

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

Sun. 26th Dec: 9.00am Mass at Young
9.00am Communion Service-Grenfell
10.30am Mass at Boorowa
Tue. 28th Dec: 5.45pm Mass in the Church
Wed. 29th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the Church
Thu. 30th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the Church
Fri. 31st Dec: 8.00am Mass in the Church
Sat. 1st Jan: 9.30am Reconciliation in the Church
6.00pm New Year Mass at Young
6.00pm New Year Mass at Boorowa
Sun. 2nd Jan: 9.00am Mass at Young
9.00am Mass at Grenfell

NB: A Funeral Mass usually replaces a weekday mass

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: 5.30pm in Chapel Wed
(Suspended)

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

WEDDINGS: By appointment at least 6 mths notice

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 / 2 January 2022

READERS: **First** Trish Saines
6.00pm: Rob Cullen
9.00am: Helen Fowler
Tracey Cullen

ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER: **6.00pm:** John McRae
9.00am: Owen Pippard

ALTAR SERVERS: **6.00pm:** Charlie Webber,
Sarah Webber, Jack Willis
9.00am: Volunteers needed

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Cameron

CHURCH CLEANERS: Volunteers needed
CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE: Bill Kearney (Jan. 2022)
LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER: Bill Maloney, Chris Maloney,
Brian Mullany (January 2022)

MAINTENANCE: S Woolford and A Reimer (Jan. 2022)
Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT: Trish Saines (Jan. 2022)

LINEN ROSTER: Emma Taylor

ROSARY STATUE: Mr & Mrs W Causer, 62 Wombat St.
NEXT: Bill & Mary Kearney, 111 William Street

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
6.00pm: Lois Terry Robyn Major
9.00am: Ann Murphy Denise Dwyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is 60: 1-6;
Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12



St. Mary's Parish, Young

We sincerely acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wiradjuri people
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 December 2021

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE- Bethlehem Amazement

Sometimes we are offered the following Christmas greeting: "Have an amazing Christmas!" No doubt this greeting can mean all sorts of things. For Christians, the most amazing aspect of Christmas is God becoming human in the little babe of Bethlehem. For us, all other amazements in life, flower from this fundamental Bethlehem amazement. The Christmas scene of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, three Magi, animals, stars and angels are all stilled in silent amazement as they gaze on the Almighty God becoming a vulnerable baby in the humble stable at Bethlehem.

Mary's prayer becomes our prayer as she says for all of us in amazement that our "soul magnifies the Lord." During this Christmas and New Year Season, let us all magnify Jesus in our gratitude and humble response to all the amazing things that have happened to us during this extraordinary Covid year of 2021 - both good and not so good!

Let us show an amazing closeness to our families, neighbourhoods and cities where this time may be a real practical struggle. Now that we are able, let us visit each other- especially those who have had a very isolated and lonely 2021. Then our Bethlehem amazement will also have a real practical expression. Rest up during this time! We are all tired! God bless you all during this Christmas and New Year Season.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, parishes will be conducting the annual Archbishop's Christmas Appeal at their Christmas Masses.

Funds will be raised again to support Church Communities overseas desperately in need.

LATEST COVID UPDATES FROM NSW GOVERNMENT (17/12/21)

As of Friday, 17th December NSW Government announced that places of Worship are open to all, with no person limits, but Check-ins are still required. Masks are not mandatory, but feel free to still wear one if you want. The choice is yours.

Singing is permitted by all again too.

SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass - 9.00am at Young
Communion Service - 9.00am at Grenfell
Sunday Mass - 10.30am at Boorowa

STAMPS

Judy Bryant is collecting stamps for an organisation, Mary McKillop Today (MMT) who recycle used stamps and raise money for the disabled children of Papua New Guinea and training poor women in life's skills in Peru. A basket will be left at the back of the church for any stamps to be placed in. Please ring Judy on (0427) 436-367 if you have any queries.

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS

Our order has turned up for all those parishioners who asked for a God's Word 2022 Daily Reflection Book. The cost will be \$20-00 each (including postage). Please pickup at the Parish Office during office hours.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR ORDERS

Please be advised that our order of Columban Art Calendars for 2022 has arrived and are ready for collection. The cost will be \$10-00 each (including postage). Please pickup at the Parish Office during office hours.

St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference is now in Christmas recess. No meetings and no regular assistance interviews until February. New members are still needed to lighten the load and to increase our "good works".

Next meeting will be Wednesday, 2nd February 2022.

Next regular assistance interviews are on Tuesday, 1st February 2022. Assistance is still available via our local assistance phone - (0429) 516 512.

We would like to thank everyone for their support during the difficult year of 2021 and wish everyone a safe and holy Christmas filled with peace, joy and love.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sue Sheedy, Maurice Michael Price - known as Mick (Husband of Carmel), Fay Murray (Figtree) Cousin of Peg Croke, Betty Fry (Queanbeyan) Mother of Christine Croke, Lynn Watterston (Sister of Mary Holmes), Mary Everson - Forbes (Sister of Edna Keir), John Keane (Albury), Diane Dawe - Geelong (Sister to Kerrie Jones & Mark O'Malley), Beryl Coddington, Carol Howlett - Wagga (formerly of Young), Margaret Mullins, Jack Watson, Darcy Causer, David Patterson (Husband of Val), Colin McCaffery, Peter (Sooty) De Britt, June Tamsett - Sydney (formerly of Young), Stanley Hannan, Sr Marie Mahony

The Prayer to St Joseph (by Pope Francis)
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Saturday, 25th December and opened again on Tuesday, 18th January.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and safe Christmas with love and peace for a brand New Year.

The weekly parish bulletin will be available in the church plus on the website each week.

Please feel free to go to: cg.org.au/young and download view.

HILLTOPS HEALING CHRISTMAS FETE
(Sponsored by St Mary's Parish)



A huge thank you to everyone who donated or helped at our Hilltops Healing Christmas Fete. It was a huge success! The total figure raised was \$4,500-00 (after all expenses taken out)

WHAT AN EFFORT!!

Donations of \$1,500-00 each will be given to St Vincent de Paul, Young Community Chest and Crisis Accommodation.

Thank you to everyone who were part of our Community Fete.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Happy Christmas to all of our beloved parishioners. May the joy of Christmas always remain in your family.

Thank you for your support of your parish over the last year.

With love and prayers from Fr Jiss, Fr Allen, Fr Warrick and the Parish team.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all volunteers who helped in any way to make our Christmas Masses such a beautiful celebration. i.e. Setting up, Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Banners, Acolytes/Senior Servers, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Counters etc. It is greatly appreciated.