

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. 24th Dec: 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Young, Boorowa & Grenfell plus 9.00pm Christmas Vigil at Young
Wed. 25th Dec: 9.00am Christmas Mass at Young 9.00am Christmas Mass at Grenfell
Thu. 26th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel NO 11.00am Mass at Boorowa
Fri. 27th Dec: 8.00am Mass in Chapel NO 9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)
Sat. 28th Dec: 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
Sun. 29th 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: Sat/Sun. of month. Ring Office first for all Baptism enquiries

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: (In Recess)

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

WEDDINGS: By appointment at least 6 mths notice.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 28 / 29 December 2019

READERS: First Second
6.00pm: Glenn Payne Lily Payne
9.00am: Sr Rita Savage Mary Murray

ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER: 6.00pm: Peter Mullany
9.00am: Owen Pippard

ALTAR SERVERS: 6pm: Riley Noakes, Mollie O'Leary Reagan Griffin, Bridie Sullivan
9.00am: Millie Hyam, Volunteer needed

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Lang and Pauline Watson

CHURCH CLEANERS: Mlg Smith and Team 8

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: Trish Saines

ROSARY STATUE: Mrs Louise Mugridge, 59 Fontenoy St
NEXT: Mr & Mrs W Causer, 62 Wombat Street

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm: Josie Johnson Trish Saines
9.00am: Tone Boldrini Christine Smith

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23



St. Mary's Parish, Young

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people
4th Sunday of Advent - 22 December 2019

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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

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. JAMES

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

Advent comes to a close and we begin the Christmas Triduum proper as we enter this new week on Monday. Indeed we have prepared physically, mentally and spiritually through the various processes availed us by the church reaching its culmination in the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. What else remains? As pilgrims, we just trod on, rest and wait on the birth of the Child Jesus. Waiting here carries the import of service. When pilgrims rest after a long walk what do they do? They share their meals, bandage the wounded and encourage the weary. These last days carries similar import for us as we remember the many who are fatigued from the long journey of deep longing and expectation of a new born infant Jesus into their brokenness, and for others joy. It is on this note that I, your servant and fellow pilgrim, Fr James with my brother priest, Fr Praveen, wish to thank individually and collectively, all our parishioners (both visiting and local) for being part of this great journey of faith. Together we stand at the threshold of the manger to say Happy Christmas to you. May God bless our celebrations and keep, in his stead, those travelling in and out of our parish this season.

Don't forget! Pilgrims always share. The more we share the love of Christ, the Younger at heart we become. Let us continue to feel YOUNG always!



CHRISTMAS APPEAL- THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOLS

Again this year, despite the effects of the drought on our families, the School communities of St Mary's Primary and Hennessy Catholic College have again donated hampers of beautiful food for those in greatest need. Hennessy also collected \$700-00. This year the students of St Joseph's Primary School in Grenfell also conducted "food drives" resulting in very generous donations to the Grenfell Food Hall as well as Young Vinnies! Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone who contributed in any way to our Appeal this year.

'What if we could not afford to keep the Church?' flyers are available at the back of the Church. Please think about passing them along to friends and family that are happy to have the Church available when needed for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms etc.

If you are thinking about setting up a Direct Debit arrangement for either the First and/or Second Collections, please contact your bank/credit union or the Parish Office.

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.

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.



BANNERS - ADVENT

Week 1. Stay awake.
Week 2. John the Baptist in the wilderness.
Week 3. John continues preaching and baptising.
Week 4. The angel appears to Mary.

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.



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).

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

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

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://ecatholic.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).

Revised Rosters and Recipients' lists are available at the back of the Church for collection by **Special Ministers who visit the Village and homes.**

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 ROSTERS

The new Linen and Cleaning Rosters have been prepared, so anyone wishing to collect a paper copy can pick them up at the back of the church.

READER ROSTER

A new Reader Roster has been prepared from Jan-Apr. 2020. Copies of this Roster can be picked up at the back of the church.

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR HELP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



BAPTISM

We welcome Xavier and Grace Robinson, children of Darren and Nicole and Sidney Hobson, son of Jason and Alina into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation will be taking a break over the Holiday period and will recommence when schools go back at a date to be announced in the Bulletin.

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!)

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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for holidays over the Christmas period. Wishing everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas with love and peace for the New Year.