



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)."

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 25 JULY 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
In our Second Reading for this Sunday the author of the Letter to the Ephesians writes:
"I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation".
What the author means by this is that every Christian has a primary vocation: to be
faithful to the Gospel, and to witness to Christ in our world.
Often we ask ourselves: How can we live this basic vocation well?
How can we be faithful to this baptismal mission?
The blueprint is spelt out in the Second Reading:
"Bear with one another charitably,
in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.
Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit
by the peace that binds you together".
Thus the Word of God encourages us to
—put others before ourselves - to be **selfless**
—rid ourselves of anger and self-righteousness - to be **gentle**
—to accept people and situations as they, not getting frustrated because they're not
what we'd like them to be - to be **patient**
Furthermore, the Scriptures encourage us to foster **unity** in our families, in our
communities...
And to strive for a **peaceful** approach to life!
We need to examine our consciences this week, my friends, and see how we can renew
our commitment to the high ideals of the Word of God.
Let us pray that - in this further week of Lockdown - we can witness to Christ and His
Gospel to the best of our ability in our families, in our community, in our world at
large...

Friends, obviously the two masses of Induction for myself have been postponed; a new
date has not yet been determined.
We will do our best to continue the Sacramental programmes as this school term
unfolds, but delays may be needed.
SRE can be accessed online at this time as well. Please check the Diocesan Website.
Lastly, but by no means least... could I respectfully ask that, if you are able in these
difficult times to spare a little extra, would you be able give generously to the Parish via
our Parish Account Number or BPOINT - details of which are in the bulletin. (There is
even a QR code that will take you to the BPOINT page if you wish to utilise this.)
We will be applying for any Government grants this coming week, but we are not sure
(as yet) what we may be entitled to.
Again, thank you for your generosity.
May God bless you all in these times of Lockdown.
Let us continue to pray for one another.
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 25 July
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 26 July
Mass 8:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 27 July
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 28 July
Mass 8:30am W-Falls
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 29 July
Mass 8:30am Leura
9.00 am Mass Blackheath

FRIDAY 30 July
10.am Blackheath
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 31 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.

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 25 July, Sunday Mass will be
livestreamed via YouTube. The Link: <https://www.youtube.com/nnel/j55rsvGDQqCDN7mldnQ>

From this 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/nnel/
j55rsvGDQqCDN7mldnQ](https://www.youtube.com/nnel/j55rsvGDQqCDN7mldnQ)

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 col-
lection and 1st collection.
Please follow this link: if choosing 2nd collection please note name
and envelop No.
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**PARISH B-POINT
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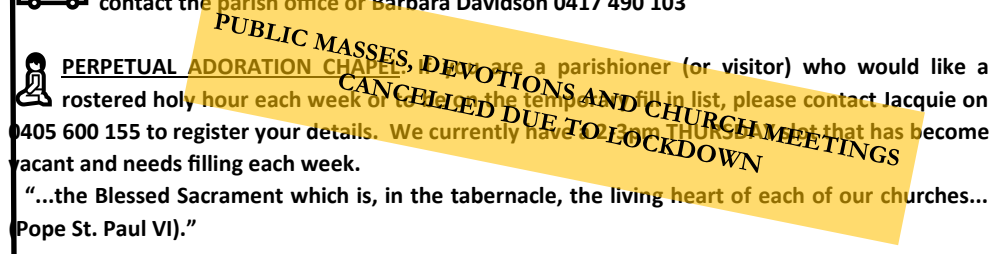


SCAN ME

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 22pm 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/fantheblade/

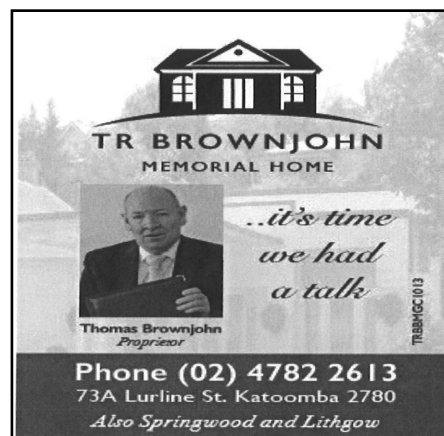
SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.
TUE: Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
THURS: St Martha
FRI: St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor
SAT: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
NEXT SUN: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Also Springwood and Lithgow

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

St Canice's have started Remote Learning for our students for the second time. We are so grateful for our lovely community who have been patient and supportive of all the teachers preparing lessons ready for students to work from home. Parents have appreciated the contact teachers have made with families via ZOOM or just a phone call checking in. We want our families to feel safe and supported during this time



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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSE The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

COMMUNION Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.