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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)."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Every faithful person is called by God to serve God's people. Our Readings highlight this today.

The prophet Amos was a farmer from the southern kingdom of Judah who would never have been near the northern shrine of Bethel, let alone speaking God's Word to the priests there! But God had chosen him and gave him the words that needed to be spoken; and he obeyed the Lord.

A number of the Apostles were fishermen, who had no previous experience in proclaiming God's Truth as revealed by Christ; and yet, here they were proclaiming the Gospel in the Galilean countryside. Like Amos, they had been called by God (through Jesus) and they obeyed; they went where they were sent.

The Scriptures are full of examples where God takes the initiative and chooses those whom God wants, even if such people don't seem (from the human standpoint) to have the necessary qualities to be God's messenger. But God gives those He chooses the Power to launch out into the deep, and a Message to speak in season and out of season. And in this way any weaknesses or shortcomings are turned into good and used for good purposes. Paul said something similar last week: "For it is when I am weak, then I am strong".

And so, my friends, we stand in the tradition of Amos, the Apostles and St Paul: people chosen by God, not because they had the necessary qualities to be prophets and preachers, but because they were faithful and obedient. Each one of us - from the day of our Baptism - have been chosen to be prophets to our own age, to the contemporary world which is so in need of hearing Divine Truth.

We are chosen and sent to proclaim the Good News. Let's allow the Spirit to envelop and strengthen us so that we never tire in proclaiming the Message of Christ in all its richness to those with whom we meet on a daily basis.

Let us continue to pray for each other as we enter another week of Lockdown.

It is so important that we keep up our prayers for ourselves and those dear to us; but also for those who are struggling on many levels at this time.

May our gracious God continue to bless each and every one of you!

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 11 July
15th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY 12 July
Mass 8:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 13 July
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura
6.30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 14 July
Mass 8:30am W-Falls
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 15 July
Mass 8:30am Leura
9.00 am Mass Blackheath

FRIDAY 16 July
10.am Blackheath
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 17 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.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: PEGGY SOMMERVILLE, DIANNE WOOD, OWEN WEAVER , MARY BRELL, NEIL ROWLAND, MOYA THERESE ZARB, HAZEL GLASHEEN, BERNARD GLASHEEN, 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 Heininger, Michelle Scully, Julie Walss, Edwin Wulff.

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SUNDAY MASS: As we will still be in lockdown this Sunday 11 July, Sunday Mass will be livestreamed from the parish Facebook page at 10am from St Canice's Church.

If you would like to join us for the Sunday Mass livestream please follow the link: [facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

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)."

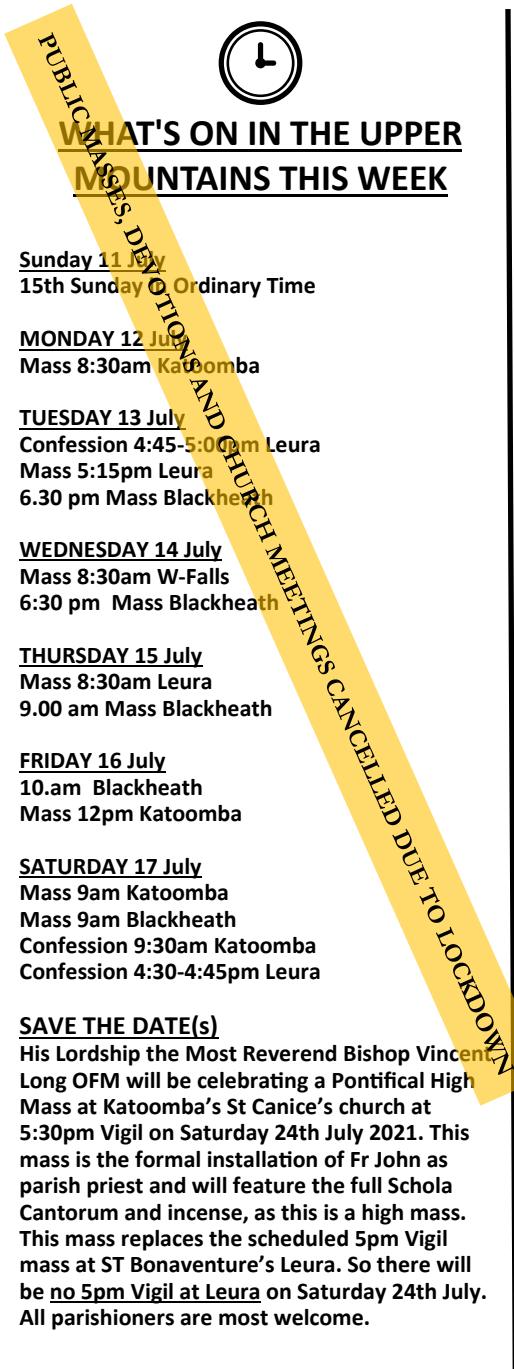
ALTAR SERVERS: If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Hugh Jones on 0402 904 681

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.

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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>

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'So they set off to preach repentance' Mark 6:7-13
 Australian Catholics are deeply aware of their own limitations and failings in witnessing to the kingdom of Christ in the world... In many ways, the Church itself is deeply wounded and in need of the healing love of its Lord. (Instrumentum Laboris #64)
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.

Sea Sunday National Appeal: 11 July

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.
 TUE: St Henry
 WED: St Camillus de Lellis, priest
 THURS: St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, patron of Leura Church
 FRI: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 SAT: BVM
 NEXT SUN: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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 Thomas Brownjohn Proprietor
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 73A Lurline St, Katoomba 2780
 Also Springwood and Lithgow

assist this ministry, please send your donations to bit.ly/secsunday2021

ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

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.



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

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 g Mass, Katoomba.

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

RESPONSE Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,

everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

COMMUNION The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.