



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

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Primary School, Katoomba.

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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)."

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 06 February 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

As we celebrate today in Australia "Word of God Sunday", the texts from all three Scripture Readings for this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) invite us to reflect on the concept of God's Call.

Isaiah is called to be the Lord's Prophet; and despite his objection ("I am man of unclean lips"), he is commissioned to speak God's Word bravely and without fear to Israel.

Simon Peter reacts in a similar way to the Lord's Call - "Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man"; but his objection is ignored and he is commissioned to be a Fisher of People for God.

And St Paul is called to be the Apostle to the Nations; and God's Grace overcame his previous persecution of Christ and Christians.

And so: Isaiah, Peter, Paul - all sinners, but all graced by God, and all called to mission in their own ways.

My friends, every one of us are called to be Prophets of God's Word, Fishers of People, Missionaries to the Pagans of our time. And we fulfil these tasks that are given to us by living what we believe to the best of our ability and never being apologetic about our Christian Faith.

It is in the ordinary moments of life that we have the opportunities to be Prophets of God's Word, Fishers of People, and Missionaries to Pagans of today... And so, in our families, in our workplaces, in our church, in our local community... let us make the most of these occasions for the sake of others and for the greater Glory of God!

1. I neglected to mention last week that the intention for every First Friday Mass celebrated in St Canice's from last Friday onwards will be for the Benefactors of the Churches in the Upper Mountains, and St Canice's' in particular. I thank the anonymous donor to our church who has requested this.

2. Sacred Heart Parish will be having its (delayed) AGM this coming Sunday (13/2) from 11am. All parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish are welcome (and encouraged) to attend.

3. A meeting is now being organised for coordinators of all the various 'evangelisation' ministries (Baptism Preparation, Sacramental Preparation, RCIA, SRE and Youth Outreach) in the parishes of Lawson, Upper Blue Mountains and Blackheath - so that we can better serve the people in the Upper Mountains.

Fr Paul Slyney and myself are really keen to share resources and personnel between these three parishes. Our ability to minister will be greatly enhanced by this communal effort.

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 6 February
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

MONDAY 7 February
Mass 10am Katoomba

TUESDAY 8 February
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 9 February
Mass 8:30am W-Falls
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 10 February
Mass 8:30am Leura

FRIDAY 11 February
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 12 February
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, face masks are currently mandatory. Thank-you.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MARGARET LAWLOR, FR PETER MORRISSEY, RITA KIRKLAND, MARGO EGGINS, MARIE QUEALY, PAUL FRASER, PAT MC CUSKER, PETER MARSHALL, THOMAS KUNNATHOLY, and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY.

SICK LIST: Maureen O'Hallovan, Eleanor Russell, Steve Harrison, Tony Hogan, 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, Natalie 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 Heinger, 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.

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<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 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.



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 Jacque on 0405 600 155 to register your details.



ANointing MASS AT BODINGTON: The third Wednesday of the month at 10:30am. Recommencing in December. (We Hope!)



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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Counselling and Psychotherapy

Individuals may seek support for relief from: - Emotional disturbances such as depression, anxiety, and stress.

- A history of failing relationships.
- Difficulty in forming new relationships.
- Trauma, grief, or life crisis.
- Fear or phobias.
- Loss of meaning.

You can call me on 0403 453 620 or contact me by email at

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: if anyone has spares and would like to donate these for our RCIA candidates please leave at the back of the church and Barbara will collect them. Thank you.

LENTEN GROUPS: Lenten group sign up sheets will appear beginning next week at the back of the church for people to join their preferred Lenten group or if you would like to lead a Lenten group please contact the parish office 4782 2804 with a time, day and location for when you would like to run your group. Each participant will receive a Lenten programme book. Donation of \$5 per book to help cover the costs.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6, 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS – HAVE YOUR SAY: What would you say to Pope Francis if you had 10 minutes? Catholics across the world are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops. Find out how to send your message at parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership? Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close February 26. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023
Call Wendy 0427863149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR TONGA: Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

Volunteer for Scripture Classes in Public Schools:

Please see below times and days of SRE classes that are in urgent need of volunteer SREs. If you are interested in sharing the faith once a week (30 minute classes) with the children in our parish attending the public schools please contact SRE parish co-ordinator Mary Gale 0468 483 194 for further information. Materials and training provided.

The following schools in our parish are in need of SRE volunteers:

North Katoomba Public School: Wednesday mornings 9:15-9:45am, years K-2 combined class

Wentworth Falls Public School: Thursday mornings 9:35-10:05am, upper primary classes years 3-4 &

5-6 alternating weeks Leura Public School: Thursday afternoons 2-2:30pm, upper primary classes

years 3-4 & 5-6 alternating weeks Katoomba High Public School: Friday mornings combined classes

years 7-8 fortnightly (one hour class)

GLENBROOK PARISH LITURGICAL

FORMATION DAY: 19 FEBRUARY: St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a liturgy formation day on 'The Mass – we go there but we don't get it' on Saturday 19 February, beginning with Morning Mass at 9.15am and finishing at 1pm with lunch. Fr Peter Williams AM, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia will present a talk, followed by a Q&A session. Cost is a donation for catering purposes. Please RSVP by 15 February to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK FORMATION

WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES AND MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR: 26 February. The Office For Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on Saturday 26 February from 9:30 am to 3pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. If you are interested or would like to RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION

COURSES 2022: The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSE In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to

James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that God gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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. Jerome Emilian.

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.

THU: St. Scholastica, Virgin.

FRI: Our Lady of Lourdes.

SAT: BVM.

NEXT SUN: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.

MON: 9:30am before 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: 5.15pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.

SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after, Katoomba.



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