

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. 12th Dec: 5.45pm Mass in the CHURCH
 Wed. 13th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH
 Thu. 14th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH
 Fri. 15th Dec: NO 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH
 9.00am HCC Staff Mass/parishion.
 Sat. 16th Dec: NO 5.00pm-5.30pm Recon. in Young
 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Young
 Sun. 17th Dec: 8.00am Communion Service-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: 16 / 17 December 2023

READERS: **First** Tara O'Brien
6.00pm: Warren Ziebowski
10.00am: **Second** Jessica Buchanan
 Helen Fowler

ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER: **6.00pm:** Brian Hislop
10.00am: Owen Pippard

ALTAR SERVERS: **6.00pm:** Sarah Webber,
 Sebastian Silk, Freya Silk
10.00am: Sofia Minehan, Bonnie Cronin,
 Eli Terry, Toby Price

PLANNED GIVING: Trish Saines

CHURCH CLEANERS: Monique Griffin & Team 7

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: Trish Saines

ROSARY STATUE: Bill & Mary Kearney, 111 William St.
NEXT: Helen Mulcahy, Unit 12, Catherine View Gardens

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
6.00pm: Trish Saines Robyn Major
10.00am: Ann Murphy Carmel Hardcastle

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -(3rd Sunday of Advent)

Is 61: 1-2, 10-11: 1 Thess 5: 16-24: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28:



St. Mary's Parish, Young

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

2nd Sunday of Advent - 10 December 2023

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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.

Symbols of the Advent Wreath

Circular shape

Reminds us that God has no beginning and no end, He is one and eternal.

Pink candle

Lit on Gaudete Sunday, it symbolizes joy as we approach the birth of Jesus.

4 candles

The 4 Sundays of Advent. When we light each one we are reminded that the light of Jesus is coming into the world.

Green branches

Green symbolizes hope and life. It reminds us that Christ lives among us.

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.

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, in the old Hennessy School Hall (entrance off Dundas Street). 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.

WORKING BEE FOR CHRISTMAS OUTDOOR VIGIL MASS

A working bee has been called for 11.00am on Sunday, 24 December (after 10.00am Mass) to set up the stage for the Altar and take some chairs from the Parish Centre to put on the lawn etc etc. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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.

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.

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.

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 are: Helen Prest, Rita Pearsall, Harry Rowe, Michael Boland and Tony Kelly. Please keep these families 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)

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, 27th 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

MERCY CARE CENTRE

Mass will be held on Wednesday, 13th December at 1.30pm in the Prayer Chapel at the Mercy Care Centre.. All welcome to attend.

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

