



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH
UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS



MOST HOLY TRINITY

YEAR B

30 MAY 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Blessed be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown his merciful love.

FIRST READING: Deut 4:32-34,39-49

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The

Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out Abba, Father.



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:
BY Father John.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Today's Feast of the Holy Trinity celebrates our Faith in God who is One, yet relates to humankind in a variety of ways: as Father (Creator, Source of all Being, the Almighty One); as Son (God's Revelation = the Word of God, the incarnate One who is God and Human, the Mediator between God and humankind); and as the Holy Spirit (the other Advocate (Paraclete), the Gift of Grace, the One who animates us to be people who live in the image of our God).

From the earliest times of our Church's existence Christians have understood God to be One yet Three. Matthew's Gospel, written we believe in the 80's AD, contains the Great Commission: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

Our Baptism brings us into relationship with the God of Perfect Love... the beginning of our Sacramental journey is, thus, a triune or trinitarian event! As we celebrate this magnificent mystery of our Faith, let's ask the Father to send the Spirit into us once again, so that we will be enabled to grasp the Truth revealed to us by the Son, Jesus Christ. Furthermore, in our times of prayer in this coming week, let's allow ourselves to be immersed in the Life of God, who is a community of perfect Love!

Please continue to pray for the 14 young people who are making their First Communion next Sunday during the 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart and the 10am Mass at St Canice's. Also, after the 10am St Canice's Mass there will be a short outside procession of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction in the church, a worthy way to celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. God's blessings be yours always...
Fr John

IMPORTANT POINTS for the weeks ahead...

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 29/30 MAY: Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood. There will be a leaving collection after the Masses this weekend 29/30 May. Please use the envelopes provided on the pews. At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

COUNTERS REQUIRED: At St. Canice's Katoomba. Once per month on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Phone Peter Marshall 4782 3090 for information.

ST CANICE'S CHURCH PARKING WEEKENDS: Beginning Easter Sunday, the school playground will be open for parking Saturday morning Masses and 10am Sunday Masses at Katoomba. Please be sure to move your car from the playground after Mass, as gates will be shut 15 minutes after Mass finishes.

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

ALTAR SERVERS: If you would like to serve contact Hugh Jones on 0402 904 681.

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL: If you are a parishioner (or visitor) who would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155 to register your details, many thanks! We currently have a 2-3pm THURSDAY slot that has become vacant and needs filling each week.

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS: if you or your love ones are sick and would like a visit please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson 0417 490 103

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting: There will be a Eucharistic Minister's meeting next week Wednesday 2 June at Barbara Davidson's place in Leura : 3 Easter Street Leura. Anyone interested is welcome to attend or call Barbara on 0417 490 103 for more information.

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS: Ad Jesum per Mariam.
SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.
MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.
TUE: 4:30pm Divine Mercy, Rosary and Exposition, Leura.
WED: after 8:30am Mass, Wentworth Falls.
THU: after 8:30am Mass, Leura.
FRI: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.
FRI: 5pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
SAT: 8:30am before Mass and also after Benediction following Mass, Katoomba.
ADORATION CHAPEL: 9am Monday - 9am Saturday, Katoomba.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	CONFESSION TIMES	SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.
Leura 5pm (Saturday) Wentworth Falls 8am Katoomba 10am (1st Sunday: High Mass. 4th: w/ choir) Leura 5pm *10am on public holidays	MON: 8:30am* Katoomba TUE: 5:15pm Leura WED: 8:30am W-Falls THU: 8:30am Leura FRI: 12pm Katoomba SAT: 9am Katoomba	TUE 4:45-5:00pm Leura SAT: 9:30am Katoomba SAT: 4:30-4:45pm Leura Confessions are always available on request.	MON: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. TUE: St. Justin, Martyr. WED: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs. THU: Sts. Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs. SAT: St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr. NEXT SUN: Corpus Christi.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MICHAEL MAGANN, JOHN HOARE, NONI ROWLAND, and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. **SICK LIST:** Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagar, Monique Haulber, 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 Heining, Michelle Scully, Julie Wals, Edwin Wulff.

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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
Phone: (02) 4780 6800 **Email:** stcanices@parracatholic.edu.au

St Canice's news:

This week we had a liturgy to commemorate Sorry Day which has launched us into reconciliation Week The children remember and acknowledge the past wrongs imposed on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

We continue to take enrolments and encourage all parishioners to recommend their lovely mountains school to any relevant families. Appointments can be made through the school office on 4780 6800.

We pray for our students who are making their First Holy Communion in a few weeks at the Parish Mass celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 6th.

GLENBROOK PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT: 12 June. St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on 12 June from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email beloved2021info@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CARE:

Catholic Care Drop-In Centre Springwood is currently seeking the support of volunteers, across a number of roles, within a partner organisation, Junction142 in Katoomba OR for Junction142 in Katoomba.

**Food Services of Junction 142 is re-opening its doors to the community and is looking for volunteers to fill a number of positions! This has been an essential service for some of the most vulnerable people in the Mountains and, with your assistance, can help re-connect and support people once again. You will be required to assist with:

- Cooking and plating up food
 - Food service to patrons
 - Clear and clean tables
 - Wash dishes and help clean kitchen at the end of service
 - Prepare and handout food hampers
 - Record data for serving food and hampers to patrons.
- **Experience in a food handling environment would be great, however, is not essential as training and induction will be given. There will be Sunday shifts available, as a priority, and mid week as well. If you feel called to support a wonderful community hub and service, please get in touch with Sally at CatholicCare on 8843 2545 or sally.butler@ccss.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER CAMPAIGN: Fan the Flame—Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' – Matthew 28:16-20.

"We are certainly not seduced by the naive expectation that, faced with the great challenges of our time, we shall find some magic formula. No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a Person, and the assurance which he gives us: I am with you!" (Pope John Paul II, Novo Millennio Inuente, 6 January 2001, #29)
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

