

**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/MEETINGS**

Tue. 5th Dec: 5.45pm Mass in the CHURCH  
 Wed. 6th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Thu. 7th Dec: NO 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 9am STMP Grad.Mass/parishioners  
 Fri. 8th Dec: NO 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 1.30pm Anointing Mass in CHURCH  
 Sat. 9th Dec: 5pm-5.30pm Reconciliation in Young  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young  
 Sun. 10th Dec: 8.00am Mass at Grenfell  
 10.00am Mass at Young  
 5.00pm Mass at Boorowa

**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: 9 / 10 December 2023**

**READERS:** First Second  
 6.00pm: Mary Wright Oscar Wright  
 10.00am: Joanne Garlick Greg Broderick

**ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER:** 6.00pm: Trish Saines  
10.00am: Owen Pippard

**ALTAR SERVERS: 6.00pm:** Lizzy Reeves, Josh Reeves,  
 Joey Reeves, Monica Taylor

**10.00am:** Ayon Peiris, Dyon Peiris,  
 Archie O'Brien, Henry O'Brien

**PLANNED GIVING:** Pat Sewell & Brian Hislop

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Mig Smith & Team 6

**CHURCH OPEN/CLOSE:** Barb & Brian Hislop (Dec 2023)

**LAWN/GARDEN ROSTER:** Damian Minehan, John White  
 (December 2023)

**MAINTENANCE:** Terry Holmes / Roy Baker (Dec 2023)  
 Contact for Maintenance: Don Smith - (0427) 410-422

**GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT:** Barb & Brian Hislop (Dec 2023)

**LINEN ROSTER:** Joan Napier

**ROSARY STATUE:** Pat Gurney, 17 Elizabeth Street  
**NEXT:** Bill & Mary Kearney, 111 William Street

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
 6.00pm: Trish Cant Jenny Hardy  
 10.00am: Tone Boldrini Carmel Hardcastle

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -(2nd Sunday of Advent)**

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11: 2 Pet 3: 8-14: Mk 1:1-8:



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

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

**1st Sunday of Advent - 3 December 2023**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Jiss Sunny **Deacon:** Mark Ha  
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**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** St Mary's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. If any parishioner has any concerns about the above, please email Fr Jiss or the Parish Office.

**ADVENT MESSAGE FROM FR JISS**

As we step into the season of Advent, I'm reminded of the profound beauty in the unfolding story of God's love. It goes beyond the festive trappings and invites us into the essence of His presence amid our flaws and darkness. Week 1 of Advent focuses on the Message of Hope, echoing Jeremiah's prophecy of a righteous branch of David bringing justice and righteousness.

Here are some reflections for your contemplation:

1. What are your hopes for this Advent season?
2. How can you anchor your hope in God amidst life's uncertainties?
3. In times of sorrow, how can you find solace in placing your future hope in God?

May your Advent be filled with grace and fruitful reflections.

Many blessings,  
 Fr. Jiss

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS**

The next Anointing Mass will be held in St Mary's Church on Friday, 8th December at 1.30pm. (Please note there will not be 8.00am Mass that day)



Anointing Masses will occur in Young on the 2nd Friday of each month (except January).

It is only through our prayers and masses that can help our beloved ones.

Please save the date and let anyone you know who would like to attend and bring them along. All welcome.

**NEW CHURCH SMART TERMINAL**

Please feel free to try our new Smart Machine in the Church. All you have to do is select the amount you would like to donate. Eg. \$5-00, \$10-00, \$20-00 or press OTHER AMOUNT to choose your own figure.

Insert or tap your card and you're good to go! Thanks for all your generous contributions.



**GOD'S WORD DIARY AND COLUMBAN CALENDAR**

We have received our order of God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diaries (Cost is \$20-00 per book) and our order of Columban Calendars (Cost is \$10.00 each). Please come to the office and pickup your order. We have a few left if anyone is still interested in purchasing one of these beautiful books or calendars for yourself or as a gift for someone.



Dear Parishioners,

It is with a mix of nostalgia and pragmatism that I share this update about our beloved St Columbus Church in Bribbaree. This church holds a remarkable traditional history, with many of our families deeply rooted in its community.

Regrettably, due to a decline in parishioners and the escalating maintenance costs, we find ourselves compelled to make a difficult decision—to sell the church. Before we take this step, I invite you to join me for a formal last mass or a Last Supper Mass at St Columbus Church on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in Bribbaree.

I encourage all parishioners of St Columbus to bring their family members to participate in this final gathering. It will be a poignant farewell to our community within the framework of our Catholic faith. As a gesture of remembrance, we offer an opportunity for families who have donated items to the church to reclaim them. If your family has contributed statues or liturgical items, you may retrieve them by providing evidence of ownership.

For those interested, there is also an option to purchase items from the church, and the proceeds will be directed towards noble causes. Please reach out to Brian Hislop on 6382-3288 or Bill Kearney on 6382-5555 for additional details.

It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners are able to bring a plate of food with them to share with everyone. Could you please advise either Brian or Bill if you are bringing food so we know beforehand.

I anticipate that this decision may evoke various emotions, but it is ultimately in support of our Young Mission. Let us come together on 27th December at 6.00pm for a final mass—a moment to cherish the memories and bid a heartfelt farewell to St Columbus Church.

There will be a similar gathering at a later date when arrangements are made for the sale of the Quandialla Church.

Yours faithfully,  
 Fr. Jiss

Prayers are requested for Steve Watkins, Pat Maloney, Sr Phil & Carmel Price who are unwell at the moment.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Therese Bulmer, Fr Greg Bourke (Brother of Mary Maloney - Barwang St), Lynette Close, Arthur Snedden, Darryll Griffiths (Brother of Vicki Muller), Noelene Kennedy (Sister of Sr Helen Kennedy), Joan Giuliano, Indie Schulz, Vicki Curtis, Elsie Neddrie, Julieanne Roberts, Glenn Anderson, Pam Martens (Grenfell)

**FLOWER ROSTER**

We need some more volunteers who can go on the Flower Roster. Please contact Ann Murphy or Josie Johnson if you are interested in helping out and they will guide you on how to arrange the flowers in the Church. Many thanks.

**OPEN/CLOSE CHURCH ROSTER**

We need some more volunteers who can go on the Open/Close Church Roster. Please contact Brian Hislop on: bhislop2@bigpond.com if you are interested in helping out. Many thanks.

**CLEANING ROSTER**

We need some more volunteers who can go on the Cleaning Roster. Please contact Brian Hislop on: bhislop2@bigpond.com if you are interested in helping out. Many thanks.

**CALLING ALL MERCY ASSOCIATES**

The annual Christmas party is on Monday, 4th December at 11.30am at Young Services Club. Please RSVP to Joy on (0498) 147-231.

**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, 21st December at 6-00pm at St Mary's Church for all of Young Mission.



This will be your last opportunity before Christmas as this night will replace any other allocated times in each Parish.

**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE MASS TIMES**

Sat. 23rd Dec: - Young Vigil - 6.00pm  
 (W/E Masses) - Boorowa Vigil - 6.00pm  
 - Grenfell Vigil - 6.00pm

Sun. 24th Dec: - Young Mass - 10.00am

Christmas Eve: - Young Vigil (outdoors) 6.00pm  
 Sun. 24th Dec - Boorowa Vigil - 6.00pm

Christmas Day: - Grenfell Mass - 8.00am  
 Mon. 25th Dec - Binalong Mass - 9.00am  
 - Young Mass - 10.00am



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**

Christmas Day Lunch is back again! Don't be alone on Christmas Day.

Come along and enjoy fellowship and friendship! We welcome Melissa Martin who has indicated an interest in coordinating Christmas Lunch this year commencing at 11.30am for a 12 noon start (at a venue still to be confirmed). Finishing at 2.00pm. Transport is available if needed. Please contact Melissa on (0423) 079-955 for any volunteer enquiries. Please book for catering (if possible) at St Vincent de Paul Shop by Friday, 15th December.