ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

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 reexamine 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!)

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.



Sunday 1 August 163h Sunday in Ordinary Time Mase 8:

30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 3 August 4:45-5:00pm Leura Confe Mass 5:25pm Leura 6.30 pm 🕎a ss Blackheath

WEDNES August Mass 8:30 V-Falls 6:30 pm ackheath

THURSDAY 5 August Mass 8:30am

FRIDAY 6 August 7 am Blackheath Katoomba

SATURDAY 7 August Mass 9am Katoomba Mass 9am Blackheath Confession 9:30am Kato Confession 4:30-4:45pn

MONED) SAVE THE DATE(s) (PO Bishop His Lordship the Most Rev Vincent Long OFM will be ce trating a Pontifical High Mass at Kato 's St Canice's church at 5:30pm Viging Saturday 24th July 2021. This mass is the for mal installation of Fr John as parish pest and will feature the full Schola Cantorum and incense, as this is a high mass. This replaces the scheduled 5pm Vigil mass at Sonaventure's Leura. So there will be no 5pm Vigil at Leura on Saturday 24th Jyy. All parishioners are most welcome.

unday Mass livestreamed via You Tube. The Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ JCHti55risvGDQaCDN7mldNQ

Sunday Mass live streamed via YouTube not Facebook. Link to the YouTube account for the 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.

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We have introduced a new and easy way of contribution for 2nd collection and 1st collection.

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Mary Mackillop Parish Upper Blue Mountains





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



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"If Jesus is to become the centre of our life, we need to spend time in his presence, before the tabernacle (Pope Francis)."

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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ALTAR SER<u>VERS</u>: If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Hugh Jones on

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.

COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE: During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.



OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING ONLINE TRAINING TO KEEP OUR PARISHES SAFE:

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The

team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org .



YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE - WE ARE WITH YOU: "I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 2021: On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work Towards an ever wider "we" and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The

"Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" team invites you to a Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees on 26 September from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee. Find more information and resources at migrants-refugees.va and acmro.catholic.org.au.



The staff and students are very excited to be starting 2 weeks of school holidays, ready to come back to online learning in Term 4.

We continue to take enrolments and encourage all parishioners to recommend their lovely mountains school to any relevant families.

Appointments can be made through the school office on 4780 6800 or email the school at stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LAUNCHES PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE: A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.



ANGELE DEI PRAYER: Angel of God,

my Guardian dear,

to whom His love commits me here, ever this day (night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES ST CANICE'S KATOOMBA: Katoomba St. **ST. BONAVENTURE'S LEURA:**

widely with young people and their families.

Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S **WENTWORTH FALLS: Day St.**

SAINTS THIS WEEK

MON: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest. TUE: St. Wenceslaus. Martyr.

Sts. Lawrence Ruiz and his Companions, Martyrs. WED: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels. THU: St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor.

FRI: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor. SAT: Holy Guardian Angels.

NEXT SUN: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HER DEVOTIONS PUBLIC MASSES, DEVO-TIONS AND CHURCHtion, Leura. MON: TUE: 4

MEETINGS CANCELLED IS. DUE TO LOCKDOWN THU: FRI: 11:30am before Mass,

FRI: 5pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura. SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after Benediction.

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

RESPONSE The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go



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.