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MASS TIMES	
St Mary's – Bowen	
Monday 9	Mass 8.00am
Tuesday 10	Mass 8.00am
Wednesday 11	Mass 8.00am
Thursday 12	Mass 8.00am
Friday 13	Mass 8.00am
Saturday 14	Reconciliation 10-10.30am Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 15	Mass 8.00am
Our Lady of Lourdes – Collinsville	
Sunday 15	No Mass

DATE CLAIMERS	
Sunday 22nd November	St Mary's Summer Raffle drawn after Mass.
Saturday 5th December	Parish Cent Sale



Bowen Parish Bulletin

St Mary's Church Bowen &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Collinsville

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Mission Statement: *"St Mary's Parish walks with Jesus, serves others and shares his message of love"*

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 November 2026, Year A

BOWEN & COLLINSVILLE NOTICES

Meeting after 8am Mass this Sunday
All parishioners and all migrant families are invited to a meeting to discuss the possibility of hosting the Catholic Bishops' Conference Justice Sunday.

Musicians for Mass
We invite anyone who is interested in providing music for our weekend Masses to come forward and offer your assistance in this important ministry. We have limited persons available to play the keyboard and the load is carried by mainly two ladies. It is not necessary to be a pianist or organist as guitar music is also very acceptable during mass. There is no need to feel you are not good enough either as we are all human. Please contact Father Sibi or Cheryl Hammond (0419 724 767) if you want to find out more.

Community Garden
It has been suggested that we form a group to utilise the garden plots near the presbytery. It would be like a community garden and produce could be used to help out the needy families in the parish and could also raise funds to make the garden self-sufficient as far as fertilisers etc.

Parish secretary.
Thank you to Clare Mitchell Must and Caroline Wardsworth who have agreed to share the task. We greatly appreciate your assistance and willingness to serve the parish in this role.

Advent Program
Advent commences Sunday 29 November. If you would like to be involved in Saint Mary's Advent program please contact Peter Tawse
p.h.tawse@gmail.com
There are four groups
Maria Firth Sunday morning after mass
Bev Lowcock Monday morning
Maureen Baxter Thursday morning
Peter Tawse Thursday evening.

St Mary's Summer BBQ Raffle
The proceeds from the Webber BBQ raffle will go towards the automation of the St Mary's Bell Tower, so the whole town can enjoy the ringing of the bells. Any additional funds will be used for the maintenance of the Parish's Gordon Street house. Tickets available from Maria Firth, Madeline Kraft, Parish Office, St Mary's School, Mitre 10 and Vinnies. Raffle drawn after Sunday Mass on the 22nd of November, just in time for summer.

Cent Sale Prizes
The Committee is now collecting prize donations for the Parish Cent Sale which is a major fundraiser for our parish. Donations can be left at the church, presbytery or Vinnies.

HELP THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION

If you would like to contribute to help the Parish to continue its mission please scan the QR Code to make a donation.

Weekly Collection

Collection Bowen 1/11/2026

Envelopes	$210.70
Loose	$451.35
2nd Coll.	$238.10
Total	$900.15
Clergy Appeal	$105.00

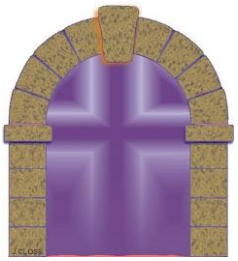
Collection Collinsville 1/11/2026

Total	$120.00

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PARISH BULLETIN

Bulletin notices to the parish office by Wednesday. Your assistance with this deadline is appreciated.
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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

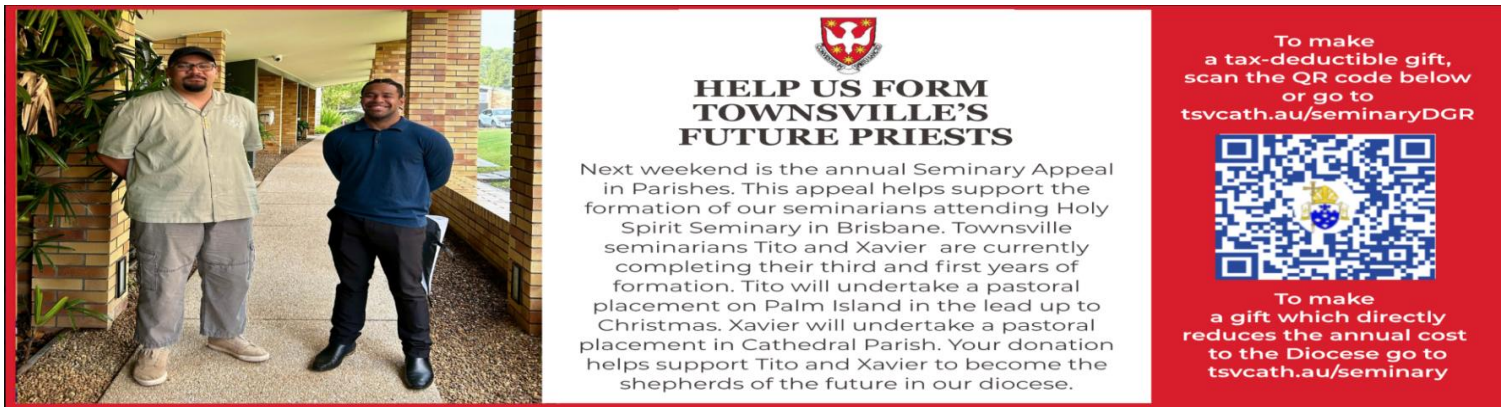
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Church Roster

Thank you to all volunteers who contribute their time and effort in various ministries for the parish.
If you would like to volunteer and be included in the church roster, please contact Fr. Sibi or send an email to bowenparishbulletin@gmail.com to register your interest.

CHURCH ROSTER	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN
	7/11/2026	8/11/2026	14/11/2026	15/11/2026	21/11/2026	22/11/2026	28/11/26	29/11/26
Commentator	Mikki Menzies	Sheena Woods	Krystal Land	Karl Recklies	John Butera	Peter Tawse		Steve Wilson
Communion Minister 1	Maria Lloyd	Kevin Baxter	Margaret Darwen	Gloria Fisher	Maria Lloyd	Jenny Brazil	Margaret Darwen	Gloria fisher
Communion Minister 2				Terry Pilcher				
Reader 1	Steve Malone	Rodney Lane	Marg Tawse	Christine Pugh	Pedee McLennan	Barbara Cullen	Mikki Menzies	Peter Tawse
Reader 2	Angie Crowther	Kylie Del Solar		Maria Firth	Mikki Menzies	Sheena Woods	Krystal Land	Karl Recklies
Altar Server 1	Kendal Malone	R. Eldred	Zhian Andes			Aislin Ninnes		Saoirse Gentle
Altar Server 2		O. Eldred				Andrea Firth		
Children's Liturgy		Melanie Menzies		Bev Lowcock		Maria Firth		Mary-Kate Gentle
Church Cleaner 1	Margaret Fox		Margaret Fox		Margaret Fox		Margaret Fox	
Church Cleaner 2								

DIOCESAN NOTICES



Annual Seminary Appeal

Next weekend is the annual Seminary Education Appeal in Parishes. This appeal helps support the formation and education of our seminarians attending Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane. Townsville seminarians Tito and Xavier are currently completing the third and first years of formation. Soon, Tito will undertake a pastoral placement on Palm Island and Xavier will undertake a pastoral placement in Cathedral Parish.
Your donation helps support Tito and Xavier to become the shepherds of the future in our diocese.
Please consider making a regular monthly contribution. Envelopes will be made available in the Parish.

Purchase a Caritas Australia Global Gift this Christmas

With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day.
Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact.
Browse the full range of Global Gifts: https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

Christian Initiation in Our Diocese

Bishop Tim has promulgated a Christian Initiation Policy for all parishes in the Diocese of Townsville. It guides preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and participate in the life of the Church.
Preparation is centred in the parish, with families, schools and diocesan agencies working together. The policy recognises that people come with different circumstances and needs, and calls for thoughtful pastoral care, including appropriate support for people with disability.
The policy will be rolled out over several years, with parishes focussing on the baptism of young children next year.
The policy can be found here: http://tsvcath.au/initiationpolicy

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

The 2027 World Youth Day is being held in Seoul. Pilgrims wishing to attend this event please contact Father Sibi.

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'