

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. 3rd Mar: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 12.30 Mass at Boorowa
Wed. 4th Mar: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 10.00am Mass at Grenfell
Thu. 5th Mar: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
11.00am Mass at Boorowa
Fri. 6th Mar: 8.00am Mass in Chapel
9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)
Sat. 7th Mar: 9.30 - 10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa
Sun. 8th 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 7 / 8 March 2020

READERS: **First** **Second**
6.00pm: Sharon Williams Sue Rolls
9.00am: Mark Birks Ethan Birks

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

ALTAR SERVERS: **6pm:** Grace Taylor, Eliza Taylor, Letitia Tyrrell, Charlie Webber
9.00am: Reagan Griffin

PLANNED GIVING: Paddy Sewell and Brian Hislop

CHURCH CLEANERS: Monique Griffin and Team 9

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: To be Advised

CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE: Barb & Brian Hislop (Mar 2020)

LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER: M Mercer/D O'Brien (Mar 2020)

MAINTENANCE: Steve Watkins & Darrin Bear (Feb 2020)
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT: Joy Cameron (March 2020)

LINEN ROSTER: Robyn Armstrong

ROSARY STATUE: Mrs Pat Smith, "The Wattle", Back Ck Rd

NEXT: Mrs Irene Hopwood, 54 Binalong Street

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm: Trish Saines Lois Terry
9.00am: Sharon Hibbert Tone Boldrini

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen 12: 1-4;
2 Tim 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9



St. Mary's Parish, Young

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people
1st Sunday of Lent – 1 March 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.

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).

EASTER RETREAT

We shall be capping our Easter preparation with a Retreat on Saturday, 28th March in Young. It will be a time to get together for Young, Grenfell and Boorowa in the Mission. Please register your interest with your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of the church by Friday, 20th March.

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.

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 March 2020 - GROUP 2)

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

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://cgcatholic.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).

Please pray for Sr Gai Cass who is seriously ill at the moment.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jean D'Elboux (Mother of Mary Holmes), 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

LENTEN BANNERS

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

WEEK 2. Jesus is transfigured before the 3 apostles.

PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING

The next Plenary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd March at 5-30pm in the Hospitality Dining Room. Focus Area: A joyful, hope-filled and servant community. We will have a mini focus on the Caritas website and briefly explore their principles for catholic Social Teaching.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

who visit homes and the Retirement (and anyone who is thinking of joining this beautiful group).
You are invited to join Fr James and Fr Praveen for morning tea on Monday, 9th March.
Fr James would like to meet as many of you as possible and to introduce you to the new co-ordinator.
The gathering will be at the Parish Centre at 10-00am.
Please bring food to share. Thanks, Mary.

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's
Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$2,000.00 as well as helping me get back on my feet eventually. It gave me a huge lift knowing that you all care and are thinking of me.

Kind Regards,

William Berry Breward (Tumut Parish)

FAMILY/PARISH GROUP

Family Group will be meeting for lunch on Sunday, 8th March at 12 noon 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 MEETINGS 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.

LAUDATO SI' PILGRIMAGE & PRAXIS 2020

An Australian ecumenical response to Laudato Si' envisages an ecologically flourishing country that reflects ecological values and healthy relationships that support the dignity and integrity of all creation.
To be held from Friday, 13th March to Sunday, 15th March at St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong.
For all enquiries and to register, please contact Sue Rolfe at St Clement's Galong by telephoning 6380-5222.

PALM CROSSES

We have now decided to have a go at making Palm Crosses which will be on a Wednesday at the Parish Centre at the new time of 10-15am every week.

Please come along if you have some spare time or if you want to make them at home, the palm leaves are available to collect from the fridge in the Parish Centre.

(Please note that we are sending out free Palm Crosses to the parishes affected by the bushfires in our Diocese).

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.

