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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)."

**21 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**YEAR B | 22 August 2021.**

**FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
The Readings chosen for this Sunday speak of three things for our consideration: Relationship, Choice, Covenant.  
Relationship: it is always good to reflect on our relationship with the Lord, examining our faithfulness or otherwise. And such reflection on the way we live the Gospel leads us to make a....  
Choice: there are numerous occasions when we must imitate the People of Israel at Shechem, when we need to be like the Apostles, when we need to say 'yes' to the Lord. And this lead us to renew our Covenant with the Lord.  
Covenant: this Semitic concept is all about commitment... God loves us and supports us always; are we willing to follow the Lord in all things?  
Although it would be of great benefit for us to reflect on these three moments every day, we are also given the opportunity every time we celebrate the Mass. In the Penitential Rite we are able to  
\* reflect on our relationship with the Father  
\* choose to try and do better in the future  
\* ask for the Spirit to renew our commitment to the Lord and the Gospel  
And so, today let's imitate the People of Israel at Shechem; let's act in a way similar to the Apostles at Capernaum; let's make a change from a sometimes lukewarm and apathetic faith commitment to one that is on fire with Love for God and God's people!  
Let's say with St Peter:  
**"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the word of everlasting life".**

As we move into our third month of Lockdown, let us continue to pray for an end to the spread of this highly contagious Delta variant; indeed, let us pray that we can come out of this time of trial sooner rather than later. Furthermore, let us do whatever we can to support the Common Good through our own actions and decisions. Given the stricter rules in place at present, we all need to do our part to prevent the spread of this insidious disease.

Again, I thank those who have supported the parish with extra donations during this most difficult of times. We are about to receive the Government grant - better late than never! This will help pay the ongoing bills; and also enable us to look at improving our live-streaming Mass. Indeed, I hope to continue this practice of live-streaming the 10am Mass from St Canice's even after Lockdown. There are many in our community who would be grateful for this, as not everyone is able to attend Mass in person every week.

Finally, let us keep the people of Afghanistan in our prayers at this time; let's hope that there will not be widespread persecution and killing in the future. And let us hope that those in need - especially the women and children of Afghanistan - will receive the support and care that they need.

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**  
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.



**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>

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> 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 QR CODE**



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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!**



**GATHERING OF THE TALENTS:** The Gathering of the Talents event that was to take place in Springwood during September has been cancelled due to the lockdown. It will be rescheduled to next year. We will keep you posted on the new date. Thank-you to all those who expressed interest in the event.



**Caring for the health and wellbeing of our retired priests**

The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, traditionally held on Father's Day, raises much needed funds for the Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work supporting retired clergy and those in ill health. Due to the current lockdown, the Appeal will be held via mail and online. Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who have put the care of others before themselves. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call (02) 8838 3482

**Donate to Caritas' Emergency Response Appeal for Haiti**

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by visiting [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.

**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. Rose of Lima, Virgin.  
TUE: St. Bartholomew, Apostle.  
WED: St. Louis. St. Joseph Calasanz.  
FRI: St. Monica.  
SAT: St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor.  
NEXT SUN: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS**

SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.  
MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.  
TUE: 4:30pm D-Mercy, Rosary, 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 after Benediction, Katoomba.



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

St Canice's continues to provide online learning for all our children. We are in constant communication with families regarding their children's work and well being.

We are still taking enrolments for next year. Interested families can call the office on 02 4780 6800 for more information.



**Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021:**

"This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me." *Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? (*Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013*)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

**ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Monday - 9am Saturday.  
at the back of the KATOOMBA church.  
Entrance from the outside.

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**ENTRANCE** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**FIRST READING** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**RESPONSE** Tase and see the goodness of the Lord.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but

holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**COMMUNION** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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