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**USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Leura 5pm (Saturday)  
Wentworth Falls 8am  
Katoomba 10am (1st Sunday: High Mass)  
Leura 5pm

**USUAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
MON: 8:30am Katoomba (Nov 1: 12pm)  
TUE: 5:15pm Leura  
WED: 8:30am W-Falls  
WED: 6:30pm Blackheath  
THU: 8:30am Leura  
FRI: 12pm Katoomba (with Benediction)  
SAT: 9am Katoomba (Benediction 1st Sat)

**USUAL CONFESSION TIMES**  
TUE 4:45-5:05pm Leura  
FRI 11:30-11:50 Katoomba  
SAT: 9:30-9:50 Katoomba  
SAT: 4:30-4:45pm Leura  
NOTE: Confessions are always available upon request.

**KATOOMBA ADORATION CHAPEL**  
8am Monday - 8pm Friday. 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)."

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**YEAR B | 24 October 2021.**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

It is with great joy that we recommence face-to-face masses this weekend!

It has been very difficult over these past months, but our Faith and Prayer have sustained us. Now, we are more than ready to come together and celebrate our Liturgy in person!

Until 1st December there are some restrictions still in place for the unvaccinated among us: apart from personal prayer in the church and our masses, those who are not vaccinated may not attend meetings or visit the parish office.

Furthermore, those not vaccinated may not minister in our churches. Indeed, only those vaccinated may serve at the altar or take communion to the sick, even after 1st December. I realise this will impact some active parishioners, but we must protect the vulnerable.

When coming to mass, we need to use the QR code to sign in. If you don't have a smartphone, you will need to be signed in as a dependant by someone who has. Writing on a list is no longer the norm.

Furthermore, until 1st December, we must wear a mask in all church venues, as well as adhering to the 1 per 4 square metre rule. Please use the sanitisers provided upon entry.

With regard to the reception of Holy Communion: Communion will only be distributed on the hand. Please leave your mask on when receiving the host from the priest or minister, then take a few steps to one side, remove your mask and then receive the Lord. This process is now in place in order to reduce the possibility of the transfer of the highly contagious Delta Variant of the COVID-19 virus.

Congregational Singing is not permitted until after 1st December. Choir members must be fully vaccinated until this date.

These restrictions are difficult, but we need to think of our neighbour. As Pope Francis has consistently maintained, Christians need to do all we can to protect others, to protect the common good. Indeed, freedom is not an absolute! Our choices have consequences for us and for the community in which we live. Thus, let's do all we can to strive for the well-being of all!

Some other matters for Sacred Heart parish:

There is a PPC meeting on Sunday 25/10 from 11am via Zoom.

Weekday masses will now only be Wednesday at 6:30pm. Saturday morning mass at 9am will continue until when and if the new weekend mass timetable (as proposed below) commences on the First Sunday of Advent. After that time, there will only be Saturday morning mass at Katoomba at 9am. First Friday will continue as before, as well as Third Friday afternoons at 4pm in St Joseph's Church, Megalong Valley.

Matters for St Mary of the cross Parish .

To simplify the process I have asked Hugh Jones, as Head of Liturgy, to maintain our liturgical rosters. Please use Hugh's email address for all communication surrounding liturgical celebrations.



**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 24 October**  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY 25 October**  
Mass 8:30am Katoomba

**TUESDAY 26 October**  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura

**WEDNESDAY 27 October**  
Mass 8:30am W-Falls  
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

**THURSDAY 28 October**  
Mass 8:30am Leura

**FRIDAY 29 October**  
Mass 12pm Katoomba

**SATURDAY 30 October**  
Mass 9 am Blackheath  
Mass 9am Katoomba  
Confession 9:30am Katoomba  
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

I have appointed 8 people to a new Parish Pastoral Council and have asked Peter Lawlor to chair the PPC. I thank them for their generosity.

The Adoration Chapel will recommence on Monday from 8am until 8pm Friday. I hope to purchase soon a glass-door tabernacle for added security for the Blessed Sacrament. (Please leave window and door open for heightened ventilation at this time! Masks must still be worn even here!)

I would like some feedback on proposed changes to mass times... I do think we need a Vigil Mass in Katoomba. It is the largest church and many tourists would make use of a vigil mass at 5:30pm. Leura still needs two masses, so I would propose an 8:30am Sunday morning mass as well as the 5pm Sunday evening.

Monday mass will move to 12 midday from 1st November, allowing the school to have another option for attendance; and also to allow workers in the upper mountains to come to mass during their lunch hour.

My friends, I realise there is a lot changing - but these changes need to be introduced so that Fr Abraham and myself can better minister to you all in the six church communities of the Upper Mountains.

God Bless you all as we move forward together in our shared faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Fr John



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October is scheduled to be our first weekend of masses and re-opened

churches. live streaming of the Sunday 10am masses at St Canice's will continue in a limited form (single camera and lower sound quality) until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November when the new system will be installed. We apologise for the lower quality but it is only for two weeks. We did not expect to come out of lock down so quickly. The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ> .

**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 OR CODE**



**SCAN ME**

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** CLARE GALE, MAX GALE, NICOLINA BELMONTE, ERNESTO & FILOMENA BELMONTE, MARY ELLEN MAYER, BOSA LIVAIC, RITA KIRKLAND, PEGGY SOMMERVILLE, DIANNE WOOD, OWEN WEAVER, 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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**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.

"...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. Recommencing in November (We Hope)

†**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.



**VOLUNTEERS:** Parish MC and Head of Liturgy Hugh Jones is now looking after the rostering of all lay roles for all masses in all 3 of our parish churches. If you could like to volunteer for any roles in the liturgy such as cantor, organist/pianist, server, acolyte, lector, warden or sacristan please email Hugh on [hajones1981@outlook.com](mailto:hajones1981@outlook.com) for training and to be added to the roster. Volunteers are most welcome and we thank all existing volunteers in the parish for the great job they do helping to enrich our liturgy.



**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](http://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.



**OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH:**

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Freecall: 1800257296 or visit [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)

Please QR code below to access appeal information if preferred.



**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**ENTRANCE** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:  
 Shout with joy for Jacob!  
 Hail the chief of nations!  
 Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
 'The Lord has saved his people,  
 the remnant of Israel!'  
 See, I will bring them back  
 from the land of the North  
 and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
 all of them: the blind and the lame,  
 women with child, women in labour:  
 a great company returning here.  
 They had left in tears,  
 I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
 I will guide them to streams of water,  
 by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
 For I am a father to Israel,  
 and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**RESPONSE** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



**COMMUNION** Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO DOREEN KINSELLA!**



**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**  
 THU: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles.  
 SAT: BVM.  
 NEXT SUN: 31st 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, Katoomba.

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