



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)

Wentworth Falls 8am(cancelled)

Katoomba 10.15am

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 (Cancelled)

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)."

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 13 February 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Our Gospel from Luke for this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) is quite blunt: "Blessed are you who are poor, yours is the Kingdom of God".

Yet every analogy limps. And that is true here.

The absoluteness inherent in the Lukan Beatitudes - either poor and happy, or rich and unhappy - is not the real picture for the majority of humankind.

Rather, most of us can identify in various ways and to various degrees with

BOTH the poor and the rich.

What God's Word is asking us to do today is look closely at our present life and see where there is that perennial room for improvement. Where are the false gods in our lives?

And if one of these false gods is the eternal pitfall of making the accumulation of riches a higher value than people we love, whom we work with, who we meet and are in need... if riches are even on the way to becoming one of the false gods of our life... then let us do all we can to knock it off its pedestal and replace it with the ideal of those who are unclouded in their vision of the higher values of life, those whom Luke calls the blessed poor!

1. My apologies for the cancelling of masses and the rescheduling of times this weekend... but I am in isolation after being deemed a close contact of a positive COVID case. Hopefully my test on Day 6 will be negative and I can resume my responsibilities. I thank everyone for their understanding; and I especially want to thank Fr Abraham for all his extra work these last few days.

2. There will be an Opening School Mass on Wednesday (16/2) at 2:00pm in St Canice's Church

3. St Mary of the Cross Parish Finance Committee will meet next Sunday (20/2) from 11:15am.

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 13 February
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

MONDAY 14 February
Mass 10am Katoomba

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

WEDNESDAY 16 February
Mass 8:30am W-Falls
6:30 pm Mass Blackheath

THURSDAY 17 February
Mass 8:30am Leura

FRIDAY 18 February
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 19 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: JOAN HALLER, MARGARET LAWLOR, MICHELLE SCULLY, FR PETER MORRISSEY, RITA KIRKLAND, MARGO EGGINS, MARIE QUEALY, PAUL FRASER, PAT MC CUSKER, and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY.

SICK LIST: Maureen O'Halloran, Eleanor Russell, Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagar, 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, Julie Wulfs, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt

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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-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.

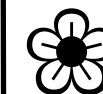
The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



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 Jacquie on 0405 600 155 to register your details.



ANointing MASS AT BODINGTON: (WATCH THIS SPACE)



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 meeting will soon be called to discuss possibilities

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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.

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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.

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 aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. How well do we do this & which Catholic discernment & decision-making methods include everyone? How can we do better? 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.

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 classes years 7 & 8 fortnightly (one hour class per year level)



ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

St Canice's Primary School has started back with great joy. We have had most of our families well and happy to be back with face to face school learning. We have many enrolments so lots of new happy faces at school. We look forward to celebrating Mass next week together and commissioning our new year 6 leaders.

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: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop.
 THU: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 SAT: BVM.
 NEXT SUN: 7th 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE GATHERING OF TALENTS

Sunday 3 April, 1pm-4pm.
 St. Thomas Aquinas Springwood.
 (rescheduled from 2021 due to covid)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/BMDGot>
 (so we know numbers to be covid-safe)

Paper registration forms (to hand to sacristan) and event flyers are up the back of the church.

Organised by the Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council.

WORKSHOP 1: HEAR THE CRY.
 Social justice and care of creation presented by Rob Feeney (religious education coordinator) and student leaders from Penola Catholic College.

WORKSHOP 2: CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS.
 Catholic Cultural Connection through the Sacramental Process presented by Maureen Ryan.

WORKSHOP 3: THE GOSPELS IN ACTION.
 Understanding the Gospels in Action. An Adult Faith Formation experience presented by Laurie Woods.

WORKSHOP 4: MUSIC IN ACTION.
 Music within our liturgies presented by Chris Wilson.

WORKSHOP 5: COMMUNITY WELLBEING.
 Outreach in areas of need: homelessness; domestic violence; mental illness presented by Catholic Care.

Each workshop will be offered twice during the afternoon. They will last 40 minutes each. People will be able to share their wisdom, experiences, passion and suggestions.

6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:
 'A curse on those who puts their trust in human beings, who rely on things of flesh, whose hearts turn from the Lord. They are like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, they have no eye for it, they settle in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on those who put their trust in the Lord, with the Lord for their hope. They are like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSE Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How blessed are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Blessed you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

COMMUNION

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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