

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. 10th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 12.30 Mass at Boorowa
Wed. 11th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
10.00am Mass at Grenfell
Thu. 12th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
11.00am Mass at Boorowa
Fri. 13th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)
Sat. 14th Dec: 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
Sun. 15th Dec: 9.00am Mass at Young
9.00am Mass at Grenfell

NB: A Funeral Mass usually replaces a Weekday Mass

VOCATIONS PRAYER GROUP: 8.30am 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
2nd Sunday of Advent - 8 December 2019

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NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN

(For the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services)

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.
We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.



Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th December at 6-00pm in the Parish Centre to discuss this years Christmas Lunch arrangements. If you want to help by making salads, serving or packing up the hall the week after Christmas, please contact Bev Harris on 6382-7650.

Any other questions, please contact Darrin on deldarri@hotmail.com or phone or text on (0400) 716-593.

VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Fr James, Fr Praveen 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 or volunteering in any capacity. 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, 14th December on the lawns of the Parish Centre.

WORKING BEE

Volunteers are needed at 10-00am on Tuesday, 24th December at the Parish Centre to help set up for the Christmas Vigil Mass. Any help would be appreciated.

FOOD BANK

(Roster for December 2019 - GROUP 5)

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

CHAPEL AT MT ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT

The Sisters of Mercy would like you to know that even though they no longer live in the Convent at Mt St Joseph's, the Chapel there is open during daylight hours for those who would like a place of quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
There is also an opportunity to place personal intentions at the shrine of St Mary MacKillop.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vivian Eldridge, Irene White, Peter Salmon (Son of Carmel and Barry), Kevin Norris (formerly of Wombat), Jean Braham, Maddie McDonald, Beverley Corkery, Peter O'Malley

1st Year Anniversaries of death for this week are: Joe Uren, Moya McIntyre, Doreen Oaks and John Elms. Please keep these families in your prayers.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation is held every Wednesday at 5-30pm in the Chapel. Please join us to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.

NEW ROSTER FOR EMOC

Please be advised that there is new copies of the EMOC Roster available at the back of the church for volunteers to pick up.

LINEN AND CLEANING ROSTER

There is a new Linen and Cleaning Roster currently being prepared, so if there are any changes or if anyone would like to join this roster, then please contact Monique on (0428) 488-927.

READER ROSTER

A new Reader Roster is being prepared for the period Jan. to April 2020. Regular readers, could you please let Sally know A.S.A.P. of any change in your availability during this time. We always like to see new people join our roster too. If you can help, please contact Sally on sally.mcfadyen@cg.catholic.edu.au or (0408) 786-621.

ROSTER CO-ORDINATOR WANTED

Next month Mary Murray is retiring as Co-Ordinator of the Eucharistic Ministers who visit homes and Southern Cross Care. If you are interested in either or both roles, or would like more information, please contact Mary on (0437) 221-853.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS

IN DECEMBER 2019

St Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at the Conference Room in the St Vinnies Centre.
The dates for the next Meetings are Monday, 9th and Monday, 23rd December at 6-00pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Conference, please phone (0408) 343-247.

Please be informed that there is a HEARING AID LOOP SYSTEM installed in this church for all Hearing Aid Wearers. Please use the "T" Switch on your Hearing Aid when you enter the church and you will hear everything quite clearly.



(The OPTIMUM sitting area is in the MAIN BODY of the church).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All volunteers working with our children (i.e. Acolyte/Senior Server/Children's Liturgy or Catechists) must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).
If your WWCC has expired, or you haven't had one, please address this as a priority.
If you do have a current WWCC, please ensure Cath at the Parish office has your WWCC numbers asap.
Your date of birth will also be required.

(Just google Working with Children Check NSW).

IN ADDITION - All Parish volunteers, regardless of whether they work with children, are to read the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct, then sign and return the acknowledgment form.

This should be done as soon as possible.

More information is available from the following link:

<http://cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>

(Alternatively, if you don't have access to a computer, you can read the Code of Conduct form located on the back bench of the church and then sign the Acknowledgement form and return it to the office while you are near the church).

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 14 / 15 December 2019

READERS: **First** **Second**
6.00pm: Lyn Desuyo Damian Collins
9.00am: Caroline Devlin Jade Presser

ACOLYTE/ **6.00pm:** Geoff Ray
SENIOR SERVER: **9.00am:** Di McGregor

ALTAR SERVERS: **6pm:** Sarah McDonald, Sophie Moloney
Dom Moran, Bridie Sullivan
9.00am: Reagan Griffin, Evelyn Scott

PLANNED GIVING: Pat Sewell and Brian Hislop

CHURCH CLEANERS: Trish Hill and Team 6
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: To be Advised
CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE: Bill Kearney (Dec 2019)
LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER: Damian, John & Graham (Dec)
MAINTENANCE: Terry Holmes and Roy Baker (Dec 2019)
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT: Joy Cameron (December 2019)
LINEN ROSTER: Noela Hardman

ROSARY STATUE: Mrs Pat Smith, "The Wattle", Back Ck Rd
NEXT: Mrs Irene Hopwood, 54 Binalong Street

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm: Sue Rolls Robyn Major
9.00am: Carmel Hardcastle Ann Murphy

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10;
James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please find Christmas Mass times for our parishes in the Young Mission.

Tuesday (Christmas Eve): 6-00pm at Young, 6-00pm at Boorowa & 6-00pm at Grenfell plus 9-00pm at Young
Wednesday (Christmas Day): 9-00am at Young and 9-00am at Grenfell

BANNERS - ADVENT

Week 1. Stay awake.
Week 2. John the Baptist in the wilderness.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held this weekend of 7th and 8th December. Envelopes will be supplied on the seats. Members will collect at the doors after Mass. Thank you.

FAMILY GROUP

Family Group will be meeting for lunch at the Aussie Hotel on Sunday, 15th December at 12 noon.
Please RSVP to Brian and Barb Hislop on (02) 6382-3288 by Wednesday, 11th December.
All parishioners welcome to attend.

