



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

PARISH CONTACTS

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bluemountainscatholic.org.au

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

Baptisms: upon request.

PARISH SCHOOL: St Canice's Catholic

Primary School, Katoomba.

Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney.

Phone: (02) 4780 6800.

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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

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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)."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 26 September 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The sayings of Jesus in today's Gospel excerpt from Mark are quite powerful
and worthy of reflection.

Firstly, we must acknowledge the goodness of those who are not overtly part
of our Christian community, and yet do good. We need to accept al who
strive for justice and peace in our world.

"Anyone who is not against us is for us"

Secondly, we pray God's blessings upon all who perform good actions
towards the followers of Christ and others. Let's allow them to help us re-
examine our own living out of Christian ideals and principles.

"If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to
Christ...(they) will certainly not lose (their) reward".

Lastly, we have to destroy sin and follow the Lord along His Way. Our
responsibility for this is not just towards ourselves but towards others who
may have grown lukewarm in their faith or who have not yet heard the
Gospel. Thus, we need to strive for reconciliation with the Father for
ourselves, and then, let's invite others to join us on this fantastic journey of
faith towards our loving God!

*(The last section of the Gospel for today is full of hyperbole and is definitely not meant to be
taken literally!)*

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Today we celebrate World Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Let us pray for all
those who suffer displacement from their homes due to war, famine or civil
unrest.

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 5:15pm 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 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, 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 live streamed via You Tube. The Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHti55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

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parish: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHti55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ> 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/>

[MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains](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 CHAPEL: If you are a parishioner (or visitor) who would like a
rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Jacquie on
0405 600 155 to register your 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 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
tabernacle (Pope Francis)."

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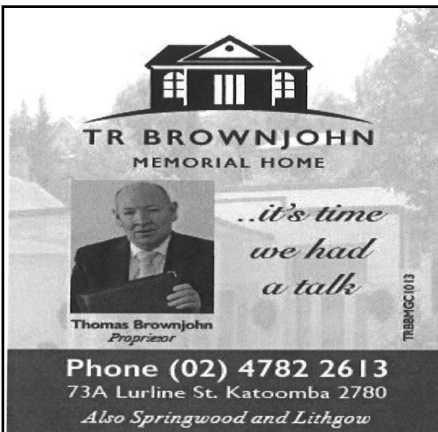
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COMMUNION By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ first laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.