

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 26th Dec NO MASS in Young
NO Mass at Boorowa (or in January)
Wed 27th Dec NO MASS in Young
NO Mass at Grenfell (or in January)
Thur 28th Dec 8.30am Mass in Chapel
Fri 29th Dec 8.30am Mass in Chapel
10-00am Mass at YRV
Sat 30th Dec NO Reconciliation
NO Mass at MSJ (or in January)
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
Sun 31st Dec 8.00am Mass at Quandialla (LAST)
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 30/31 December 2017

READERS: **First** **Second**
6.00pm: Sarah Roberts Tara O'Brien
9.30am: Judy Curtis Genevieve Colbert
6.00pm: (ACOLYTE) Tony Fowler
9.30am: (ACOLYTE) Owen Pippard
ALTAR SERVERS: 6.00pm: Sophie Moloney, Tahlia Holmes, Beth & James Payne
9.30am: Madeline Wegmann, Grace Taylor, Millie Hyam
PLANNED GIVING: Sue Rolls
CHURCH CLEANERS: Kuhn/Bear & Team 4
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE ROSTER: John Rolls (Jan 2018)
LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER: Greg Dunn and Damian Minehan (January 2018)
MAINTENANCE: A McGuire and Nathan Cooper (Jan 18)
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - 0427 410 422
LINEN ROSTER: Joan Napier
ROSARY STATUE: Stan Smith, "The Wattle", Back Creek Rd
NEXT: Mrs Irene Hopwood, 54 Binalong Street
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
6.00pm: Charles Boshier Carmel Hardcastle
9.30am: Christine Smith Yvonne Bailes

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3;
Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40

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
4th Sunday of Advent - 24 December 2017

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CHRISTMAS

Just a quick note to wish you and your families the Lord's richest blessings at Christmas and to thank you for your support of your parish over the last year. May the new year be filled with the Holy Spirit and may that Spirit renew and refresh you.
Fr. Tom.



FAREWELL AND THANKS TO FR. PALE

Immediately after Christmas, Fr. Pale is heading to his new parish of Merimbula and I would like to publically pay tribute to his ministry, especially in Boorowa and Grenfell where he has been a solid faith presence, especially when I have been so unavailable to those communities.
Thank you Fr. Pale for your prayerful, gentle and compassionate ministry.
May the Lord bless you at your new parish.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for holidays until Monday, 22nd January. Open again on Tuesday, 23rd January 2018. Wishing everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas with love and peace for the New Year.
May the Lord always bless you and keep you safe, especially if you are travelling over the holidays.

MASSES FOR 24TH & 25TH DECEMBER 2017

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

NEW READER & ALTAR SERVER ROSTER FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

A roster has been prepared for this period. Thank you to those who have volunteered for the months of January and February 2018. If you are at mass during these two months and see a need for a reader or an altar server, please come forward to volunteer your services.

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 the Christmas/New Year period. We will recommence at a date to be decided. An announcement will be made closer to the date.

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.

1st Year Anniversaries of death for this week is: Peter Mercer. 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)

WEBSITE

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to say thank you to everyone for their kind donations to the Christmas Appeal this year. The amount raised was \$3,200-00. Thank you also to the students of Hennessy Catholic College for their marvellous contribution of \$3,880-00. What an effort!! We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity and support that we have received throughout the years.

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 long.



ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The 2017 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal will be conducted at the end of each Christmas Mass. Collectors will be located outside to take your generous donations. Thank you.

ST MARY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS LITURGY

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. Setup will commence at 10-30am on Sunday morning and a practice will take place at 1-30pm for the readers, musicians, actors etc.

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 even if you haven't booked.



Any volunteers who have prepared salads or any donations for the Christmas Lunch can drop them off at the Parish Centre before Christmas Eve Mass or before Christmas Day Mass.

Thank you all for your kind contributions.

It is greatly appreciated!