



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)."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 10 October 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The young man in today's gospel is challenged to move beyond the external keeping of the commandments - which are necessary - to a deeper following of the Lord and his Gospel of unconditional love.

Similarly, we are asked to follow Christ along his way of total obedience to the Will of God!

This will mean making certain that our Christian faith and it's praxis are not merely external actions but emanate from a rich spiritual relationship with the Lord.

Always a challenge, such teaching calls us to an ever-more intentional living out of discipleship.

In the coming week, let's do all we can to follow in the footsteps of our Master.

Reopening of Churches

Although we are permitted to reopen churches and chapels for private prayer from Monday 11th October, we will not be doing so until the State of NSW reaches the 80% fully vaccinated target.

This will avoid being discriminatory, as it would otherwise mean only fully vaccinated people can enter our churches and Adoration Chapel until the 80% target is reached.

When we do reopen, the 4 square metre rule will be in force, as will the compulsory wearing of masks. All people will be expected to check in via the QR code. Writing names on a list as before will not be the norm.

Furthermore, given the very infectious nature of the Delta variant, Fr Abraham and I have decided that will we not be giving communion on the tongue for the foreseeable future once masses resume.

This will avoid the possibility of aerosol droplets remaining on our hands as we take another host from the ciborium and give to the next communicant.

In addition, those receiving communion on the hand will need to keep their mask on until they have received the host from the minister, then take a few steps to one side, remove their mask, and then consume the host.

Again, this will lessen the danger of any COVID-19 transfer.

Finally, the 10am mass will continue to be live-streamed even after we emerge from lockdown as many parishioners will continue to be in isolation due to many different reasons. We are in unusual times, my friends. I look forward to the future when all this is but a memory. In the meantime, let's continue to keep each other in prayer.

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
10th 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, 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: Sunday Mass is livestreamed via YouTube. The Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ> 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 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)."



ANointing MASS AT BODINGTON: The third Wednesday of the month at 10:30am. (ONLY AFTER LOCKDOWN)

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NOVEMBER MASS LIST FOR HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY: If you would like to have your deceased love ones remembered during the month of November please drop a Mass offering envelope with the deceased names on the front of the envelope, into the parish office in the coming weeks or during the month of November. Unless otherwise indicated the names will be published on the November Mass list including the name of the donor.



OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH: In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life. The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you. Please come with an open and generous heart
Freecall: 1800257296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand



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 widely with young people and their families.

The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Re-watch our recent podcast with Bishop Richard Umbers about the Catholic perspective on the COVID-19 vaccine. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

ST. CANICE'S

SCHOOL NEWS:

St Canice's is so excited to start the term again. We look forward to having all the students back.

We are all about enrollments. We have 3 Q & A sessions coming up. The attachment has all the information you need.

Kinder orientation is on the 19th of October. This is for parents commencing school in 2022 but any parents interested in attending are welcome.

Please click on the link for either event.
<https://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events>

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

RESPONSE Fill us with your Love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.



ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:17-13

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

COMMUNION The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord, lack no blessing.

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.

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS
 SAT and SUN: 4:10pm Leura.
PUBLIC MASSES, DEVOTIONS AND CHURCH MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO LOCKDOWN.
 MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.
 TUE: 4:30pm St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Leura.
 WED: after 8:30am Mass, Wentworth Falls.
 THU: after 8:30am Mass, Leura.
 FRI: 1:30am Divine Mercy Hour, Katoomba.
 FRI: 5pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
 SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after Benediction, Katoomba.

SAINTS THIS WEEK
 MON: St. John XXIII, Pope.
 THU: St. Callistus, Pope, Martyr.
 FRI: St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor.
 SAT: St. Hedwig, Religious.
 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.
 NEXT SUN: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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