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**USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Leura 5pm (Saturday)  
Wentworth Falls 8am  
Katoomba 10.00 am  
Leura 5pm

**USUAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
MON: 9:30am Katoomba (Cancelled)  
TUE: 5:15pm Leura  
WED: 9:30am W-Falls  
THU: 5:15pm Leura  
FRI: 12pm Katoomba (with Benediction)  
SAT: 9am Katoomba

**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 Lent**

YEAR C | 6 March 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The three Temptations that Jesus experienced occur in our lives under various guises. There are times when we give in to the rampant individualism and materialism of contemporary living. Affluence can blind us to spiritual realities! Self-indulgence often leads us toward a myopic selfishness, inimical to Gospel values. The words of Jesus echo in our minds: "One does not live on bread alone!" At other times in our lives we can give in to temptation: we can have that extra drink that puts us over the limit; we can engage in reckless driving, screeching the tyres in rage at other drivers whom we perceive as having 'cut us off'. In these and other actions we can bask in the compliments of peers to the detriment of Christian values; we can deny Jesus and the Gospel Truth in subtle and not-so-subtle ways to avoid ridicule; and we can neglect our basic relationship with God in prayer in order to have more time in front of the TV! In all of this the words of Jesus echo in our hearts: "You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone!"

And then again, there are times of doubt and despair, when we are tempted to throw in the towel at the slightest criticism of our values; when we question God's goodness - indeed, the Lord's very existence; when we make bargains with God... There are times when we try to put God in the subordinate position with ourselves as the controlling authority in our lives. It is then that the words of Jesus echo in our minds and hearts: "You must not put the Lord your God to the test!" Lent is a time when we are encouraged to reflect on our need for God; when we are asked to practice the three traditional actions of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving; when we are advised to celebrate the healing gift of God to us called the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

My friends, let's open ourselves up to God's Spirit of Truth, so that we can work with the Lord in this Lenten Season in the hope of coming to greater knowledge and understanding of His Will for us; and...so that we may be able to resist the Temptations that come our way in life in order to be able to stand victorious with Jesus on the Day of Resurrection!

1. We thank Fr Robert Anderson once again for celebrating the Mass for our two parishes this weekend.
2. We pray for those preparing for Baptism and Reception into the Church at this time.
3. Please note the slight changes to weekday mass times that have now commenced... Wednesdays at 9:30am at WF; Thursdays at 5:15pm at Leura. And from 4/4 Mondays at 9:30am. We hope to have these up on the webpage this week.

Finally, let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine at this time. We hope for a just and lasting peace; and that the perpetrators of war will be converted to the Lord Jesus and his Gospel of Love.  
God bless you all this Lent  
Fr John



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



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

**SUNDAY 6 March**  
1st Sunday of Lent

**MONDAY 7 March**  
No Mass

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

**WEDNESDAY 9 March**  
Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

**THURSDAY 3 March**  
Mass 5:15pm Leura

**FRIDAY 4 March**  
Mass 12pm Katoomba  
Adoration, confession ,Benediction after Mass

**SATURDAY 5 March**  
Mass 9am Katoomba  
Confession 9:30am Katoomba  
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

Serving for Lent!

A calling to all parishioners! The parish is desperately in need of more altar servers, especially for Wentworth Falls and Leura masses. Full training will be provided and this lay role is so important in assisting the priest and adding to the beauty and piety of the mass. If you are interested in becoming a server please contact Hugh Jones via email [hajones1981@outlook.com](mailto:hajones1981@outlook.com) both men and women are very welcome

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** ANNE CRANK, 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 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, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt

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**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>



**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/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.



**ANointing MASS AT BODINGTON:** (WATCH THIS SPACE)



**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project compassion boxes are available in our churches.

**MASTERCLASS FOR MENTOR MARRIED COUPLES: 18 MARCH**

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time/limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

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**PARISH B-POINT QR**



SCAN ME



## First Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**1ST CONFESSION PREPARATION** for school children in year 3 and above will begin on Sunday 6th March and will run for four consecutive Sundays, 9am in St Canice's Church Hall. Enrolments will be taken at the first session.



**ST. CANICE'S  
SCHOOL  
NEWS:**

We are looking forward to our Catholic Schools Week coming up. Please pick up a flyer in the Church and share with anyone in our community who may be interested in finding out more about our lovely mountain's school.

### 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:

Katoomba Public School: Monday afternoons combined classes lower primary K-2 from 1:50-2:20pm; combined classes upper primary 3-6 from 2:25-2:55pm.

Wentworth Falls Public School: Thursday mornings 9:35-10:05am, upper primary classes combined years 3-6.

### 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. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs.  
TUE: St. John of God, Religious.  
WED: St. Frances of Rome.

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent.

### ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.  
MON: 9:00am before Mass, Katoomba.  
TUE: 4:30pm D-Mercy, Rosary, Exposition, Leura.  
WED: after 9:30am Mass, Wentworth Falls.  
THU: 4:30pm D-Mercy, Rosary, Leura  
FRI: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.  
FRI: 5.15pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.  
SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after, Katoomba.

**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 [kyliecullen@gmail.com](mailto:kyliecullen@gmail.com)  
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Also Springwood and Lithgow

**ARISH FUNDRAISING:** "Easter hamper raffle". Anyone who wants to donate any suitable Easter items towards the raffle please ring Barbra 0417490103

### LENTEN GROUPS:

#### MONDAYS

##### Morning group

9.00am. Commencing 28 February

Location: St Bonaventure's Church Leura  
Group facilitator: Pam Le Breton.  
Contact Number: 4784 3781

#### WEDNESDAYS

##### Afternoon group

2.00pm.m Commencing 2 March

Location: 3 Easter Street Leura  
Group facilitator: Barbara Davidson.  
Contact Number: 0417 490 103

##### Evening group

6.00pm. Commencing 9 March

Location: 4 Oak Street Katoomba  
Group facilitator: Alex Sharah.  
Contact Number: 0416 172 212

#### THURSDAYS

##### Evening group

7.00pm. Commencing 3 March

Location: 3 Easter Street Leura  
Group facilitator: Barbara Davidson.  
Contact Number: 0417 490 103.

Lenten Programme participant books can be found at the back of the churches. Suggested donation \$5 per book to help cover costs.

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

**ENTRANCE** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory; I will grant him length of days.

### FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our ancestors. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me."

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**RESPONSE** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

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### GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: One does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

### COMMUNION

The Lord will conceal you with his pinion, under his wings you will trust.



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## Thank you!

We would like to thank all our parishioners for your response to our Christmas 2021 Appeal. Through your generosity we raised sufficient funds to meet calls this half year. Beautifully prepared hampers as well as individual food donations enabled us to distribute hampers for some 34 needy families. Our Donation bins are at the Church entrances, should you wish to donate between our Appeals. Our continued prayers for you and your families.