

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.- Currently closed

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 5th May: NO 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 12.30 Mass at Boorowa

Wed. 6th May: NO 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 10.00am Mass at Grenfell

Thu. 7th May: NO 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 11.00am Mass at Boorowa

Fri. 8th May: NO 8.00am Mass in Chapel
NO 9.30am Mass at SCC (YRV)

Sat. 9th May: 9.30-10.00am Reconciliation outside
NO 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
NO 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Boorowa

Sun.: 10th May NO 9.00am Mass at Young
NO 9.00am Mass at Grenfell

NB: Graveside Funerals only (maximum of 10)

VOCATIONS PRAYER GROUP: Suspended

BAPTISMS: Sat/Sun. of month. (Suspended)
Ring Office first for all Baptism enquiries

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Suspended
ADORATION: Suspended

WEDDINGS: By appointment at least 6 mths notice.
(Maximum of 5)



St. Mary's Parish, Young

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people

4th Sunday of Easter – 3 May 2020

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CATHOLIC DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS (YOUNG MISSION) RE: THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

There will be no further Celebration of Masses, Prayer gatherings or Baptisms in the Diocese until further notice.

There will be no Holy Communion distributed to private homes or aged care facilities until further notice.

Reconciliation to be still on at the same time, but outdoors now.

This decision has been made by the Federal Government due to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

DAILY MASS will be available on the CATHOLIC VOICE website online (from 6-00am) each day. You can watch this anytime at a time that suits you best. Please visit: www.catholicvoice.org.au

Or visit the Young Mission site for 9-00am mass every Sun. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsapBOOEhdD7pg1j49HMDfQ>

(ALL CHURCHES ARE TO BE CLOSED 24 HRS EACH DAY)

(Please use this prayer for Spiritual Communion)

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MAY DEVOTION

Each year two months are dedicated to seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, namely May and October, popularly called May Devotion and October Devotion. We are in May, therefore, I encourage you, dear Parishioners, to look towards the bright side of life in this month. May bring in the burgeoning of life- growing flowers radiating lush greeneries and, of course, the return of rains. We are hopeful that new things will happen in coming days. Hence, the May devotion begins, perhaps with due discretion, the setting up of a mini private altar in homes, followed by daily recitation of the Holy Rosary and visits to the shrine of our Lady in the Church premises. Our intention for this month of May would be to "have new life spring from the dead" one: from COVID-19 lockdown to vibrant bustling and hustling of our daily lives.

In this moment of isolation and restriction, the mind often wander and wallow in self pity, regrets and sometimes curses on unpalatable situations. Therefore, in line with Ignatian concept of keeping check on the mind, I am proposing the Ignatian Examination of consciousness or *Examen*. Let us tag this Exercises as "Rummaging the mind". How to engage this exercise is simple and easy. At the end of each day seek a quiet place of rest, supposedly, before your private altar created for May Devotion, then begin:

1. Ask God for Light
2. Review the day carefully, don't rush over details
3. Review all the feelings (emotions) surfacing as you replay the dramas of the day (don't rush)
4. Choose one of those feelings (either positive or negative) and pray with it
5. After that drawing strength from this moment, look forward to tomorrow

This exercise is akin to looking through a drawer for something that you're pretty sure is there but cannot find. Keep repeating this exercise throughout the month of May. Let's talk about your experiences after the lockdown is lifted.

Hopefully, there would be good news pouring in over the weekend. Perhaps we could go for a long drive within good range. Have a cuppa with friends and all that again.

I am working on a parish youtube channel. Once it goes through, it is my hope that we could set up a camera for live-streaming from the church. This means that more opportunities for reaching out to you is increased. Peter Mullany and Cathy his wife are generous towards this course already and we thank them. At the moment, I encourage you to hook up to our presbytery chapel every Sunday 9:00am for our Sunday masses on my YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsapBOOEhdD7pg1j49HMDfQ>

We are praying for you always. God bless and keep you. Please download the COVID-Safe app. It might speed up our return to normal life.

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Bulletin will still be printed and can be obtained from a box outside the main entrance of the Church.
If you would like the bulletin to be sent to you online, please send an email to young@cg.org.au and you will then be added to the current list of parishioners already receiving it.
Alternatively, look on our website each week at: cg.org.au/young and download view.
The Parish office will still be taking enquiries by email: young@cg.org.au or telephone: (02) 6382-2222.

THE WEEKLY CATHOLIC VOICE (NEW 2-PAGEPRINTOUT)

Keep up with the news in The Weekly Catholic Voice each week. There will be printouts in the box with the Bulletins located outside the main entrance of the Church. Please feel free to pickup a copy or alternatively you can request to have a printout to be sent direct to your email or actual mailbox. **Contact:** www.catholicvoice.org.au

RECENTLY DECEASED: Una Holmes (Sister of Phemie Fogarty), Laurie Finn - Forster (Brother-in-law of Christine & Don Smith), Barry Braddon, Simon Jasprizza, Maurice Bobbin (Father of Fr Troy Bobbin), James (Jim) Cusack, Lorna Parkman (Murring), Evelyn McKenzie - Cowra (Sister of Jan Mainwaring), Marie Waugh (Mother of Karin and Stephen), John McGuire - Dubbo (Brother-in-law of Gloria McAllister), Peter Bennett, 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)

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please be advised if any parishioner wishes to drop their Project Compassion box in instead of holding onto it, that the parish office will now accept them during office hours. (Tuesday to Friday from 9-30am to 1-30pm). Thank you.

DONATING TO THE CHURCH (Updated details)

A great deal of parishioners have all been used to donating their money physically in the church each weekend, but as we are unable to do that now in these uncertain days, we have to adapt to different ways of contributing our money as we do not know when our churches will re-open again.

As requested recently, many parishioners have been keen to start direct debits from their Bank account to contribute to the priests collection (1st Collection) as well as the upkeep of the parish (2nd Collection).

If you would like to and (are able to) start this procedure, we would like to let you know that there are a few ways of doing this.

You can set the details up yourself on your computer at home, call into your bank to set it up for you or call into the parish office to fill in a new direct debit form and Canberra will set it up for you. For your reference, the parish office will be open from Tuesday to Friday from 9-30am to 1-30pm.

1st COLLECTION (Electronic Banking only)
YOUNG: Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund
BSB: 062 786
Account#: 000029248
Reference: YOUNG Surname

Please note that it is not recommended that 1st Collection deposits be made over the counter at a bank. Direct debits are the preferred option.

(Please call into the Parish office to set this up for you).

2nd COLLECTION (Electronic Banking only)
YOUNG: Acc Name: St Mary's Parish
BSB: 062 786
Account#: 000015098
Reference: Surname & PG ENV No

CBA Branch Over-the-Counter Deposit for 2nd Collection
YOUNG: Acc Name: Catholic Development Fund
BSB: 062 902
Account#: 0903419
Reference: 40400 Surname & PG ENV No

Please Note that "40400" is the Agency Number for St Mary's Parish and must be entered!

NON-CBA Branch (eg WESTPAC) Over-the-Counter Deposit
YOUNG: Acc Name: St Mary's Parish
BSB: 062 786
Account#: 000015098
Reference: Surname & PG ENV No

The following information is a breakdown for where money is distributed for your consideration.

REGULAR COLLECTIONS AT MASS

There are generally two collections taken up at Mass. The first collection is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to:

Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend.

- The support of the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor
- Priests in remote dioceses across Australia
- Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)

The second collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission. For example:

- Liturgical needs
- Salaries
- Utilities
- Resources
- Maintenance of schools and churches
- Repayment of loans
- Parish sacramental formation and pastoral programs

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY AND THE CORONAVIRUS

The coronavirus has certainly changed many aspects of our lives - but some things remain the same. St Vinnies, Young, continue to help those in need, although under different working conditions. This year, Canberra/Goulburn St Vinnies have made the decision to replace the Annual Winter Appeal with an appeal to assist people affected by the coronavirus and an appeal for blankets for our companions who are assisted by the NIGHT PATROL in Canberra. With Churches closed the appeal will have to be conducted online or by phone. But that doesn't mean the money won't reach Young and surrounds - our local Conference will still be helping locals. Blankets can be left at the shop during opening hours, but please mark them NIGHT PATROL. To donate online, please visit vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal OR call 13 18 12. Amid this crisis, Vinnies are continuing to assist drought affected farmers and their families and victims of the recent bushfires. We take this opportunity to once again THANK YOU for your ongoing prayer and financial support. Thanks to you we have been able to continue to support our companions on this journey of Life.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 9 / 10 May 2020

READERS: **First** **Second**
6.00pm: Suspended Suspended
9.00am: Suspended Suspended

ACOLYTE/ **6.00pm:** Suspended
SENIOR SERVER: **9.00am:** Suspended

ALTAR SERVERS: 6pm: Suspended

9.00am: Suspended

PLANNED GIVING: Suspended

CHURCH CLEANERS: Suspended
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE: Suspended (May 2020)
LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER: Andreas B/Ryan M (May 2020)
MAINTENANCE: Michael Keir / Silvio Livolsi (May 2020)
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT: Trish Saines
LINEN ROSTER: Suspended

ROSARY STATUE: Suspended
NEXT: Suspended

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6.00pm: Suspended Suspended
9.00am: Suspended Suspended

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 6: 1-7;
1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12

A PRAYER AT A TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (Archbishop Christopher Prowse)

• **Heavenly Father,**
We praise and thank you for your loving presence, especially in the Lent/Easter season.
• We offer heartfelt thanks, dear Lord, particularly for our recent rains.
• Once again, we come to you in our need. As your children we are in need of your healing and protection.
Just as we have been recovering from our dangerous bushfire summer, we have now been thrown into a fearful coronavirus (COVID 19) autumn.
• We are tired and frightened. We feel a sense of panic and future uncertainty on a global scale.
• Be with us now, Loving Master. Without you all is nothing – only empty hearts and a total reliance on our own feeble resources.
But with you “there is mercy and fullness of Redemption” (Psalm 130/7). With you there is “the loving mercy of the heart of our God (who) will give light to those who sit in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1/79).
• It seems that so many public gatherings are now postponed or cancelled. There is virus death, the sick, and the anxious. We are spending more time on our own, or with family or friends.
• We pray for the sick and those looking after them. Help us to offer practical help to those who struggle.
Let us use these times, O Lord, for your greater glory, especially during Lent and Easter. Let us pray more, and truly listen to you more in loving silence, stillness and simplicity.
• Almighty Father, you always journey with us in life's challenges. Help us to meet you often in the scriptures and our sacraments.
• Increase in us faith, hope and trust.
• Protect us from this coronavirus. Remove it from our common home.
Heal those who are sick and dying.
Mary, Help of Christians, as always we fly to you in our need. Be close to us and point out your Son, Jesus, to us in this pandemic. St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us.
• We make this and all our prayers through Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, **AMEN.**