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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
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: 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)."

2nd Sunday of Advent
YEAR C | 5 December 2021.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
The Prophet Baruch encourages us to reflect on our past, to examine those areas of pain
and hurt, discouragement and spiritual malaise - and having done so, to turn these
problems over to the Lord for His healing touch. This is so appropriate for our Advent
season, as this is time of reflection and quiet meditation - which can aid us in our
preparation for the Lord's Coming.

St Paul encourages his hearers (and us) to increase our knowledge of the Lord by being
united in love in our community, and striving to do what is right in an on-going
preparation for the Coming of the Lord. It is living this way which may lead others to
Christ.

And the Gospel encourages us not just to look at ourselves (whether past or present), but
to imitate the actions of John the Baptist and energetically prepare for the Coming of
Christ in active and practical ways. Like with the Lord himself, John forgot self in order to
help others be ready for the Lord's arrival.

And so, my friends, during Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts at
Christmas, we are encouraged to turn our pains, hurts and sins over to the Lord, allowing
God's grace to renew us, so that, like John the Baptist, we can begin to 'flatten the
mountains and raise the valleys' of our own journey as well as that of others, so that
Christ will have a straight path to walk at Christmas - a straight road right into our hearts
and minds!

1. Please note the Christmas Timetable, which is published in our bulletin and is on the
church noticeboards. There are a couple of changes to what has been customary, due to
the fact that Christmas is a Saturday, and Fr Abraham and myself have two parishes (5
churches) to cover.

2. On Tuesday (7/12) there will be a Mass of Confirmation for some of our Year 6
students who missed out in recent times. This mass is for the students and their families.

There may not be room for many others due to the COVID restrictions. Please pray for
these young people as they receive this important Sacrament of Initiation.

3. I will be away next weekend as I have a Marriage to officiate at in Mudgee on Saturday
afternoon. There will be a supply priest for one of the morning masses,

4. Finally, I thank those who have responded to my second call for feedback on proposed
changes to weekday mass times. We will discuss this feedback at the next Parish Pastoral
Council Meeting; and any changes will commence in the New Year.

God bless you all. 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: MARGARET GRANT, MARK GLASHEEN, EILEEN NOLAN, TASHINA SALMON-GRIFFITH, MARY ANDREWS, DAWN FITZPATRICK, 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.

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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-
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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. (We Hope!)

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



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.



Vinnies' Christmas Appeal



Katoomba Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will again this year be providing Christmas hampers for needy families in our community.

We are seeking your help with donations.

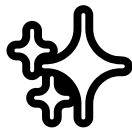
Suitable food items for Hampers and "Tap-and-go" Donations at Masses on the 10 - 11th, December.

St Vincent de Paul Members will be at all Masses that Weekend. Food donations may also be left at any time in the St.Vincent de Paul bins at the Church door.

Please help us help those less fortunate.

Draw near to God through works of charity.

Pope Francis 08.01.15 Holy Mass, Santa Marta



BLUE MOUNTAINS EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE + FIESTA 2022: Celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season with the two-day Blue Mountains Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta! Choose from a classic pilgrimage experience or family adventure pilgrimage on Sunday, Jan 2 then delight in the afternoon and evening festivities including the Feast of the Epiphany Mass, a festive meal, jumping castle, games and movie night for the kids as well as praise, worship and Adoration for youth and adults. Stay overnight at St Finbars, Glenbrook in the hall or camp on site, then continue the celebrations on Monday, Jan 3 with a morning pilgrimage and Mass in the bush. For more information and to register visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>



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
St Canice's had a lovely family event on Thursday afternoon where parents were welcomed back to the playground to attend a

Welcome BBQ

Family Event

The children and parents had an opportunity to meet the new teaching teams for 2022



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.



A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

AUSTRALIA: ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit. www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

ENTRANCE O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9)

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons and daughters reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes and princesses carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

SECOND READING 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and

more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



COMMUNION Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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. Nicholas, Bishop.
TUE: St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor.
WED: Immaculate Conception of the BVM.
THU: St. Juan Diego.
SAT: Pope Damascus I, Pope.

NEXT SUN: Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), Year C.

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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