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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: 12pm 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)."

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B | 14 November 2021.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we fast approach the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, all three readings this weekend have the theme of *expectant waiting on the Lord*.

The only apocalyptic text in the OT, the Book of Daniel, speaks of the end of Time; it is assuring the People of Israel who have remained faithful ("whose names are found written in the Book (of Life in Heaven)") that they will receive eternal life.

The Gospel of Mark utilises similar apocalyptic imagery as Jesus speaks of the time of darkness to come when the world will end. Evoking the Day of Judgement, this text was very important in the minds of the early Christians, encouraging people to remain faithful even when persecuted for their belief. It aided them in their ethical living in the here and now.

And the Letter to the Hebrews (although using non-apocalyptic language) makes a similar point: Jesus has taken his place with the Father (having achieved salvation through his once-for-all sacrifice on the Cross), and he is "now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him". This means that Christ is waiting for all people to come to faith in the Gospel message, which will usher in the time when all evil is overcome.

These texts encourage us all to be expectant in our waiting for the End of time (whether our own end or that of the whole world). During this *in-between time* (between his initial victory on the Cross and his Coming again), we commit ourselves to living out of the Gospel. As Christians, we are a hope-filled people, who live in readiness for the End.

Furthermore, although such ideas do, indeed, spur us on to be good, so that we might receive eternal salvation, we must also realise that our ethical living is *a good* here and now. It is a way of living that respects oneself and respects others, considering the other person as valuable in herself/himself. That is, the living of the Christian lifestyle here and now is a good thing in itself.

And so, my friends, our texts continue to challenge us as they did the early Church.

* Whenever we find ourselves slackening in our commitment to Christ or to his message of salvation;

* whenever our lifestyle starts to look as little rusty with dints everywhere;

* whenever we consider modifying our beliefs or even giving them away altogether - the knowledge that the End of Time could be upon us at any moment makes us stop and reflect on what needs renewal in our lives.

Furthermore, these texts also give us comfort, for those of us who do try our best to live good and faithful lives to the best of our ability and in the circumstances in which we find ourselves are given the promise that in spite of persecution / suffering / anything that comes... victory, salvation and glory will be ours!

On behalf of Fr Abraham and myself, I would like to thank all of you who have done so much for the Church communities in our two parishes during these dark days of world Pandemic, and especially in the Lockdowns and present times of restrictions. Although many of us would like things to return as quickly as they can to the way things were before, we need to be patient as we wait for these difficult days to come to a safe end. I appreciate that many of you understand that Fr Abraham and myself are doing our best to balance the competing needs of all our parish members. Please be tolerant and respectful as we navigate the future together. 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 14 November
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 15 November
Mass 12pm Katoomba

TUESDAY 16 November
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 17 November
Mass 8:30am W-Falls
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 18 November
Mass 8:30am Leura

FRIDAY 19 November
Mass 12pm Katoomba
Adoration & Benediction after mass until-
1pm (Confessions during this)

SATURDAY 20 November
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>

PARISH B-POINT QR



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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).

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.

Giver 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/UCHtj55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.

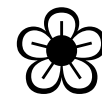


HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS: if you or your love ones are sick and would like a visit please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson 0417 490 103



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.

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BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 27-28 NOVEMBER LEAVING COLLECTION: No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

PARISH FUNDRAISING: "Christmas Hamper Raffle". Anyone who wants to donate any items towards the raffle donation boxes will be available in the three churches marked Christmas Hamper. Alternatively please ring Barbra on 4784 2473 for further enquiries or to volunteer to help with selling raffle tickets, packing hampers or hamper transport between churches.



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.



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.

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
Friday we celebrated World Kindness Day with students wearing plain clothes, engaging in activities about being kind to each other and the environment and bringing in donations for St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal



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 November. 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.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you.

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

RESPONSE Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14,18.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



COMMUNION To be near God is my happiness; to place my hope in God the Lord.

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
MON: St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor.
TUE: St. Margaret of Scotland.
St Gertrude, Virgin.
WED: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious.
THU: Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.
SAT: BVM.
NEXT SUN: Christ the King.

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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