

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

Mon. 24th Dec: 6.00pm Christmas Eve Vigil- Young
6.00pm Christmas Eve Vigil-Boorowa
Tue. 25th Dec: 9.00am Christmas Day Mass - Young
9.00am Christmas Day - Grenfell
Wed. 26th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel
NO 10.00am Mass at Grenfell
Thu. 27th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel
NO 11.00am Mass at Burrowa House
Fri. 28th Dec: 8.30am Mass in the Chapel
NO 9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)
Sat. 29th Dec: NO 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation
NO 11.00am Mass at MSJ
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
Sun. 30th 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



St. Mary's Parish, Young

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

4th Sunday of Advent - 23 December 2018

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

Parish Priests: Fr Tom Thornton PP and Fr Trenton van Reesch (Assistant Priest)
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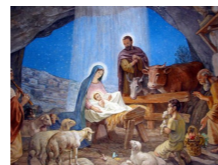
CHRISTMAS

As a faith community we prepare to celebrate the feast of the Incarnation - God becoming one with us in Jesus. We rejoice because Jesus is not only the enfleshed love of God for us, but also the Way home to God who constantly invites us to share His Life.

May your Christmas be a rekindling in your lives, and within your families, of an awareness of this tremendous gift of Love.

Thank you for continuing to be witnesses to God's love in the world.

Happy Christmas from Frs Tom, Trenton, Allen and from Foliga.



ST MARY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS VIGIL LITURGY

The Christmas Eve Mass setup will take place at 10-00am on Monday morning, 24th December on the Parish lawn.

We would appreciate as many helpers as possible to set out chairs and take the Altar from the Chapel and place on the stage. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas Carols will take place before Christmas Eve mass commencing at 5-30pm outside on the parish lawn.

All children and adults are quite welcome to participate.

Bring your best singing voice and join in with Foliga and his fellow musicians.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018 RETIRING COLLECTION (22 / 23rd December)

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2018 will be conducted this weekend to raise funds for specific church related projects within and outside Australia who are urgently in need of financial support. Collectors will be located outside to take your generous donations. Thank you.

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.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Combined Churches Christmas Lunch will again take place on Christmas Day at the old Hennessy Catholic College Hall via Dundas St entrance. 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 with bowls/recipes and helper rosters. People will be available at the Parish Centre before Christmas Eve Vigil Mass & Christmas Day Mass to accept the made-up salads.

Guest lists are located at the Young Library.

If you have any questions or are unable to pick up bowls/recipes after Mass, please contact Darrin or Adele on (0400) 716-593 or 6382-2034 or Leanne on (0438) 002-586.



RECENTLY DECEASED: David Brayshaw, John Elms, Doreen Oakes, Moya McIntyre, 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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for holidays until Monday, 21st January 2019.

Will re-open again on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019. (Just leave an email or message on answering machine).

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will be taking a break over the Christmas/New Year period. The last meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th December and a notice will be placed in the Bulletin prior to the first meeting in 2019.

READER ROSTER

Preparation for the Jan-Apr 2019 Reader Roster is currently being prepared. Current readers are asked to contact Jade in regards to availability via email. If you would like to become a reader, then please contact Jade Presser (jade.presser@cg.catholic.edu.au) or alternatively contact the parish office. We are seeking people in particular who are willing to read on Sunday mornings. Thanks.

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.

St Pope John Paul II.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 29/30 December 2018

READERS: **First** Sally McFadyen
6.00pm: Lyn Desuyo
9.00am: Caroline Devlin Volunteer needed

SENIOR SERVER: **6.00pm:** Tony Fowler
9.00am: Owen Pippard

ALTAR SERVERS: **6pm:** Grace Taylor, Eliza Taylor, Reagan Griffin, James Payne
9.00am: Madeline Wegmann, Charlotte Wegmann

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Cameron & Jenny Howell

CHURCH CLEANERS: Trish Hill & Team 6

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: Noela Hardman

ROSARY STATUE: Helen Fowler, 8 Nasmyth Street

NEXT: Miss Janice O'Reilly, 5 Sam Place

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm: Melissa Noakes Robyn Major
9.00am: Jade Presser Denise Dwyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28;
1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24; Luke 2: 41-52