



PARISH CONTACTS

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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)."

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 27 JUNE 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

At the end of the Gospel for this Sunday the Lord says the words 'talitha, qum' -
meaning, 'little girl, arise'.

Having brought the girl to new life after death, she is then given food and drink to
nourish and strengthen her.

There are sacramental overtones here: Baptism is a dying to finite existence and a
rising to New Life in Christ.

But our new life cannot be maintained without nourishment, and so the Eucharist
is food for our Christian Journey.

Furthermore, we need strengthening so that we can last the distance - and the Gift
of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is just this: the grace of God to help and support
us throughout life.

Let us thank our loving God for the marvellous gifts that are given to us through
these three sacraments of Initiation.

May we always treasure them; and never stop receiving the Bread of Life, our
pledge of life eternal!

*Please make sure you sign in on every occasion when you come to mass or pay a
visit. We are also required to wear masks until at least Thursday this week. Let us
pray that the current lockdowns in Sydney are not extended spatially or temporally.

*There will be a funeral for Peggy Somerville on Friday 2nd July at 1:00pm at St
Canice's. Please keep her in your prayers; and also her grieving family at this time.

*The Mass of Induction of a new Parish Priest will now be held on Saturday 24th
July at St Canice's from 5:30pm; the Vigil Mass at Leura will be cancelled that day.

This will allow more people to attend the ceremony with Bishop Vincent.

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 27 June

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 28 June

Mass 8:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 29 June

SOLEMNITY: Sts. Peter and Paul.

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

6.30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 30 June

Mass 8:30am W-Falls

6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 1 July

Mass 8:30am Leura

9.00 am Mass Blackheath

FRIDAY 2 July

10.am Blackheath

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 3 July

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.

ADORATION CHAPEL: 9am Monday -
9am Saturday, Katoomba.

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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the office. 02 4782 2804



SUNDAY MASS: You will need to sign in when you arrive and observe social distancing
requirements. We are restricted to the 4 sqm rule again! Attendance is on a first come
first served basis. MASKS ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED to be worn at all indoor venues including
places of worship.

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



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. SUGGESTED ITEMS: Rice or
pasta, pasta sauce, long life milk, sweet and savoury biscuits, tinned goods (soup, tuna, baked
beans, spaghetti), tea bags, coffee or drinking chocolate, sweets, chocolates.


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


 **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** 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 envelope 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.

 **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/fanthefflame/

 **CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION DONATIONS:** It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese, 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.

 **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

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.
MON: St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr.
TUE: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
WED: The first Martyrs of the See of Rome.
SAT: St. Thomas, Apostle.

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. .

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

The staff and students are very excited to be starting 2 weeks of school holidays, ready to come back fresh for term 3 of learning. 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

CAFÉ SACRÉ COEUR YUM CHA BRUNCH – a great success – Thank You!

Last Sunday's Yum Cha Brunch was a great way for both Blackheath and Katoomba parishes to celebrate World Refugee Day, Refugee Week and the commencement of a 14-week 'reboot' of the Diocesan Journey ... Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection – concluding on Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 26 September.

Altogether \$1710 was raised! This money will go towards helping refugees and people seeking asylum in western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Thank you to all who attended from both parishes – unfortunately, limited to 45 due to covid restrictions for the hall. We could have sold more tickets! Apologies to those we had to deny a ticket.

OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES

ST CANICE'S KATOOMBA:

Katoomba St.

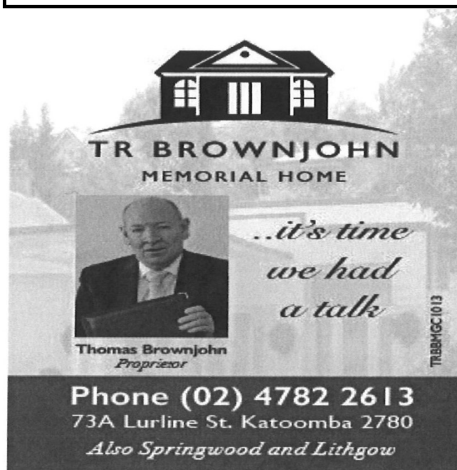
ST. BONAVENTURE'S LEURA:

Railway Pde & Hartley Esp.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S

WENTWORTH FALLS: Day St.

SAT: 8:30am before Mass and also after Benediction following Mass, Katoomba.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSE I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus

went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



COMMUNION Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me his holy name.