



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS



CHRIST THE KING

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FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSE The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

by Hippolytus

As the holy Gospel clearly proclaims, the Son of Man will gather together all nations. "He will separate people one from another, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place at his right hand, the goats at his left. Then he will say to those at his right: Come, my Father's blessed ones, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Come, you lovers of poor people

and strangers. Come, you who fostered my love, for I am love. Come, you who shared peace, for I am peace. "Come, my Father's blessed ones, inherit the kingdom prepared for you" who did not make an idol of wealth, who gave alms to the poor, help to orphans and widows, drink to the thirsty, and food to the hungry. Come, you who welcomed strangers, clothed the naked, visited the sick, comforted prisoners, and assisted the blind. Come, you who kept the seal of faith unbroken, who were swift to assemble in the churches, who listened to my Scriptures, longed for my words, observed my law day and night, and like good soldiers shared in my suffering because you wanted to please me, your heavenly King. Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Look, my kingdom is ready, paradise stands open, my immortality is displayed in all its beauty. Come now, all of you, "inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Then, astounded at so great a wonder—at being addressed as friends by him whom the angelic hosts are unable clearly to behold—the righteous will reply, exclaiming: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Master, when did we see you thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you," whom we hold in awe, "naked and clothe you? When did we see you," the immortal One, "a stranger and welcome you? When did we see you," lover of our race, "sick or in prison and come to visit you?" You are the Eternal, without beginning like the Father, and co-eternal with the Spirit. You are the One who created all things from nothing; you are the King of angels; you make the depths tremble; you are "clothed in light as in a robe"; you are our maker who fashioned us from the earth; you are the creator of the world invisible. The whole earth flies from your presence. How could we possibly have received your lordship, your royal majesty, as our guest? Then will the King of Kings say to them in reply: "Inasmuch as you did this to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." Inasmuch as you received, clothed, fed, and gave a drink to those members of mine about whom I have just spoken to you, that is, to the poor, you did it to me. So come, enter "the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"; enjoy for ever the gift of my heavenly Father, and of the most holy and life-giving Spirit. What tongue can describe those blessings? "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard nor human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

The Consummation of the World and the Anti-Christ 41-43

COMMUNION The Lord sits as king for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NOTES FROM FR JOHN: I will be on Annual Leave from 9-26 November. As a result there will be a no Wednesday morning mass at Wentworth Falls. A Supply Priest will celebrate the 8am & 10am masses on Sunday mornings.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY at 8:45am Leura Church for this week 18th and next week 25th while Fr John is away on annual leave and no Mass is being said at Wentworth Falls Church that morning.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: 28th/29th November. This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

PLANNED GIVING: Would owner of envelope #53 contact the parish office.

BOOK A MASS: If you wish to come to a weekend Mass, please click on the link below to book a Mass time. You may book one Mass per weekend. Bookings close 3pm Fridays: <https://forms.gle/LDSNjTP69UjtEJYs5>

BOOKING A SUNDAY MASS: Numbers are determined by the 1.5m social distancing requirements. This means: Katoomba: 60 people. Leura: 40 people. Wentworth Falls: 35 people. You MUST book to attend a Sunday Mass. You may do so either on the link above (also on our [Facebook page](#)) or by emailing or calling the parish office. Bookings open until Friday at 3pm. Please book only one weekend Mass and arrive at least 5-10 minutes early as the doors will be locked at the start of the Mass.

FINANCES: If you would like to contribute to the 2nd Collection for the parish: Bank Transfer: BSB 067 950 Account 000 00594 Name: Mary MacKillop Parish Reference: Surname and envelope number or Parish Donation (with or without surname if preferred).

If parishioners would like to contribute to the First Collection for the clergy of the diocese: BSB 067 950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference either the Parish Name or the parish code 6038

MIDNIGHT MASS: This year at St Canice's, to celebrate the solemnity of Christmas, we are going to hold a High Mass at midnight with a thurible and an organist with a small, socially distanced choir.

This is a great opportunity for parishioners and visitors to experience the true beauty of our Catholic traditions this Christmas. We hope to see you all there for this special occasion, especially after many of us may have felt distanced from the beauty of our liturgies during this difficult time of COVID.

PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL: 9am Monday—9am Saturday (inclusive). "Our Communal worship at Mass must go together with our worship of Jesus in Eucharist adoration in order that our lives may be complete (St. JP2)." For chapel inquiries please contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON: Super typhoon Goni (Rolly), one of the most intense on record, has slammed into the Philippines. An estimated 346,000 people have already sought refuge in evacuation centres and about 19.8 million people may be affected. Br. Joseph Saladno told Vatican News that with the Covid-19 pandemic and typhoon, they are going through a "complex calamity." Donations can be made to Caritas Australia to provide support for emergencies like Typhoon Goni at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation?DonationCode=AASIA> or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free. The link is also on our Facebook.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

You need to book Sunday
Leura 5pm (Saturday)
Wentworth Falls 8am
Katoomba 10am
Leura 5pm
*10am on public holidays

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

MON: 8:30am* Katoomba
TUE: 5:15pm Leura
WED: 8:30am W-Falls
THU: 8:30am Leura
FRI: 12pm Katoomba
SAT: 9am Katoomba

CONFESSION TIMES

TUE 4:45-5:00pm Leura
SAT: 9:30am Katoomba
SAT: 4:30-4:45pm Leura

Confessions are always available on request.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.

MON: St Clement I, Pope, Martyr. St. Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary.
TUE: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs.
WED: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr.
SAT: BVM
NEXT SUN: First Sunday of Advent.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: ELIZABETH SINNAPPAN, ALLAN LEATHWOOD, MARIA LAZNIC, JOHN COONAN, MARK NOYCE, GILES AUTY, BARRY MULHOLLAND, ROSLYN MOUNDER, and All the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. **SICK LIST:** Valerie Small, Marie Thuez, Mary Sullivan, Kathleen Hayes-Gilson, Evelyn Maw, Wanda Heffernan, Mary Roberts, Jacquelin Singh, Kath Paine, June Way, Robert Sullivan, Natale Assanti, Susan Keegel, Eugenio Natonton, Emiliana Santiago, Pat Coyne, Inga Morphet, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heininger, Michelle Scully, Julie Walss, Edwin Wulff.

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After Hours Emergency Number: 0428 878 810 Calls only; no

Weddings: Please call Parish Office for details. **Baptisms:** upon request.

Parish Website at: www.bluemountainscatholic.org.au

Parish Facebook: www.facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic

Parish School: St Canice's Catholic Primary School, Katoomba.

Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney



HAIL BRIGHT CECILIA!

Our annual celebration of St. Cecilia featuring sacred music from the early Church to the present day will take place on FRIDAY 27th of November at 7pm at St. Canice's Church Katoomba. COVID19 regulations will be observed. Admission is free. NB Incense will be used during the ceremony.

