



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)."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 17 October 2021.

FR. JOHN'S REFLECTION.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Today's Gospel is a challenge to all of us, for it demands that we imitate the Lord in his suffering rather than in his glory!

The brothers, James and John, wanted to lord it over the other disciples - to sit at the right and left hand of the Lord in his Glory.

And they end up being called to imitate the Lord in his Suffering: "Can you drink the cup which I must drink?"

How, then, do we treat others?

Do we fail to be of service and prefer to 'lord it over' others we may deem to be 'below us' in some kind of hierarchical structure?

Such 'clericalist' thinking is not Christian; and I note that such thinking is not restricted to the ordained among us!!

Rather, the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth calls us to imitate the Suffering Servant (Christ) and be the servant of all.

If we do this to the best of our ability, then we will be true disciples of the Lord who 'did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'.

Our churches will reopen for prayer once the State of NSW has reached the 80% double vaccination target.

Masses will resume on the Sunday after that!

Given the unknown date of reopening at the time of the printing of this bulletin, I cannot be certain that we will have masses before the Sunday after 80%.

Mr Perrottet has caused some confusion, I believe....

Please note the message in the bulletin about the way we will be receiving communion for the foreseeable future once masses recommence.

God bless you all in these difficult times

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.

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For more information please contact the office. 02 4782 2804



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/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

PARISH B-POINT QR CODE



SCAN ME



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)

PUBLIC MASSES, DEVOTIONS AND CHURCH MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO LOCKDOWN

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: Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity 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.

RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

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.

10am mass will continue to be live-streamed even after we emerge from lockdown as many parishioners will continue to be isolated due to many different reasons.



ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

St Canice's is having an Orientation for Enrolments into Kindergarten on Tuesday 19th October | 1:30pm - 2:30pm

We look forward to welcoming Parents / Carers to our 2022 Kindergarten Orientation via Zoom. If you have not yet enrolled your child at St Canice's and would like to participate, please visit the website to register.

<https://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events>

THE OPENING OF SYNOD

This Sunday at 10am, Bishop Vincent will be celebrating a livestreamed Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith to mark the opening of the Synod of Bishops in the Diocese of Parramatta. This Mass will be broadcast on the St Nicholas of Myra Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPENrith>) and shared to the Diocesan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>).

The [Synod Prayer](#) for the parishioners

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

RESPONSE Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.



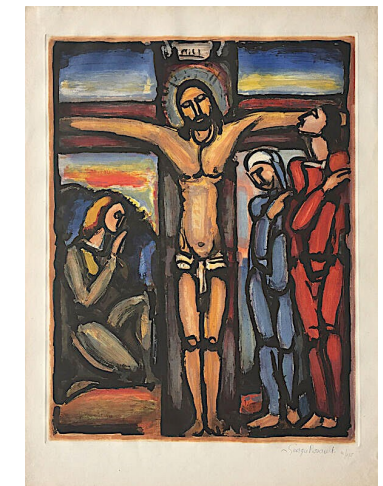
ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



COMMUNION Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him; who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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.
 MON: after 8:30am Mass, Katoomba.
 TUE: 4:30pm Leura.
 WED: after 8:30am Mass, Leura.
 THU: after 8:30am Mass, Leura.
 FRI: 1:30pm Leura.
 FRI: 5pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
 SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after Benediction, Katoomba.

SAINTS THIS WEEK
 MON: St. Luke, Evangelist.
 TUE: Sts. John of Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and their companion Martyrs.
 FRI: St. John Paul II, Pope.
 SAT: St. John of Capistrano, Priest.
 NEXT SUN: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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