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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)."

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

YEAR B | 8 August 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
this weekend we are reminded that the Doctrine of the Assumption speaks to
us of Mary receiving the totality of the Resurrection in imitation of her Son; and
it says that where she, the highest honour of our race has gone, we hope to
follow. St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that 'Christ has been raised
from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep'. And this Truth is at
the heart of today's celebration.

It is the ancient Tradition of the Church in both the East and the West that the
Resurrection experience was gifted to the Mother of the Lord immediately after
her death. Although no biblical texts exist for this Tradition, it is certainly in
keeping with the thrust of Paul's Teaching. And, after all, the Scriptures do not
contain the totality of God's Revelation, for to say otherwise would be to
restrict the omnipotence of God!

I would like us to reflect today on three aspects of the life of Our Lady:
Mary remained faithful to the Gospel of her Son;
Mary followed the Lord in all things; and
Mary strove to live a good life and care for her neighbour.

In this she is an example for all of us... if we imitate her, then our destiny to be
with her Son will become a reality.

We must imitate Mary in her perfect discipleship; we must strive to be like
Mary in her holiness; and, like Mary we must do all we can to be faithful to
God's will.

And one day we will shout aloud with Mary our Mother:
"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour"!

My friends, I trust you are continuing to do your best in these continuing days
of Lockdown. I look forward to that day when we can gather together in person
once again and celebrate the Liturgy, rejoicing in our shared faith in the Lord
Jesus. In the meantime let's do our best to keep in contact with God through
prayer, imitating our Lady and all the Saints in their good works.

May God continue to keep you all in the palm of his hand...
God Bless
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
10am Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 2 August
Mass 8:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 3 August
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:30pm 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 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 15 August, Sunday Mass will be
livestreamed via YouTube. The Link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ)

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/
UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ) alterantivly in the search box type: st canice's katoomba - live

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](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains)

**PARISH B-POINT
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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 CHAPEL: If you are a parishioner (or visitor) who would like a
rostered holy hour each week to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Jacquie on
0405 600 155 to register any 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 very 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)."

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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!

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform Convocation 2: 26 August

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform invites Australian Catholics to the second in a series of Convocations on Thursday 26 August at 7.30pm to 9pm via Zoom. The second convocation, 'The Future of Catholicism in Australia', will bring together diverse perspectives on the current state, and future prospects, for our Church in Australia. For more information, and to register for this free event, visit <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/convocation-2-august-26/>

Divine Retreat Centre Daily Silent Adoration Livestream

From 1 August, the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW, is livestreaming daily silent adoration from 8.45am to 8.45pm on their 'Divine Healing & Retreat Centre Sydney Australia' YouTube Channel. You are free to send prayer requests at any time during the adoration. To tune in, visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFdwFRHPRD95UYnOIFa-IQ>



ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

As the lockdown continues so does the online learning. We are loving the photos families are sharing with us and the stories of their successes at home. Our prayer focus has been the upcoming Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

"His mercy reaches from age to age" *Luke 1:39-56*

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6*)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP YEAR B

ENTRANCE Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSE My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And

may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 6:23-34

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'



COMMUNION This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

ADORATION CHAPEL:
9am Monday - 9am Saturday.
the back of the KATOOMBA church.
Enter from the outside.

PUBLIC MASSES, DEVOTIONS AND CHURCH MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS
SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.
MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.
TUE: 4:30pm D-Mercy, Rosary, Exposed Fair.
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 after Benediction, Katoomba.

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.

SAINTS THIS WEEK
MON: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).
TUE: St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr.
WED: St Clare, Virgin.
FRI: Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs.
SAT: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest.
NEXT SUN: The Assumption of the BVM.

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