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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)."

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

God calls us to see Him in the weak... people like Paul of Tarsus – a sinner, a weak and fragile human being, whose weakness became strength through the power of God. Jesus of Nazareth – the God man from an ordinary town, but the one sent by the Father for the salvation of all. What the texts of Scripture for this weekend tell us is that: God is very present to the weak person, because that person is not proud (puffed up, full of themselves), but dependent on God's grace. God works through ordinary people and events to achieve God's will for the world. And so, we must throw away our pride and surrender ultimate control of our lives to the Loving Father, and not categorise people, but see God's presence in them, in their ordinariness! And if we do all these things? Then we will be following in the footsteps of St. Paul, and all those other holy men and women throughout the centuries (like the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta) who see Jesus present in the guest, the neighbour, the sick person, the stranger, the unlovable,

And in this way, we will truly be followers of Jesus, the carpenter, rejected by His own kind... we will truly be disciples of the Lord!

\*As we are still in lockdown, Sunday Mass for 4th July will be livestreamed from the parish Facebook page at 10am from St Canice's Church facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic

\*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 4 July  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 5 July  
Mass 8:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 6 July  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura  
6.30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 7 July  
Mass 8:30am W-Falls  
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 8 July  
Mass 8:30am Leura  
9.00 am Mass Blackheath

FRIDAY 9 July  
10.am Blackheath  
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 10 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:** PEGGY SOMMERVILLE, DIANNE WOOD, 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 Morphett, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heiningger, Michelle Scully, Julie Walss, Edwin Wulff.

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**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>.

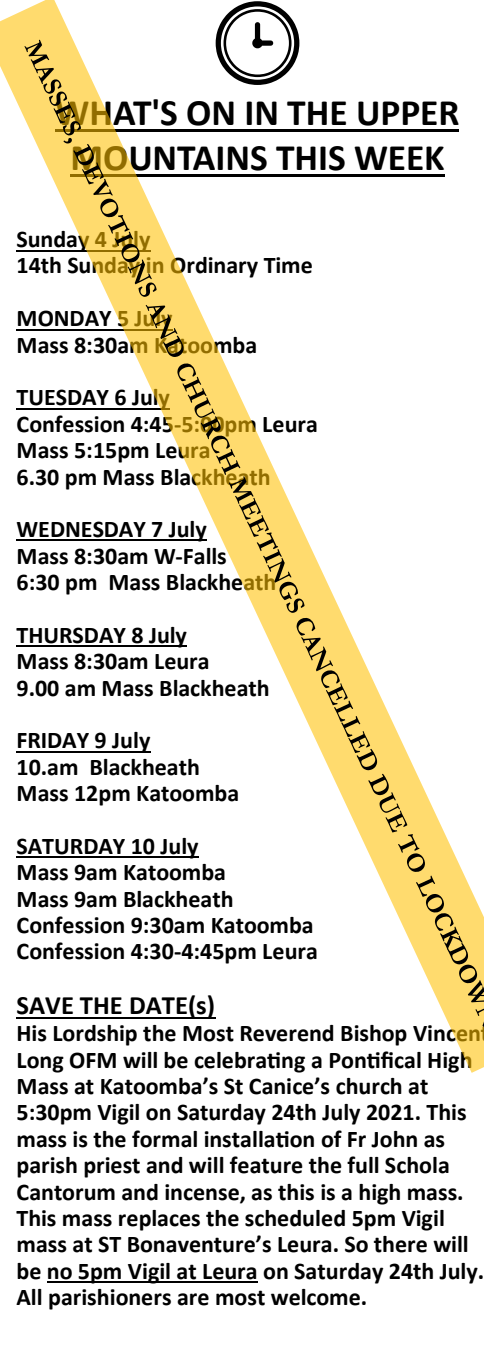
**HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS:** if you or your love ones are sick and would like a visit please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson 0417 490 103

**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.





 **ANOINTING 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/fantheffame/](http://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, 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](mailto: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](http://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.



**TR BROWNJOHN**  
MEMORIAL HOME

Thomas Brownjohn  
Proprietor

..it's time we had a talk

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## **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**ENTRANCE** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### **FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:2-5**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**RESPONSE** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

### **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

## **THE GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**COMMUNION** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.