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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: 10am 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**

10:30am 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)."

**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**YEAR C | 28 November 2021.**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As with the last two weeks of the Church's Liturgical Year, this First Sunday of Advent continues the theme of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ at the End of Time.

The First Reading from Jeremiah speaks of the promise of a Messiah who will save the People of Israel from oppression. The prophet encourages the people to remain faithful to God as they wait patiently for the fulfilment of God's Promises.

Utilising the apocalyptic genre of literature, the Gospel of Luke has Jesus inviting his hearers to wait patiently for the Day of the Lord; Christians must strive to be ready for the End, living faithful and wholesome lifestyles expected of followers of the Lord.

And the Second Reading from Thessalonians has St Paul offering the early Christians a charter for living - being holy and blameless, generous in love for each other and the whole human race - as they wait patiently for the Second Coming of the Lord.

Thus, all three texts speak to us of the need to wait for the Lord's Coming.

Our Advent season is a time of WAITING: we wait to celebrate the First Coming of the Lord at Christmas; we wait for the Second Coming of the Lord at the End of Time.

What is important is the kind of waiting in which we engage: PATIENT EXPECTANT WAITING, IN READINESS FOR THE LORD'S ARRIVAL.

This concept should permeate all aspects of our spiritual life.

Let's pray in this first week of Advent that the Lord might gift us with PATIENCE as we WAIT for the Coming of Jesus Christ.

\* This Wednesday, 1st December, we welcome two seminarians to the two Parishes of Upper Blue Mountains and Blackheath. They will be with us until Christmas, experiencing parish life in the Upper Mountains as part of their Formation. David Sebastian will be joining us in the Parish of St Mary of Cross Mackillop; Luke Huynh will be joining us in the Parish of Sacred Heart. I'm sure you will welcome both of these young men to our church communities.

\* Having only received one comment in response to the PPC's request for feedback on the change of times and churches for weekday masses, I am leaning towards changing Mondays to either 9.30am or 10am; Wednesdays to either 9am or 9.30am at Leura; and Thursdays to either 9am or 9.30am. However, I will give the church communities one more week for any further feedback.

\* Please note the Christmas / New Year timetable in the Bulletin and on the Church noticeboards...

\* Finally, after discussion with those preparing for Christmas celebrations, I have cancelled the BBQ after Christmas Vigil Mass due to COVID complications. This is also the reason why there is no parish Christmas celebrations this year.

God bless you all as we enter our Advent Season of preparation...Fr John



**Please mute your mobile at Mass.**  
**Thank-you for your courtesy.**



**WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK**

Sunday 28 November  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 29 November  
Mass 10am Katoomba

TUESDAY 30 November  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 01 December  
Mass 8:30am W-Falls  
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 02 December  
Mass 8:30am Leura

FRIDAY 03 December  
Mass 12pm Katoomba  
Adoration & Benediction after mass until-  
1pm (Confessions during this)

SATURDAY 04 December  
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:** EILEEN NOLAN, TASHINA SALMON-GRIFFITH, MARY ANDREWS, DAWN FITZ-PATRICK, MARIA CHRISTENSEN, 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 Morphet, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heining, Michelle Scully, Julie Walss, Edwin Wulff.

**Christmas Mass Times**

24 Dec 2021 — Christmas Eve  
12.00 noon — Katoomba  
6.00 pm — Katoomba  
6.00 pm — Blackheath  
12.00 Midnight — Katoomba

25 Dec 2021 — Christmas Day  
8.00 am — Wentworth Falls  
8.00 am — Mt Victoria  
9.30 am — Leura  
9.30 am — Blackheath

26 Dec 2021 — Boxing Day  
8.00 am — Wentworth Fall  
9.30 am — Blackheath  
10.00 am — Katoomba  
5.00 pm — Leura

01 Jan 2022 — Mary Mother of God  
10.00 am — Katoomba  
5.00 pm — Leura  
6.00 pm — Mt Victoria

02 Jan 2022 — Epiphany Sun  
8.00 am — Wentworth Falls  
9.30 am — Blackheath  
10.00 am — Katoomba  
5.00pm — Leura

**Confession Times:**

18 Dec — Kat/Bl'heath after 9am Mass  
Leura 4.00-4.45pm  
21 Dec — Leura 4.30-5pm  
22 Dec — Blackheath 6.00-6.30pm  
24 Dec — Katoomba after 12.00 Midday Mass

**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).

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

**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/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.



**Bishop's Christmas Appeal—This weekend 27-28 November:** *No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas.* This weekend, our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Funds raised will enable CatholicCare's Houses to Homes project to support vulnerable young pregnant women who are facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – so that they and their children can face the future with hope, safety and security. *We invite you in this Year of the Family, to show your Christian kindness to vulnerable women and their children in need, by supporting the Bishop's Christmas Appeal.* Please give generously next weekend via the giving envelopes which will be available on the pews. Or you can give online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://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. Unless otherwise indicated the names will be published on the November Mass list including the name of the donor.

**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](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



**CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMME:** Registration for the Campion College Summer Programme is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: [www.campion.edu.au/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer-program)

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**ENTRANCE** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**RESPONSE** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

**ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living person on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.



**COMMUNION** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**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**  
TUES: St Andrew, Apostle.  
FRI: St. Francis Xavier, Priest.  
NEXT SUN: Second Sunday of Advent, Year C.  
NEXT WED: Immaculate Conception of the BVM.

**ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS**  
SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.  
MON: after 10:00am 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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