

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 19th Dec 8.30am Mass in Church
7.00pm - 2nd Rite of Reconcil. in Young
NO Mass at Boorowa

Wed 20th Dec 8.30am Mass in Church
NO Mass at Grenfell

Thur 21st Dec 8.30am Mass in Church
11.00am Mass at Boorowa

Fri 22nd Dec 8.30am Mass in Church
10-00am Mass at YRV

Sat 23rd Dec 9.30am - 10.00am Reconciliation
11.00am Mass at MSJ
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young

Sun 24th Dec NO Mass at Bribbaree
8.30am - 9.15am Reconcil. in Grenfell
9.30am Mass at Grenfell
9.30am Mass at Young

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 23/24 December 2017

READERS: **First** **Second**
6.00pm: Volunteer needed Trish Saines
9.30am: Sr Phil Sewell Jade Presser

6.00pm: (ACOLYTE) Peter Mullany
9.30am: (ACOLYTE) Geoff Ray

ALTAR SERVERS: 6.00pm: Liam Jewitt, Luke Jewitt,
Volunteer needed
9.30am: Grace Connelly, Charlotte Wegmann, Tahlia Holmes

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Lang and Pauline Watson

CHURCH CLEANERS: Team 1 and 3

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: Noela Hardman

ROSARY STATUE: Mrs Pauline Parkman, 2 Hills Street

NEXT: Mr & Mrs Stan Smith, "The Wattle", Back Creek Rd

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
6.00pm: Michelle Maloney Jenny Hardy
9.30am: Denise Dwyer Ursula Sewell

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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
3rd Sunday of Advent - 17 December 2017

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IN EMERGENCY ONLY - FR. TOM (0408) 623 303



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/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.

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 IN YOUNG

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

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

THANK YOU !!!!

Goodbyes are the saddest part, but it also signals a new beginning. Advent is a new beginning. So therefore, I would like to express my most genuine and sincere thanks to each and everyone of you and your family for your love, support, generosity and hospitality during my short time here in Young Mission. It has been an absolutely awesome experience and blessing to be part of your journey either in school or parish community this year. God's grace has always been most evident in you because of your love for the Church. It is a love given by God, to bear witness to God, and to make us more like God. It is love that renews, transforms and matures and we testify to that love and it's power of transformation in our own lives. May we continue to grow in the grace of God's love as we look forward to celebrate Christmas with our families. Thank you for the ways that you have loved me. Thank you for inviting me into your homes and thank you for your prayers. Be assured of my humble prayers and may the good Lord continue to bless you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Fr Paletasala (Pale) Leota.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

(Prayerful Reflections on Scripture)
FINAL Session in Advent
Thurs. Dec 21 - 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. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)

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.

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 couple spare calendars if anyone else is still interested in purchasing one. Thanks.

1st Year Anniversaries of death for this week is: Mary Eastlake. Please keep this family in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Martin Moran (Jean's Brother), 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)

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. Thank you to all the volunteers who have offered to help in this wonderful Christmas celebration. A practice is scheduled for 6.30pm on Wednesday, 20th December at the Parish Centre for all those involved. If you have any dress up material or costumes, please bring them as well. We will be setting up on Sunday, 24th December, starting at 10.30am. Thanks.



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..

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.

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.

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 or contact one of the flower roster people. It would be greatly appreciated.

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.

INVITE

You are invited to join us at St John's Labyrinth for community prayers on Sunday, 17th December at 2-00pm. Pass the word around. Mark your diary for this important time.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Mr Guy Falzon will be hosting Christmas lights again this year, each night from 8-30pm till late. His house is located at 78 Normans Road, Young if you would like to take a drive to have a look. All are welcome to come along.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be conducting it's annual Christmas Appeal this 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.