILLING TO SHARE SOME FLOWERS?**

As we are always after flowers to beautify our church, we were wondering if you would be willing to leave your phone number on a list (to be left at the Parish office) to be able to contact you if flowers are needed throughout the year. Please phone 02 6382 2222 if you can help out. It would be greatly appreciated.

**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. There is a few spare calendars if anyone else is still interested in purchasing one. Thanks.



**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.

**CAROLS@ MERCY** - To be held at Mercy Care Centre, 69 Demondrille Street on Tuesday, 12th December from 6-00pm to 7-30pm. Presenting Young Regional School of Music Brass Ensemble & Choir, plus Santa will be dropping in too. Please bring a chair or picnic rug. You are also welcome to bring a picnic hamper. Everybody welcome.



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Don't be alone on Christmas Day.

You are invited to the Combined Churches Community Christmas Lunch to be held at Hennessy Catholic College, Dundas Street. Time: 11.30am for 12 noon start.

Finishing at 2.00pm. Transport is available if needed. Please just come along or preferably, book for catering if possible by 18th December at St Vincent de Paul shop in Lovell Street on 02 6382 9410.

Could all interested Food Preparers and Volunteers please contact the Parish office on 02 6382 2222 to be placed on a Roster and to pickup your bowls and recipes. Many thanks.