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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)."

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

YEAR B | 15 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: MARY ELLEN MAYER, BOSA LIVAIC, RITA KIRKLAND, 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) otherwise 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/
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**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)."





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/>

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Due to the COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in-Parish collection to a later date, when Churches will once again be open. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting us with a mail and online appeal around the beginning of September. Your thoughtful gift to the Appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you, Clergy Support Foundation Committee



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*)

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

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS AND PUBLIC MASSES, DEVOTIONS AND CHURCH MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.
MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.
TUE: 4:30pm D-Mercy, Rosary, Exposed, 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 after Benediction, Katoomba.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM YEAR B

ENTRANCE A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet.

FIRST READING Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

RESPONSE The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For

he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:
'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

COMMUNION All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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 Stephen of Hungary.
TUE: St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr.
THU: St. John Eudes, Priest.
FRI: St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor.
SAT: St Pius X, Pope.

NEXT SUN: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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