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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

Baptisms: upon request.

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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)."

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**YEAR B | 18 JULY 2021.**

**FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In today's gospel from Mark we see an example of the alternating periods in the life and ministry of the Lord and the Apostles.

After a heavy time of ministering to the people, there is need for rest, a recharging of the batteries! And so they head off for a bit of a 'retreat'.

But the people guess where they're going, and arrive before them. Rather than heading elsewhere, Jesus decides that, as sheep without a shepherd, they're still in need of Teaching and Healing.

These words speak to us today because they encapsulate the realities of our Christian life... the alternating need that each and every one of us have between times of rest and times of action.

Without rest we cannot continue to work and minister to those in need; but without work and ministry our resting can become self-indulgence!

As the weeks of our lockdown seem to be increasing, we must guard against a slackening off in our ministry to others. Yes, we cannot come to church or help those at home, but we can call them up, we can pray for those struggling at this time. Similarly, this period is an opportunity for a kind of 'retreat', a period of prayer and reflection that re-ignites the flame of faith and love with the Father.

As our week unfolds, let's embrace the opportunity to spend some more time with the Lord in prayer; but let us also give a little of our time to others through a phone call or a zoom conversation, checking up that all are travelling ok.

One biblical scholar summarised this so well: William Barclay writes:

"We must never seek the fellowship of God to avoid the fellowship of people, but to fit ourselves better for it. The rhythm of the Christian life is the alternative meeting with God in the secret place and serving people in the market place".

My thanks to the Team that are providing an ever-increasing 'professional' live-streaming mass from St Canice's on Sundays at 10am. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can gather together in our church communities in person!

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 18 July**  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY 19 July**  
Mass 8:30am Katoomba

**TUESDAY 20 July**  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura  
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

**WEDNESDAY 21 July**  
Mass 8:30am W-Falls  
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

**THURSDAY 22 July**  
Mass 8:30am Leura  
9.00 am Mass Blackheath

**FRIDAY 23 July**  
10.am Blackheath  
Mass 12pm Katoomba

**SATURDAY 24 July**  
Mass 9am Katoomba  
Mass 9am Blackheath  
Confession 9:30am Katoomba  
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

**SAVE THE DATE(s) ( POSTPONED )**  
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.**

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**SUNDAY MASS:** As we will still be in lockdown this Sunday 18 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)

From next week Sunday 25 July 2021 onwards Mass will be live streamed via You Tube not Facebook. Link to the YouTube account for the parish: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj55R1svGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

**PLEASE NOTE**

During these days of lockdown our parish finances are suffering. If you could consider switching from Envelopes to Direct/credit card Debit, we would be grateful. There is also the opportunity to use B.point for our parish, and there you can distinguish between 1st collection ( for our priests) and 2nd collection ( for our parish).

Thank you so much for your continuing support in these difficult times.

**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.

**PARISH B-POINT QR CODE**



SCAN ME

**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 fill in the temporary fill in list, please contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155 to register your details. We currently have a 2pm 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."


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"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>

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

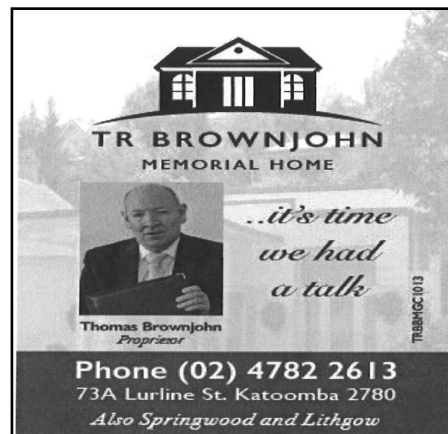
**SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.**  
TUE: St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr  
WED: St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor  
THURS: St Mary Magdalene  
FRI: St Bridget, religious  
SAT: St Sharbel Makhluif, priest  
NEXT SUN: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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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...it's time we had a talk  
Thomas Brownjohn Proprietor  
Phone (02) 4782 2613  
73A Lurline St, Katoomba 2780  
Also Springwood and Lithgow

 **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 Tuesday, Katoomba.

**ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS: Ad Jesum per Mariam**  
SAT and SUN: 4:00pm 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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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**ENTRANCE** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

**RESPONSE** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken

down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**COMMUNION** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.