

**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. 11th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel  
NO Mass at Boorowa  
6.00pm Year 6 Mass at Grenfell
- Wed. 12th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel  
NO 10.00am Mass at Grenfell  
6.30pm Hennessy College Pres. night
- Thu. 13th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel  
NO 11.00am Mass at Burrowa House  
6.00pm Year 6 Mass at Young
- Fri. 14th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel  
9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)  
6.00pm Year 6 Mass at Boorowa
- Sat. 15th Dec: 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation  
11.00am Mass at MSJ  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
- Sun. 16th Dec: 9.00am Mass at Young  
9.00am Mass at Grenfell

**NB:** A Funeral Mass usually replaces a Weekday Mass

**VOCATIONS PRAYER GROUP:** 9.00am in Chapel Thu

**BAPTISMS:** During Masses on the second Sat/Sun. of month- Ring Office first for all Baptism enquiries

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** 5.30pm in Chapel Wed

**ADORATION:** 5.00pm to 6.00pm in the Chapel Fri.

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment at least 6 mths notice

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 15/16 December 2018**

**READERS:** **First** **Second**  
**6.00pm:** Brian Hislop Tara O'Brien  
**9.00am:** Trazel Scott Sharon Hibbert

**SENIOR SERVER:** **6.00pm:** John McRae  
**9.00am:** Paul Parker

**ALTAR SERVERS:** **6pm:** Dominic Moran, Millie Hyam  
**9.00am:** Madeline Wegmann, Charlotte Wegmann, Harper Cronin

**PLANNED GIVING:** Sue Rolls and Trish Saines

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Kuhn/Bear & Team 4

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** To be advised

**CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE ROSTER:** Barb/Brian Hislop(Dec)

**LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER:** D Minehan/T Gahan (Dec 18)

**MAINTENANCE:** Harry Rowe and Bill Lang (Dec 18)

Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

**GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT:** Joy Cameron (Dec 18)

**LINEN ROSTER:** Helen Ricketts

**ROSARY STATUE:** Helen Mulcahy, 12 Catherine View Gard

**NEXT:** Mr & Mrs Don Smith, 36 Toompang Street

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**6.00pm:** Trish Saines Dianne McGlynn  
**9.00am:** Carmel Hardcastle Christine Smith

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Zeph 3: 14-18;  
 Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18



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

*We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people*

**2nd Sunday of Advent - 9 December 2018**

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

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be conducting its annual Christmas Appeal this weekend, 8th / 9th 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.

**ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**

(Prayerful Reflection on Sundays Gospel)

To be held at the Parish Centre from 9-00am to 10-00am (After 8-30am Mass) on Wed. 12th & 19th December. Bring Bible (not essential).

Please ring Terry on 6382-4452 for all enquiries.



**ADVENT SEASON OF PREPARATION & RECONCILIATION**

To facilitate a greater use of, and love for this Sacrament, we want to set out the following program to enable all parishioners to use this sacrament leading up to Christmas.

- Sat. 15 Dec - Young - extended Reconciliation Time - 9.00am to 10.00am.
- Sat. 15 Dec - Boorowa - 2ND Rite of Reconciliation 5.00pm (before Mass).
- Sun. 16 Dec - Grenfell - 2ND Rite of Reconciliation 8.00am (before Mass).
- Wed. 19 Dec - Young - 2ND Rite of Reconciliation 7.00pm at St Mary's Church.

Please use this season well and renew your use of this Sacrament.

The next **Mercy Associates gathering** will be for a Christmas celebration at 59 Back Creek Road, Young at 11-00am on Monday, 10th December. Hope to see a big rollup from members and friends.

**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. Whether it be cleaning the church, arranging flowers, cleaning the linen, reading, arranging the music, altar serving, garden maintenance, church maintenance, extraordinary ministers of communion, being part of the bereavement or social justice groups. We would like you to know that your efforts haven't gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. We would like you to join us for a sausage sizzle following the 6-00pm mass on Saturday, 15th December on the lawns of the Parish Centre.

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

**WELCOME TO FOLIGA ETUALE**

Foliga is from a family of 8, was born and raised in Samoa, and then moved to Australia. He has been studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney since last year. He has a Pastoral placement with the Young Mission until Christmas. Please make him feel welcome and say hello.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

- Christmas EVE - 6-00pm Boorowa AND 6-00pm Young
- Christmas DAY - 9-00am Grenfell AND 9-00am Young

**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 6-00pm** this year. If you or your children would like to participate, please fill out the forms (at the back of the church) and return them either to the Office or drop them into a collection bag at mass.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**



The Combined Churches Christmas Lunch will again take place on Christmas Day at the old Hennessy Catholic College Hall.

Again, we are seeking help with food preparation for a set menu, as well as helpers on the day.

Due to increasing liability around Food Allergies and Handling practices we are unable to accept food such as slices/desserts, etc. that are outside the set menu with set ingredients.

For those able to assist, people will be outside after Mass this weekend, 8/9 December and next weekend, 15/16 December with bowls/recipes and helper rosters.

Guest lists are located at the Young Library.

If you have any questions, please contact Darrin or Adele on (0400) 716-593 or 6382-2034.

**MERCY CARE CENTRE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Christmas Carols will be held on Tuesday, 18th December from 6-00pm - 7-30pm at the Mercy Care Centre.

Santa will be dropping by too.

Please RSVP by Friday, 14th December on 02 6382-8444. All welcome.

**FOOD BANK**

(Roster for December 2018 - GROUP 5)

For further information, please feel free to contact either Louise on (0484) 596 998 or Mary-Louise (Tootsie) on (0429) 811 081.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Marie Duffy RSM, Joe Uren, Ron Marketo (formerly of Young), Margaret Anderson - Townsville (Mother of Bev McVeigh), Darrell Pratt, Noel Kennedy (Brother of Sr Helen), Marie Ryan, Bette Frost, Neil Miller

**A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

**THE SUNDAY SQUEEZE**

(Finding time for Mass in a busy schedule).

Family time is busy. Even without children, our modern lives are packed with activities. So how do busy people make time for Mass, and why would they want to?

**HOW TO GET THERE:**

- **Plan ahead** - Schedule Mass ahead of time and fit other activities around it. Make Mass the priority or it will get squeezed out.
- **Free up Sundays** - Do chores on weekday nights. Confine kids activities to other days.
- **After Mass bonus** - keep the positivity going afterwards with a visit to the park, an ice cream shop or café.
- **Double duty** - If you are on the road, attend Mass near where you'll be doing other things.



**WHY MASS:**

1. **Feed your soul:** Mass is a spiritual superfood.
2. **Connect with others.**
3. **Breathe, Rest, Recharge:** Get off the activity treadmill.
4. **God said so:** Do we need a better reason?

Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks find their proper perspective, the material things we worry about give way to spiritual values.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS**



The 2019 Columban Art Calendars have arrived and are available for purchase.

If you are interested, please pay \$10-00 at the Parish office between 9-30am and 1-30pm from Tuesday to Friday.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING IN DECEMBER 2018**

St Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at the Conference Room in the St Vinnies Centre. The date for the next Meeting is Monday, 17th December at 11am.

**CHURCH ORGAN DONATION FUND**

Our organ is on its last legs!

Enquiries have been made to procure the most suitable organ to replace our current one. The model deemed to be the best will cost \$35,000 with all the necessary equipment.

I would like to start a collection specifically for this project as the total amount would leave a huge dint in our finances. If you would like to contribute a portion of the costs, your donations would be appreciated.

We will keep you informed as to the progress.

The fund will be kicked off with \$5,000-00 from the parish funds.



**Special Ministers of the Eucharist who visit parishioners in their homes** - your Rosters are at the front of the Church for your collection please.

**CLEANING and LINEN ROSTERS**

Please be advised that the new Cleaning AND Linen Rosters are now available for pickup at the back of the church.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MASS ROSTER**

Please be advised that the new Eucharistic Minister Mass Roster is now available at the back of the church for everyone to pickup.



**FAMILY GROUP** will be meeting for Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 9th December at Juicy Lucy at 2-00pm. All parishioners are most welcome to come along and join in and meet up with new and old friends. Please contact Barb & Brian Hislop on 6382-3288.