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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)."

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 1 August 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Readings from Scripture for this Sunday encourage us to put away the old yeast of sinful lives and embrace the New Bread of Life, Christ our Lord.

He is the Bread come down from heaven who gives us New Life in all its fullness; and this fact gives us HOPE.

In the midst of crisis (including this latest Lockdown), Christians remain hope-filled people who know our Lord is working to bring about the fullness of life for us NOW, as well as in the future.

Yet, this fullness of life is not ours by magic! Like Paul reminds his Ephesian converts, we must take on the responsibilities that come with the New Life offered to us.

And the first responsibility is to take care of OURSELVES: and we do this by dying to sin, so as to be alive to Christ Jesus.

And another responsibility that is ours is to make certain we share the Good News with others, leading them to this New Life in Christ; indeed, Moses had to point out the manna to the Israelites who couldn't recognise what was offered to them by God; and so, we, too, need to point out the New Bread from Heaven to a world grown insensitive and blind.

In the week ahead let's examine those areas of our lives that may be barriers to the New Life that Christ offers us; and let's tear down those barriers!

Let's throw out the old yeast of sin and embrace the true Bread of Life. And this will aid us in helping others in need.

As the Lord reminds us:

"I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never be hungry; the one who believes in me will never thirst".

As we enter another month of lockdown let's never stop praying for one another...

In this simple way we can take care of ourselves and support others.

Let's try and call our family and friends more often, making contact that aids our basic human needs.

And let's call our fellow parishioners as well, supporting our spiritual family with our care and concern.

Fr Abraham and I are continuing our prayers for you all in these days of trial.

Let us never waver but remain hope-filled Christians at all times and in every way possible!

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 1 August

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 2 August

Mass 8:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 3 August

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

WEDNESDAY 4 August

Mass 8:30am W-Falls

6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 5 August

Mass 8:30am Leura

9.00 am Mass Blackheath

FRIDAY 6 August

10.am Blackheath

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 7 August

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 and 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.

SUNDAY MASS: As we will still be in lockdown this Sunday 1 August, Sunday Mass will be livestreamed via YouTube. The Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHti55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

From Sunday 25 July 2021 onwards Mass will be live streamed via YouTube not Facebook. Link to the YouTube account for the parish: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHti55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

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.

PARISH B-POINT QR CODE

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>



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 (Not Permitted during lockdown)

PERPETUAL ADORATION: If you are a parishioner (or visitor) who would like a rostered holy hour each week to be on the permanent list, please contact Jacquie on 0405 600 155 to register your details. We currently have a 2.30pm WEDNESDAY 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

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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. (ONLY AFTER LOCKDOWN)

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!

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CLUB is holding an ONLINE 100 CLUB RAFFLE

There will be 3 prizes and, as in any 100 club raffle you can pick your own numbers if they are still available, otherwise the nearest to your preference will be allocated to you

1ST PRIZE: HANDMADE QUILT 114CM X 175CM Made by Diane Stewart
2nd PRIZE: HANDMADE SHAWL Made by Pat Wicks
3rd PRIZE: HOMEBAKED DELICIOUS BRANDY FRUIT CAKE WITH MARZIPAN ROYAL ICING Made by Pam Nash. We are only selling 100 tickets at \$20 each and hope we will be successful in selling all the tickets quickly. Once we sell all 100 tickets all participants will be emailed with their numbers. The winning ticket will be drawn by either Fr John or Fr Abraham. **NOW YOU MAY ASK HOW YOU CAN GET TICKETS:** The answer is very easy, just email the number of tickets and your preferred numbers to marilynrowe@optusnet.com.au and deposit the total amount of tickets purchased into our Parish Bank Account.

Sacred Heart Blackheath BSB 067-950 ACCOUNT NO: 00000230
Please enter in REF: on banking site: (Raffle Your Surname)
If you do not use online banking please email me at marilynrowe@optusnet.com.au and I will make suitable arrangements to obtain your payment.

HELPING TO RAISE THE ROOF AT BLACKHEATH:
During the March storms we had considerable damage to the roof of our Blackheath Church and together with the insurance money from the damage claim we are endeavouring to help bridge the cash

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Ora pro nobis.
MON: St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop
St Peter Julian Eymard, priest
TUE: St Dominic, priest
WED: St John Vianney, priest
FRI: The Transfiguration of the Lord
SAT: St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and companions, martyrs; St Cajetan, priest
NEXT SUN: 19th 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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TR BROWNJOHN MEMORIAL HOME
...it's time we had a talk
Thomas Brownjohn Proprietor
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73A Lurline St, Katoomba 2780
Also Springwood and Lithgow

difference required to fix the problem. PLEASE HELP BY BUYING A TICKET OR TWO!!

ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

The students, families and teachers at St Canice's are coping very well with this serious lockdown. Lots of communication is keeping us connected. We had a beautiful Assembly via ZOOM on Monday to celebrate the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim and the Pope's announcement of Grandparents Day. We were joined by many parents and grandparents to come together to pray and watch some lovely clips provided by grandparents sharing how special it is to be grandparents.



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

ROSARY AND DEVOTIONS: Ad Jesum per Mariam
SAT and SUN: 4:30pm 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.
5pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
SAT: 8:30am before Mass and 10am after Benediction g Mass, Katoomba.

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'"

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

RESPONSE The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires.

Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

HE GOSPEL John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

COMMUNION You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.