

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. 19th Dec: 5.45pm Mass in the CHURCH
 Wed. 20th Dec: NO 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH
 11.00am Funeral Mass - Carmel Price
 Thu. 21st Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH
 6.00pm 2nd Rite of Recon. in CHUR.
 Fri. 22nd Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH
 Sat. 23rd Dec: NO 5.00pm-5.30pm Recon. in Young
 6pm Vigil Mass-Young, Grenfell, Boor
 Sun. 24th Dec: 10.00am Mass at Young
 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at Boorowa
 6.00pm Christmas Eve at Young
 Mon. 25th Dec: See Christmas Timetable Masses
 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: 23 / 24 December 2023

READERS: First Second
6.00pm: Brian Hislop Vicki Muller
10.00am: Christmas Eve Christmas Eve

ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER: 6.00pm: Peter Mullany
10.00am: Peter Mullany

ALTAR SERVERS: 6.00pm: Lizzy Reeves, Josh Reeves, Joey Reeves
10.00am: Sofia Minehan, Bonnie Cronin, Eli Terry, Toby Price

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Lang and Pauline Watson

CHURCH CLEANERS: Pat Nowlan & Team 3

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: Alison Plppard

ROSARY STATUE: Helen Mulcahy, Unit 12, Cath. View Gar
NEXT: Mr & Mrs Don Smith, 36 Toompang Street

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
6.00pm: Michelle Maloney Lois Terry
10.00am: Jade Presser Di McGregor

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - (4th Sunday of Advent)

2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16: Rom 16: 25-27: Lk 1:26-38



St. Mary's Parish, Young

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

3rd Sunday of Advent - 17 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.

**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
 (11.30am for a 12 noon start in the old Hennessy
 School Hall - entrance off Dundas Street)**

We are looking for volunteers to make up the salads for the Community Christmas Day Lunch. Due to food safety regulations they have to be to a specific recipe and only 3 types of salad to keep the day simple and make it easier for our volunteers.

Anyone wanting to make salads can put their names down and collect bowls and recipes from Cath at the Parish Office. (Tuesday to Friday - 9.30am to 1.30pm)

The guest list is at the Vinnies shop and The Young Community Hub for people RSVP to attend.



Melissa Martin (0423) 079-955

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

**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.

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

1st Year Anniversary of death for this week are: Sr Macrina Galvin and Betty Taylor. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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.

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.

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. Please contact Brian Hislop on: bhislop2@bigpond.com if you are interested in joining the Roster. 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.

BAPTISM



We welcome Albert Jubb, son of Thomas and Rachael into the Parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmel Price, 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

Third Sunday of Advent, 30th

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow.

