

## 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 17/5/2026

### **BOOROWA:**

**Reader** – Carmel Barnes

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Felicity McGrath

**Altar Serving** – Pete and Bonny Bromham

**Offertory** – Maree & Wayne Adams

**Flowers**- Trish & Margot

### **BINALONG:**

**Reader** – Robyn Sykes

**Church Cleaning** – Colleen Glover

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### **BOOROWA:**

**Reader** – Patrick Dwyer

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Sarah Rose

**Altar Serving**- Tom & Belinda Lawler

**Offertory**- Mary and Brenda

### **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

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*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.*

### **FORMATION FORUM – FRIDAY, 22ND MAY**

**You are warmly invited to the Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation Formation Forum, Who Am I? Who does God say I am? How can understanding my identity help me live with purpose and hope?**

The evening will feature interviews and personal stories exploring our identity in Christ, the gifts we are called to share, and the dignity we each hold.

**Date:** Friday, 22nd May 2026

**Time:** 5 - 7pm

**Place:** Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University as well as an online offering for those outside of Canberra.

**Cost is free but registration is required:**  
[bit.ly/institute-forum-1](http://bit.ly/institute-forum-1)

Livestream will be available, with the link provided upon registration.

For more information: [institute@cg.org.au](mailto:institute@cg.org.au)

Please direct all enquiries to Crystal Lavien, Evangelisation Institute Coordinator

**Clergy Assembly-** Please be advised that all the Clergy will be at Galong for the Clergy Assembly from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May evening to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Morning. In case of emergency contact parish office in Young on 0438 753 030 and your message will be delivered as soon as possible.

**St Patrick's Binalong-** St Patrick's Binalong is planning to capitalise by subdividing and selling blocks of land attached to the parish. This will assist in paying off outstanding loans and enabling further restorative maintenance to be carried out. Some preparatory work has been done, but to further the matter and to meet archdiocesan requirements, this notice is placed so that parishioners are made aware of the plans. If anyone has any comments or concerns, please contact Fr Rofin by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026.

**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**

#### **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

**Never trust an artist with a pencil.**  
**They always seem a little sketchy.**

## **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

