

**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. 27th Dec: 5.45pm Mass in the CHURCH  
 Wed. 28th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Thu. 29th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Fri. 30th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Sat. 31st Dec: NO 5.00pm-5.30pm Reconcil. Young  
 6.00pm Vigil at Young  
 6.00pm Vigil at Boorowa  
 Sun.1st Jan 23: 8.00am Communion Service-Grenfell  
 10.00am New Year Mass - Young

**NB:** A Funeral Mass usually replaces a weekday mass

**BAPTISMS:** Saturday/Sunday of month.  
 Ring Office first for all Baptism enquiries.

**ADORATION:** Before all weekday Masses

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment at least 6 mths notice

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 31 Dec / 1 Jan. 2023**

**READERS:** **First** Sr Rita Savage  
**6.00pm:** Brian Hislop  
**10.00am:** Maria Henriquez Jade Presser

**ACOLYTE/** **6.00pm:** Tony Fowler  
**SENIOR SERVER:** **10.00am:** Peter Mullany

**ALTAR SERVERS:** **6.00pm:** Ava Apps, Liam Payne,  
 Jack Willis  
**10.00am:** Bonnie Cronin

**PLANNED GIVING:** Bill Cameron

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Leanne Parkman and Team 5

**CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE:** Bill Kearney (Jan 2023)

**LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER:** Bill Maloney, Chris Maloney,  
 Brian Mullany (January & February 2023)

**MAINTENANCE:** A Maguire / Nathan Cooper (Jan 2023)

Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

**GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT:** Sue Davidson / Yvonne Bailes  
 (January 2023)

**LINEN ROSTER:** Trish Saines

**ROSARY STATUE:** Mr & Mrs W Causer, 62 Wombat St.  
**NEXT:** Pat Gurney, 17 Elizabeth Street

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**6.00pm:** Michelle Maloney Robyn Major  
**10.00am:** Christine Smith Ursula Sewell

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Num 6: 22-27;  
 Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21:

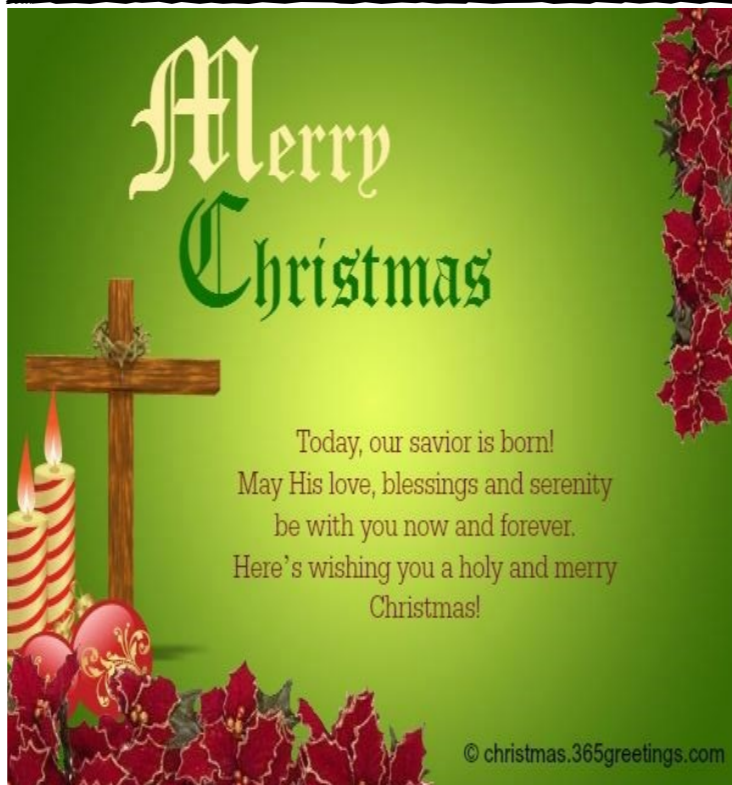


**St. Mary's Parish, Young**

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

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 December 2022**

Parish Priest: Fr Jiss Sunny  
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Today, our savior is born!  
 May His love, blessings and serenity  
 be with you now and forever.  
 Here's wishing you a holy and merry  
 Christmas!

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**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL HARRY ROWE**

Harry was a much loved and respected parishioner who done so much for our Parish, but sadly passed away on 13th December.

Harry was installed as an Acolyte in our parish on 17th June 1995 by Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power and was last rostered on 17th October 2015 thus giving over 20 years service to the parish in the ministry of Acolyte. His involvement in the parish was vast and it included distribution of communion to the faithful at Southern Cross Care (formerly known as Young Retirement Village) and on occasions conducted communion services in the chapel at that facility. When the new Presbytery was being built Fr Richard Thompson (Parish Priest at the time) commissioned Harry to build an Altar and an ambo for the Presbytery Chapel as well as other pieces. He also made items in the Church which include the Paschal candle stand, the Processional Cross and the handles on the money bags.

Harry in his own quiet way would have done many things for the Parish without fanfare and would never look for accolades.

Thank you Harry for all you did for us.  
 You will be dearly missed. Rest in Peace!

**ADVENT 2022 REMOVING THE EXEMPTION**

Dear friends in Christ,

You will be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic period, this Archdiocese did not require us to attend Church. This was an extraordinary measure for our health and wellbeing.

Given the facts of the new situation regarding the pandemic, I am lifting the exemption from obligation to worship God at mass on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2022.

Clearly, this obligation does not bind those who have serious health concerns, or who are physically or morally prevented from attending Mass.

Indeed, I ask you to remain at home, if you are feeling unwell, have cold or flu symptoms, or believe you pose a risk to the health of others.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present with us in a very special way when we gather as a community in prayer and action, walking together in our faith and celebration. We attend Mass because Jesus feeds us in Word and Sacrament.

An obligation to attend Mass is present to support and encourage us all to gather for the Eucharist, "the source and summit" of our entire Christian lives. We need each other's prayers at Mass, especially to support those struggling in life.

We appear to be coming to an end of this long and, for so many, most terrifying time. We reflect on all we have experienced. We pray for each other, especially for those who continue to suffer in any way from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare for the Christmas Season of joy, let us continue our "Walking Together" into this penitential season of ADVENT in repentant and joyful HOPE for the coming of the Saviour at Bethlehem.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
 Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Just letting everyone know that we have a new Facebook page for Catholic Mission of Young (includes Young, Grenfell and Boorowa Parishes).

If you have any notices that you would like included, please email Megan at: boorowa@cg.org.au (with at least one week's notice) and she will enter it for you.

**CARAVAN WANTED**

St Vincent de Paul are looking to purchase a second-hand Caravan to accommodate a family in need.

Please contact Mary on (0437) 221-853 for more information.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed from Christmas until 17th January 2023.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and peaceful Christmas with all your family. Stay safe!

**The Christmas Tree**

**STAR**  
It reminds us of the birth of Jesus, who brings light to our lives.

**TREE**  
It symbolizes the tree of heaven. It used to be customary to use apples to decorate it; today balls are preferred.

**LIGHTS**  
They remind us that Jesus is the light of the world that delivers us from the darkness of sin.

**GIFTS**  
They remind us that God loves humanity so much that He delivered His only Son to us.

Prayers are requested for Carmel Price, Sr Gai Cass & Steve (Chuck) Norris who are unwell at the moment.

1st Year Anniversary of death for this week is: Margaret Shea. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Betty Taylor, John Quirk (Father of Louise Grant), Sr Macrina, Michael Boland, Tony Kelly, Harry Rowe, Rita Pearsall, Helen Prest, Ben Silk (Husband of Amy), Kath Carroll, Ernesto de Guzman - Philippines (Brother of Josie Johnson), Vincent Hurley, Irene Ricketts (Wife of Jim), Trevor Green (Husband of Laurelle), Brian Maroney, Jeanette Murrell (formerly of Young), Doug Palmer (Husband of Denise), Ron Snedden, Pam Powderly, Sr Roberta Robertson RSM, Gemma Nolan nee Powderly (Wentworthville), Pat Potbury (Wife of Wayne), Keith Rule, Marie Gutterson (Sister of Keith Smith), Joan Swan (Aunty of Tony Curtis), Jim De Britt