

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 Feb: 12 noon Hennessy Opening Mass
 Tue. 25th Feb: 9.00am St Mary's Opening Mass
 NO 12.30 Mass at Boorowa
 Wed. 26th Feb: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
 NO 10.00am Mass at Grenfell
 Thu. 27th Feb: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
 11.00am Mass at Boorowa
 Fri. 28th Feb: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
 9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)
 Sat. 29th Feb: 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation
 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
 Sun. 1st Mar: 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: 5.30pm Wednesday

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

WEDDINGS: By appointment at least 6 mths notice.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 29 Feb / 1 March 2020

READERS: **First** **Second**
6.00pm: Beth Payne James Payne
9.00am: Rob Cullen Tracey Cullen

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

ALTAR SERVERS: **6pm:** Sarah McDonald, Sophie Moloney
 Riley Noakes, Bridie Sullivan
9.00am: Volunteers needed

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Cameron and Jenny Howell

CHURCH CLEANERS: Trish Hill and Team 6
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: To be Advised
CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE: John Rolls (Feb 2020)
LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER: Bill, Chris & Brian (Feb 2020)
MAINTENANCE: Mick Dwyer (Feb 2020)
 Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT: Trish Saines (February 2020)
LINEN ROSTER: Rachel Minehan

ROSARY STATUE: Mrs Pauline Parkman, 2 Hills Street
NEXT: Mrs Pat Smith, "The Wattle", Back Creek Road

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
6.00pm: Diane McGlynn Robyn Major
9.00am: Joanne Wells Yvonne Bailes

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7;
 Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11



St. Mary's Parish, Young

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 February 2020

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Dear Friends in Christ

The parish welcomes you warmly to 2020. We started the year on a sad note. The bushfires orchestrated by intense drought and heat was such a bizarre experience for all of us. However, the generosity of the parish in cushioning the intensity of the disaster on some of our brothers and sisters in the Deanery is magnanimous. I want to thank each and every one of you for such a prompt response, given the limited notice of preparation.

To continue our united front as Parishes and a Mission, the Lord has opened the tributary of Lent to us this year. It is my hope, individually and collectively, we shall seize the opportunity to seek the face of God in an arduous moment in our country and in our State. For this, we are wasting no time in announcing the Lenten program for our Parish and Mission.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Young: - 8-00am Mass/Distribution of Ashes
 - 6-00pm Mass/Distribution of Ashes
Boorowa: - 6-00pm Mass/Distribution of Ashes
Grenfell: - 6-00pm Mass/Distribution of Ashes

I encourage parishioners, willing to support our homebound brothers and sisters, to please request ashes to be carried to them.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross is close to the heart of the Church as a means of meditating and contemplating the mysteries of the passion of Christ. I encourage parishioners to please attend this function. The times for this program are 12:00 noon and 6:00pm in the parish every Friday of the Lenten Season. This also holds for Boorowa and Grenfell.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

After the Easter celebration, the parish will for the first time, celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. The time and program shall be communicated in due course. However, the venue for this year will be in Young. We intend to take it in turns in our Mission churches each year.

SACRAMENTS AND APOSTOLIC NUNCIO'S VISIT

On a note of thanksgiving, the parish will celebrate different sacraments for our boys and girls. The highlight will be the Visit of the Papal Nuncio to our parish on Pentecost Sunday. He will celebrate the Holy Mass in and for our Parish in Young. During this, he will confer the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on our sons and daughters.

Finally, as the year progresses, we shall let you into the program for the second phase of the year 2020.

Thanks. (Rev James Onoja, Your Servant in Christ).

OPENING SCHOOL MASSES IN CHURCH

Mon.24th Feb. at 12 noon - Hennessy Catholic College
Tue.25th Feb. at 9-00am - St Mary's Primary School
 (NO 8.00am Mass in Chapel on Tuesday)

BUSHFIRE APPEAL THANK YOU

Fr George and Fr Namora at the church of the Immaculate Conception in Tumut would sincerely like to thank the Young Mission of St Mary's, St Joseph's in Grenfell and St Patrick's in Boorowa for the most generous donation following the Bushfire Appeal.

The congregation was most welcoming during our visit on the weekend. The funds are being prudently distributed. Two homes of parishioners in Batlow were entirely lost to the fires. At this stage, there have been 7 recipients of funds.



PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting for the Plenary Council will be Tuesday, 25th February at 5-30pm in the Hospitality Kitchen. The topic will be Prayer and the Eucharist. Kerry Ray will kindly join us to explain the benefits of Christian Meditation to start the meeting.

LENTEN BANNERS

WEEK 1. Jesus is tempted by the devil and offered the whole world.

PALM CROSSES

The time has come once again to see about making Palm Crosses in the Parish. We are desperately in need of help to make this happen this year. The quality is not as good due to the drought and of course heat, so not sure if we will have a great deal of luck. We do need some younger men to help us with cutting the palms, as at present we only have one (elderly parishioner) doing this. We will commence making them on Wednesday, 26th February (which is Ash Wednesday) in the Parish Centre at 10.45am. If you want to make them we are willing to show you and you can make them at home, as most of our help is getting older as well.

All help in any way would be wonderful, as this is our main Fundraiser and social event for the year.

May God bless you all.
 Sharon Hamill.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Phillip Braddon - Cowra (Brother of Allan), Sr Anne McRae, (PBVM), Larry McDonald (Husband of Helen, Father of David & Megan and Father-in-Law of Cath & Aaron), Margaret Kite, Wilma Walls (Korumburra - VIC), Shirley Outram (Newcastle), Michael Johnston (Husband of Judy), Burton (Burt) Laundess

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).

FOOD BANK

Could all people involved in the Food Bank please take a look at the current groups. There will be a roster up the back of the church on the glass doors. Please indicate whether you are happy to continue on, need to be removed from the roster or alternatively if there are new people who would like to make contributions, that you can easily add your name to a group.

FOOD BANK

(Roster for February 2020 - GROUP 1)

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Pray for Zimbabwe
 St Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, 6th March at 10-00am
 Everyone is welcome to attend.
 There will be a guest speaker.
 Please bring a plate for Morning Tea which will be served in the Parish Centre after the celebration.
 RSVP for catering (0408) 487-203 or flick a text message.

FAMILY/PARISH GROUP

Family Group will be meeting for lunch on Sunday, 8th March at 12-30pm at the Aussie Hotel.
 All parishioners most welcome.
 Numbers for bookings by Wednesday, 4th March to Barb and Brian Hislop on 6382-3288.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING IN MARCH 2020

St Vincent de Paul meetings will be held at the Conference Room in the St Vinnies Centre. Please be advised that Vinnies meetings will now be held on alternate Wednesdays at 10-30am. The dates for the next meetings are Wednesday, 4th and Wednesday, 18th March.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES MEETING

The "Ravages of Time" have finally caught up with our group. Our group has been providing Morning Tea after mass on the second Sunday of each month for twenty-one (21) years. A number of reasons have brought about this decision e.g. age of our members and a reduction of our numbers. It has been an honour for us to have served our fellow parishioners and visitors over such a long period.