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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Leura 5pm (Saturday)  
Wentworth Falls 8am  
Katoomba 10am (1st Sunday: High Mass,  
4th Sunday: with Choir.)  
Leura 5pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
MON: 8:30am Katoomba  
(10am on public holidays)  
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  
WED 6:15 Blackheath  
SAT: 9:30am Katoomba  
SAT: 4:30-4:45pm Leura

NOTE: Confessions are always available  
upon request.

**KATOOMBA ADORATION CHAPEL**  
9am Monday - 9am Saturday. The chapel is  
at the back of St. Canice's church. Entry is  
from the outside.  
"One cannot know the Lord without the  
habit of adoring in silence (Pope Francis)."

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

YEAR B | 13 JUNE 2021.

**FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The texts from Scripture for this weekend encourage us to trust in God's goodness, and to surrender the all-too-human tendency to grasp at control of our existence.

The Gospel parables of the Seed Growing without Human Effort and the Mustard Seed remind us that everything is not all up to us! Indeed, God plays an essential part in the unfolding of life - which is all part of God's Plan!

Paul captures some of this when he encourages the Corinthians to trust in God, for whatever happens (even death!) God will never desert us.

And Ezekiel also speaks of this theme of trust when the Prophet reminds the People of Israel that God is the one who chose them and that God does what He promises: "I, the Lord, have spoken; and I will do it!"

One of the major challenges of the spiritual life is the concept of TRUST. Our human condition (and the circumstances of our lives) play a big part in the anxieties of life; and yet Jesus always challenges us to be like the birds of the air or the flowers in the field, placing all of our experiences under the control of our loving God.

In the week ahead, let's try to allow God to be the centre of our existence (rather than ourselves). After all, God is in heaven looking lovingly on the world He created... let's live as if we really do believe this truth!

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER COLLECTION  
Next weekend we will be having the annual St V de P Winter Appeal. Please give generously to help those in need.
2. YUM CHA BRUNCH, FUNDRAISER FOR REFUGEE SUPPORT  
Next Sunday (20 June) from 10:30am at Blackheath Church Hall, there will be a Fundraising Event to help with legal costs for members of our parish and school community.  
Tickets are on sale for \$25 each... please support this worthy cause.( see page 3 for more details)
3. ANOINTING MASS AT BODINGTON - Wednesday 16 June at 10:30am
4. MEGALONG VALLEY MASS - Friday 18 June at St Joseph's at 4:00pm.



**Please mute your mobile at Mass. God does not call people on their phone. Thank-you for your curtesy.**



**WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK**

Sun: 13 Jun  
St Vincent de Paul collection

MONDAY 14 June  
Mass 8:30am Katoomba  
Rosary after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba

TUESDAY 15 June  
Mass 5:15pm Leura  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
6.30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 16 June  
Mass 8:30am W-Falls  
Anointing Mass 10.30am Bodington  
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 17 June  
Mass 8:30am Leura  
9.00 am Mass Blackheath  
Rosary after 8:30am Mass, Leura

FRIDAY 18 June  
Mass 12pm Katoomba  
4.00 pm Mass Megalong Valley

SATURDAY  
Mass 9am Katoomba  
Mass 9 am Blackheath  
Confession 9:30am Katoomba  
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura  
Benediction, after 9am Mass, Kat.

Sunday 20 June  
St Vincent de Paul collection ( Upper Blue Mountains)  
10.30 am Blackheath Hall Yum Cha Brunch/  
refugee support.  
Baptism of Hartley- Katoomba 11.15am

**SAVE THE DATE(s)**  
Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Mass of Induction of a New Parish Priest at 5pm Leura on 24 July for the Mary MacKillop Parish, and 9.30am on 25 July for the Sacred Heart Parish ( Blackheath)

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** MOYA THERESE ZARB, HAZEL GLASHEEN, BERNARD GLASHEEN, 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 Hagor, 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, Emiliania Santiago, Pat Coyne, Inga Morphett, 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 Walss, Edwin Wulff.

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**SUNDAY MASS:** Due to an easing of covid-19 restrictions you no longer need to book to come to Sunday Mass. You will still, however, need to sign on when you arrive and observe social distancing requirements. Attendance is on a first come first served basis. Masks are recommended but no longer required.

Where possible, please use the QR code to sign in and show the warden at the entrance. Thank-you for your cooperation and patience.

**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

**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

**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. We currently have a 2-3pm THURSDAY slot that has become vacant and needs filling each week.

"...the Blessed Sacrament which is, in the tabernacle, the living heart of each of our churches... (Pope St. Paul VI)."  
"If Jesus is to become the centre of our life, we need to spend time in his presence, before the tabernacle (Pope Francis)."

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Hugh Jones on 0402 904 681

**KATOOMBA VINNIES:** Donation buckets for non perishable food can be found at the back of each of our churches. Thank-you for your generosity.

**ANOINTING MASS AT BODINGTON:** The third Wednesday of the month at 10:30am.

**KATOOMBA PARKING:** 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.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Wednesday, 23 June: Safeguarding Face to Face Training for parish volunteers at 7.30 – 9.00 pm at St Finbar's Glenbrook. All volunteers and ministers of the Blue Mountain Deanery are welcome to attend. Please-Julian Knouf (secretary@stfinbars.org.au) for registration.

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

**COVID VACCINE:** 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>

**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/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

**DATE CLAIMER – SUNDAY 20 JUNE – YUM CHA LUNCH IN BLACKHEATH PARISH HALL:** As part of the Diocesan Journey ... Walking With Refugees and People Seeking Protection, we are organising a YUM CHA style Chinese lunch – a Parish fundraiser in support of Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group. Preparation and cooking will be done by Ann (Pei Hong Lin) – mother of George.

Blackheath Parishioners will recall raising the \$1250 needed to meet George's pre-school fees! We then negotiated with Catholic Education Office to gain a place for George at St Canice's in Katoomba where he is now doing really well in Grade 3 – last week he gained the Principal's Gold Star Award .

The Upper Mountains Parishes played an important part in the Diocesan Appeal to the Minister for Immigration to grant Ann and George permanent residency in Australia. Frustratingly, this matter is not yet resolved!

A broad selection of delicious vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes will be served! We will be selling tickets from next Sunday – only \$25 per person – contact Christa (47875105) or Julie (47875974). Only limited number of seats available – so be sure to book in early!!

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit Seminary thank you for your kindhearted generosity and support over the last few weeks. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will provide for the education, formation and accommodation of our seminarians, successfully transforming them into compassionate, loyal

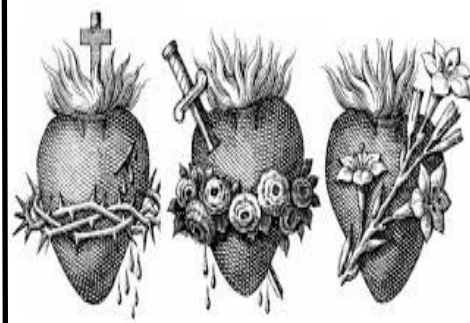
priests who will help ensure the future of our Church. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) We ask you to continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including the Holy Spirit Seminary and the young men who have answered God's call.

#### ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

Thursday was an exciting day at school as it was snowing!! We had lots of fun.

We have informed families that the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence next term.

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.



#### OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES

ST CANICE'S KATOOMBA:

Katoomba St.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S LEURA:

Railway Pde & Hartley Esp.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S

WENTWORTH FALLS: Day St.

#### 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.

#### SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.

SAT: Saint Romuald, Abbot.

NEXT SUN: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

**ENTRANCE** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour.

### FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**RESPONSE** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

**ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

## THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

**COMMUNION** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

