

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. 17th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
9.00am St Mary's School Mass-Church
NO 12.30 Mass at Boorowa

Wed. 18th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 10.00am Mass at Grenfell

Thu. 19th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
11.00am Mass at Boorowa

Fri. 20th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)
6.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Sat. 21st Dec: 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa

Sun. 22nd 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.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 21 / 22 December 2019

READERS: First Second
6.00pm: Tara O'Brien Andrew Casey
9.00am: Tracey Cullen Rob Cullen

ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER: **6.00pm:** Eris Gleeson
9.00am: Di McGregor

ALTAR SERVERS: **6pm:** Beth Payne, James Payne, Liam Payne, Dom Moran
9.00am: Grace Taylor, Eliza Taylor

PLANNED GIVING: Sue Rolls and Trish Saines

CHURCH CLEANERS: Leanne Parkman and Team 7
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: Joan Napier

ROSARY STATUE: Mrs Irene Hopwood, 54 Binalong Street
NEXT: Mrs Louise Mugridge, 59 Fontenoy Street

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm: Dianne McGlynn Mark Birks
9.00am: Ursula Sewell Denise Dwyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 7: 10-14;
Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24



St. Mary's Parish, Young

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people
3rd Sunday of Advent - 15 December 2019

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2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Please be advised that a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Friday, 20th December at 6-00pm in the Church. Please take the opportunity to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will be taking a break over the Holiday period. The last Meditation evening is on Wednesday, 18th December and will recommence when schools go back at a date to be announced in the Bulletin.

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.

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.

Just a REMINDER to all the Mercy Associates that our Christmas party is on Monday, 16th Dec. at 11am followed by a break. Meetings will resume 3rd Monday of February 2020.

BAPTISM

We welcome Dustin Morris, son of Chais and Rebecca into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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).

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please find Christmas Mass times for our parishes in the Young Mission for 24th/25th December.

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.
Week 3. John continues preaching and baptising.

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.



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. (You do not need to be a Special Minister to coordinate the Special Ministers Roster. It is not onerous. Computer skills help but it can be done without a computer. Please consider!)

St Mary's Catholic Church have created a Nativity and Magi scene in the previous Newsxpress Newsagency in Boorowa Street, Young. We are expressing our desire to reinforce the true meaning of Christmas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL YOUNG CONFERENCE

St Vincent de Paul, Young Conference, thank all parishioners once again, for your prayer and financial support this Christmas and throughout 2019. Without your prayers and response to our Appeals and the "poor box" we would not be able to continue our work.

Your donations to 2019 Christmas Appeal is \$1,600-00. (A mighty effort in this time of continuing drought). May you and your loved ones enjoy a Peace-filled and Joyous Christmas.

We look forward to continuing God's work throughout 2020, with your help, as together we pray for the Gift of rain. May God bless you all.

CAROLS AT MERCY

To be held in the Mercy Care Centre Recreational Room Courtyard at 69 Demondrille Street on Tuesday, 17th December from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Everybody Welcome. (Santa Claus will be making an appearance).

Please bring a chair or picnic rug. You are also welcome to bring a picnic hamper.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are now looking for volunteers to make up the salads and help on Christmas day. Due to food safety regulations, they have to be to a specific recipe and only 3 types of salad to keep the day simple and make it easier for our volunteers. Anyone wanting to make salads and/or help on the day are asked to contact Bev Harris on 6382-7650 and arrange to collect salad bowls and recipes or put their name on the volunteer list. The guest list is now at the Young Library for people to put down their names to attend.

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).



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.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required for Christmas Mass times. If you can assist, please let Carmel know on (0408) 436-284. If you are not on the regular Mass Roster but can help out as a one off, it would be greatly appreciated.

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. All parishioners welcome to attend.