

**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**

Mon. 25th Dec: 10.00am Mass at Young in the CHURCH  
 Tue. 26th Dec: 5.45pm Mass in the CHURCH  
 Wed. 27th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Thu. 28th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Fri. 29th Dec: 8.00am Mass in the CHURCH  
 Sat. 30th Dec: NO 5.00pm-5.30pm Recon. in Young  
 6pm Vigil Mass at Young  
 Sun. 31st Dec: 8.00am Comm. Service at Grenfell  
 10.00am Mass at Young  
 5.00pm Mass at Boorowa  
 Mon. 1st Jan: 9.00am New Year Day 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: 30 / 31 December 2023**

**READERS:** First Second  
 6.00pm: Liam Payne James Payne  
 10.00am: Rob Cullen Tracey Cullen

**ACOLYTE/ SENIOR SERVER:** 6.00pm: John McRae  
10.00am: Di McGregor

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 6.00pm: Jack Willis, Liam Payne, River Hambilton  
10.00am: George Presser, Sam Presser, Jayden Apuhin, Ethan Surilla

PLANNED GIVING: Bill Cameron

CHURCH CLEANERS: Trish Hill & Team 4

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: Di McGregor

ROSARY STATUE: Mr & Mrs Don Smith, 36 Toompang St  
 NEXT: Week off

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
 6.00pm: Glenn Payne Robyn Major  
 10.00am: Christine Smith Ursula Sewell

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - (The Holy Family)**

Gen 15: 1-6, 21:1-3: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19:  
 Lk 2: 22-40



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

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

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 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.

*May GOD's blessings come to you a Thousand fold; May the Love in your Heart never get old; and may you find treasures more precious than gold.*

*Have a and a Blessed Christmas Happy New Year to You and Your Family.*

**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



**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!

**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.

**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.

**LAST SUPPER MASS AT ST COLUMBUS CHURCH BRIBBAREE**

Dear Parishioners,

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 Briggaree.

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.

Yours faithfully,  
 Fr. Jiss

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

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**

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

Anyone wanting to make salads can put their names down and collect bowls and recipes from Melissa Martin - (0423) 079-955.

Salads can be dropped at Hennessy Trade Skills Centre (School Hospitality building) between 5pm and 6pm on Sunday, 24th December or between 9.00am and 10.00am on Monday, 25th December.



**OFFICE NOTICE**

Please be advised that there will be no Anointing Masses or Baptisms during the month of January.

The Parish Office will also be closed from Christmas and opening again on 23rd January 2024.



Wishing everyone a very safe, happy and blessed Christmas with all your family.

**GOODBYE CARMEL PRICE**

On 13 December 2023 we said goodbye to one of our cherished parishioners, Carmel Price. Carmel Keane was born in Wagga Wagga in 1941 and moved to Young in 1960 to study nursing. It was at this time that she met the love of her life Mick Price from Murringo. Mick and Carmel married in 1962 and moved to Murringo where they subsequently welcomed five children. Mick and Carmel were members of the Koorawatha Parish and were active members of the Sacred Heart Church in Murringo. Carmel and Mick moved from Murringo to Young in 1988.

Carmel was very community focused and dedicated hours each week to Lions, Family History, the Prayer Group, Meals on Wheels, her Quilting Group and supporting numerous charities as she was able to.

Carmel and Mick were both very strong in their faith. Singing in the Church Choir was something that Carmel enjoyed, and she also was on the cleaning roster.

Carmel will be sadly missed by her five children and their life partners, her 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The communities of Young and Murringo will miss Carmel's support, humour and willingness to help.



Carmel is now with her beloved Mick.

May she Rest in Peace!

**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

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