

## Boorowa

### SUNDAY MASS TIME

Sunday 5.00pm (Church)

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**TUESDAY:** 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary- 11.00am Communion Service with Liturgy of the Word (Church)

**WEDNESDAY:** 11.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion (Hospital)

**THURSDAY:** 11.00am Communion Service with Liturgy of the Word (Burrowa house)

**FRIDAY:** 12.30pm Communion Service with Liturgy of the Word Mass (Church)

**RECONCILIATION (SACRAMENT OF PENANCE)** Sunday at 4.30pm, or any time by appointment

**COMMUNITY ROSARY:** 4.30pm Sunday

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment, giving at least 6 months' notice

**BAPTISM:** Sunday Mass - please email Parish Office for further particulars

## Binalong/Galong

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**BINALONG** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 10.00am

Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.00am

### GALONG MONASTERY

Sunday 9.00am Mass

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday 9.00am Mass

Reconciliations: anytime by appointment

## ROSTERS for the week of 10/5/2026

### **BOOROWA:**

**Reader** – Mark Smith

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Patrick Dwyer

**Altar Serving** –

**Offertory** – Corkhill Family

**Flowers**- Trish & Margot

### **BINALONG:**

**Reader** – Robyn Sykes

**Church Cleaning** – Colleen Glover

17/5/2026

### **BOOROWA:**

**Reader** – Carmel Barnes

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Felicity McGrath

**Altar Serving**- Pete & Bonny Bromham

**Offertory**-

### **BINALONG:**

**Reader**- Robyn Sykes

**Cleaner**-Colleen Glover

## CATHOLIC PARISHES BOOROWA/BINALONG-GALONG

(Frogmore, Hovell's Creek, Kangiara, Murringo, Reids Flat, Rugby & Rye Park)

- Part of the Young Mission

69-71 Queen Street (Church) PO Box 30, BOOROWA 2586

**Office hours:** Wednesday 9am-3pm Friday 9am -3pm

**Phone:** 0438 753 030 **e-mail:** [boorowa@cg.org.au](mailto:boorowa@cg.org.au) **Website** – [www.cg.org.au/boorowa](http://www.cg.org.au/boorowa)

Fr Rofin Raphel–Young Phone 6382 2222

Deacon Patrick Whale **Mob:** 0429 463 583

*We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

### **"For nothing will be impossible with God" (Lk 1:37).**

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank God for His abundant grace, guidance, and mercy throughout my sacred journey of priesthood. On the 13th of this month, I joyfully celebrate the 12th anniversary of my priestly ordination. These twelve years have been a profound experience of blessings, challenges, service, learning, and countless encounters with Christ through His people. Through every moment, God has remained faithful, strengthening and guiding me in my vocation.

I am sincerely grateful to all who have supported me with their prayers, encouragement, wisdom, and love. In a special way, I thank my parents for allowing me to follow this calling and for their constant prayers and sacrifices. I also remember with gratitude my aunts, whose care and dedication in taking me to church during my childhood helped nurture my faith and bring me closer to God. I continue to place my trust in Divine Providence, knowing that God's plan is always perfect.

At the same time, the Church continues to need generous young men and women who are willing to respond courageously to God's call. Vocations are a precious gift to the Church and to society. Let us pray earnestly for more holy priests, religious, and committed faithful servants. May families encourage vocations, and may young people listen attentively to the voice of Christ saying, "Come, follow me."

Wishing all mothers a joyful Mother's Day and everyone a blessed weekend.

Fr. Rofin Raphel IVDei.



**We welcome into our Christian family this coming week Charlie Bradley, Jack Rowley and Ada Rowley. We offer our prayers, support and love to them and their family as they commence their journey in Christ through Baptism.**

**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** St Patrick'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 St Patrick's Safeguarding officer-Carmel Barnes [boorowa.safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto:boorowa.safeguarding@cg.org.au) or [IPPS@cg.org.au](mailto:IPPS@cg.org.au)

### 2026 Sacramental Program St. Patrick's Parish Boorowa Sacramental Dates

**Wed 13st May 6pm** Sacramental Information Night – for BOTH Reconciliation/Eucharist & Confirmation St. Joseph's Library

### RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

#### Year 4 Students

**Wed 20th May 6pm** First Reconciliation Preparation Evening 1 St. Joseph's Library

**Wed 27th May 6pm** First Reconciliation Preparation Evening 2 St. Joseph's Library

**Wed 3rd June 6pm** First Eucharist Preparation Evening 1 St. Joseph's Library

**Wed 10th June 6pm** First Eucharist Preparation Evening 2 St. Joseph's Library

**Fri 12th June 9:30 – 2:30pm** Reconciliation / Eucharist Retreat Day / Preparation St. Joseph's School

**Fri 12th June 6pm** Sacrament of First Reconciliation – Liturgy St. Patrick's Church

**Sun 14th June 5pm** Sacrament of First Eucharist – Mass St. Patrick's Church

### CONFIRMATION

#### Year 5 & 6 Students

**Wed 19th Aug 6pm** Confirmation Preparation Evening 1 St. Joseph's Library

**Wed 26th Aug 6pm** Confirmation Preparation Evening 2 St. Joseph's Library

**Wed 2nd Sept 6pm** Confirmation Preparation Evening 3 St. Joseph's Library

**Wed 9th Sept 6pm** Confirmation Preparation Evening 4 St. Joseph's Library

**Fri 11th Sept 9:30 – 2:30pm** Confirmation Retreat Day / Preparation St. Joseph's School

**Sun 13th Sept 5pm** Sacrament of Confirmation – Mass St. Patrick's Church

## A Word of Thanks after Seven Months of Diaconate Ministry in Young Mission

It has been a true privilege to be part of this diverse, faith-filled community over the past six months. As I reflect on my time of diaconate ministry in the Young Mission, my heart is filled with profound gratitude.

First and foremost, I thank God, whose loving call has led me to religious life and toward the priesthood, and for the grace to serve among you.

I am sincerely grateful to the Archdiocese for entrusting me with this placement. In a special way, I thank Fr. Jiss Sunny, MS, for his warm welcome and for the many opportunities he gave me to grow and serve as a deacon - through baptisms, funerals, a wedding, preaching, and visits to schools and aged care homes. These experiences have not only formed me deeply but also strengthened my pastoral heart.

Thanks to Father Allen for his rich cultural and pastoral insights, which have helped me better understand and engage with the local culture and way of life. My thanks also go to Fr. Rofin Rafel for allowing me to continue my ministry here after Fr. Jiss's departure. Even in a short time, I have learned much from his guidance and example. I also thank Deacon Patrick for his dedication, inspiration and hospitality in welcoming me to the parish and sharing the diaconate ministry with me.

I am grateful to the Galong community, to Father David Hore, CSsR, and to Fr. Mark Chia, CSsR, whose wisdom, pastoral care and generous support have been a constant source of encouragement.

A special word of thanks to Josy Bromham, Parish Secretary, who kindly introduced me to the Boorowa parish community and helped me understand its unique context and identity. I also thank Carmel, as a representative of our parish, for her warm welcome and ongoing support.

To all of you, the parishioners – "thank you, thank you and thank you." Your kindness, hospitality and care have meant more than I can express. Your stories, faith and witness have deeply touched my heart and enriched my diaconate ministry.

One thing I have noticed is that the number of people attending Sunday Mass in our St. Patrick's Boorowa parish is increasing. This is good news. I hope this is not only evident externally, but I also pray that our parish will grow in a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

In gratitude, I will carry these memories with me always, treasuring them as a lasting gift in my life and vocation.

May God bless you abundantly.  
Many blessings Deacon Joe Vuong Nguyen, CSsR



