



PARISH CONTACTS

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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: 12:00pm Katoomba
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)
SAT: 9am Blackheath

USUAL CONFESSION TIMES
TUE 4:45-5:05pm Leura
FRI: After Mass 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)."

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 7 November 2021.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
The position of a widow in OT times was very difficult: her husband
dead, she often had no-one to ensure that she and her children (now
deemed orphans) would have enough to eat. And throughout the
writings of the OT God is portrayed as being the special protector of
widows and orphans. For it was believed that those 'little
ones' (the *anawim*) were often closest to the Lord, for they were seen as
totally dependent on God.

In our readings today we hear of two widows: both were generous and
trusted in God. The first helped the prophet Elijah in time of famine; the
other gave out of her poverty to the Treasury of the Temple. Both gave
out of their economic poverty but were blessed - the first materially, the
second spiritually.

We need to hold both themes of trust and generosity when reflecting on
these texts: we are called to be generous with what we have, but to do
so with complete trust in the God whose special care is those who are
dependent on the Lord.

We can all be generous; but often we are generous up to a point... unlike
the widow who put everything she had in the Temple Treasury, we often
hold back, not trusting that God will look after us if we put ourselves out.
Yes, we have to be responsible... we need to pay the bills and feed the
family. But do we truly believe that our loving God would look after us if
we gave that little bit more to one who has a greater need than
ourselves.

The Scriptures are asking us to be generous in trust... not controlling and
calculating, giving what is left over (as the rich did in the Gospel story),
but being willing to go that one step further in generosity, trusting that
God will look after us.

This is never easy. It is challenging... and such thoughts make all of us
uncomfortable. If we can't be like the widows in the Scriptures, then let
us try to move in the right direction!

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 24 October
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 25 October
Mass 12.00 midday 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
Adoration & Benediction after mass until-
1pm (Confessions during this)

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

COMING TO MASS: All parishioners are
welcome back to Mass. Please arrive early,
sign in using the QR code, wear your face
mask (covering the mouth and nose) and
observe social distancing. Thank-you

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: TASHINA SALMON-GRIFFITH, MARY ANDREWS, DAWN FITZPATRICK(recently deceased) 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: Steve Harrison, Tony Hogan, 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.

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>

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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).

ff 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

PLEASE NOTE: During the recent days of lockdown our parish finances suffered. 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.

Give Envelope #39: would the owner of this envelope number please contact the parish office to
register their details. Parish office 4782 2804 Many thanks.



SUNDAY MASS: Live streaming of the Sunday 10am masses at St Canice's will continue.

The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



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



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. Only rostered may attend at this time.

COVID NOTE FOR ADORERS: Please leave the window and door of the adoration chapel open for
heightened ventilation at this time! Masks must still be worn even here!



ANOINTING MASS AT BODINGTON: The third Wednesday of the month at 10:30am.
Recommencing in December.



GARDEN GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to part of a garden group for St.
Canice's church, please contact the parish office. We hope to make our front grass area a
welcoming space.

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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.



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 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 contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS – HAVE YOUR SAY: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. Pope Francis has invited us to embark on this journey together, with the first step being to contribute our thoughts to the conversation. You can contribute to the conversation at bit.ly/listeningchurch and find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

BECOME A CATECHIST, A SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER! Recruiting volunteers especially during November to begin Term 1, 2022. Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who: ** Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools. ** Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people. ** Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people. ** Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved. In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into four state primary schools and one high school during school hours. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and can start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 4782 2804 or your SRE Parish Co-ordinator, Mary Gale on 0468 483 194

The link below is to a video on the SRE ministry from Parramatta Diocese:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OHeP_6i5EA



ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

We are continuing with our Kinder Orientation and if anyone would like more information they can view this website <https://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events> or call us: 47806800

CYP HSC Livestream: 7 November
Year 12 students, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a LIFTED experience on Sunday 7 November at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from other students, parish priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta. Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives,’ she replied ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSE Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to

suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

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

THE GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

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

TUE: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
WED: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor.
THU: St. Marin of Tours, Bishop, Martyr.
FRI: St. Josephat, Bishop, Martyr.
SAT: BVM.

NEXT SUN: 33rd 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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