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

USUAL 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

USUAL 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)."

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 20 JUNE 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

So often today we hear the comment: "the Church is dying".

These and other such negative statements provoke a feeling of despair in those of us who strive to be faithful to Jesus Christ and His Gospel of Love. What happens is that we often allow the negativity of the modern world's agnosticism to influence our Faith and Trust in God! Whenever this happens we need to reflect on today's Gospel pericope from Mark: Jesus calms the storm. In spite of his appearing asleep, he is still the navigator of the bark of Peter (the Church). Whenever we cry out "Do you not care?", let's remember his answer to the same question asked by his disciples in the boat: "Why are you frightened? Have you no faith? " So, let us do all we can to continue faithful to our baptismal vocation, and be people who trust in the Lord. Let's cooperate with God's grace as we navigate the shallows of life, striving to reach our home port of Heaven. No storm, no negativity, no nay-Sayers of contemporary life, nothing must ever separate us from the love of God poured into our hearts by Christ Jesus our Lord! Rather, we strengthen one another with the assurances of Faith; and we stand straight and tall, proclaiming to a confused world - with one mighty voice - our belief that God is in charge of the world He created, and, that, to the glory of God, JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The Parish of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop will hold its annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Collection this weekend. Please give generously, so that those in great need in our local community may receive the support they need.
2. Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath, will host a Yum Cha brunch in support of members of our community who are seeking to have their asylum claims approved; let's keep this family - and all others in similar circumstances - in our prayers at this time.
3. PLEASE SAVE THE DATES: Bishop Vincent will be in the Upper Mountains on the weekend of 24-25 July, to celebrate a Mass of Induction of a New Parish Priest for each parish: 5pm Leura on 24/7; and 9:30am Blackheath on 25/7.

Although 9 months late... better late than never!!!!

God bless you all
Fr John



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

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

MONDAY 21 June
Mass 8:30am Katoomba
Rosary after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba

TUESDAY 22 June
Mass 5:15pm Leura
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
6.30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 23 June
Mass 8:30am W-Falls
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 24 June
Mass 8:30am Leura
9.00 am Mass Blackheath

FRIDAY 25 June
Mass 12pm Katoomba
4.00 pm Mass Megalong Valley

SATURDAY 26 June
Mass 9am Katoomba
Mass 9am Blackheath
Confession 9:30am Katoomba
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

SAVE THE DATE(s)
His Lordship the Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long OFM will be celebrating a Pontifical High Mass at Katoomba's St Canice's church at 5:30pm Vigil on Saturday 24th July 2021. This mass is the formal installation of Fr John as parish priest and will feature the full Schola Cantorum and incense, as this is a high mass. This mass replaces the scheduled 5pm Vigil mass at ST Bonaventure's Leura. So there will be no 5pm Vigil at Leura on Saturday 24th July. All parishioners are most welcome.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: OWEN WEAVER , MARY BRELL, NEIL ROWLAND, 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: Monique Halbur, 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, 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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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

B.POINT
We have introduced a new and easy way of contribution for 2nd collection and 1st collection. Please follow this link: if choosing 2nd collection please note name and envelop No. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMacKillopParishUpperBlueMountains>.

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.

PIANNED GIVING ENVELOPS:

Planned giving envelopes for the coming Financial year 2021-22 are available at the back of the Church from this weekend . Please collect your envelopes as soon as possible or if you would like to become a new contributor please feel free to take one of the spare envelop packets, complete the form inside the packet providing your details and return to the parish office as soon as possible.



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/fantheffame/



CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION DONATIONS: It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1 with names as reference and send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.

MON: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious.
TUE: Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs.
WED: St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop.
THU: Birthday of St. John the Baptist.
SAT: BVM.
NEXT SUN: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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.

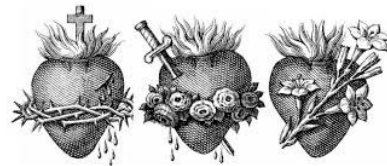


ST. CANICE’S SCHOOL NEWS: 0000

Greg Whitby, the Director of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta was very pleased to announce that the new Religious Education Curriculum has been named as Living Life to the Full, a scriptural reference to Jesus’ words in John 10:10: “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.” As Bishop Vincent says, this reflects “the richness of our Catholic Tradition that enables fullness of life through the Gospel”.

Alive in the Spirit:

Virtual conference – July 8-10. For anyone who wants to be Alive in the Spirit. Explore areas of best practice for RCIA, reaching beyond the margins, planning for mission, pastoral care, social justice and much more. Visit www.aliveinthespirit.com.au



OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES

ST CANICE'S KATOOMBA:
Katoomba St.
ST. BONAVENTURE'S LEURA:
Railway Pde & Hartley Esp.
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING Job 38:1,8-11.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

RESPONSE Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:14-17.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

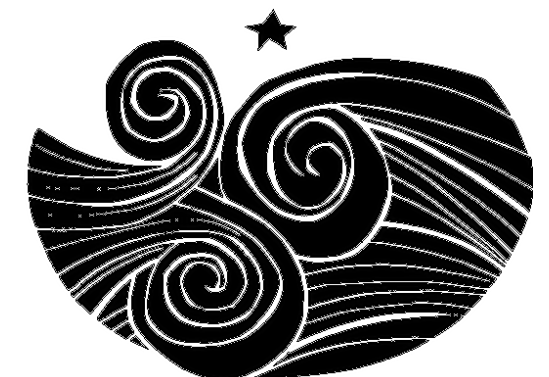
From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! S great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

COMMUNION I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.



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