



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

3rd Sunday of Lent

YEAR C | 20 March 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Human beings are never comfortable with change. And this is especially so when
change involves us moving from an accepted way of thinking and acting to
something completely new.

In our First Reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses experienced the Lord's
Presence in the Burning Bush, calling him to lead the People of Israel out of Slavery
in Egypt to the Promised Land. Moses was not comfortable with this Call. He was
afraid of the consequences that responding to the Lord's mission would bring
about. But he went and, despite further setbacks, Moses achieves the purpose for
which he was sent: the Liberation of the People from Slavery.

In our Second reading from 1Corinthians, St Paul reminds the early Christians that
the initial enthusiasm of freedom from slavery of the People of Israel soon turned
to longing for the 'fleshpots of Egypt'. The people wanted to go back to their
comforts, even if it meant slavery once again. And the Apostle reminds the church
of Corinth (and us) that this type of backsliding (or sinning) is not pleasing to God.
Indeed, even if the road is difficult, we must follow the Lord. "Those who think they
are safe must be careful that they do not fall".

And the chosen text from Luke's Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent (C) makes it
clear that those who fail to heed Christ's message, and his Call to conversion and
renewal in particular, will suffer a worse fate than those who suffered as a result of
natural or human disasters. The Parable of the Fig Tree makes this clear: if it does
not bear fruit, it is given one more chance before it is cut down. So with us... we
need to change our stubborn ways and bear that fruit which God expects of us.

Despite our unwillingness to change - to be converted from our wilful and
sometimes sinful ways - the Lord makes it clear: "Unless you repent you will all
perish as they did". In our Lenten journey of renewal we are being called to remain
open to the Spirit who invites us to change our ways and come back to the Lord. In
doing so, we move towards our baptismal birthright: the Promised Land of Heaven,
which is eternal life with our loving Creator God for all eternity!

1. My apologies to all for the cancellation of many masses during the past week
when I have been unwell. I'm finally on the mend, although not yet fully recovered.
Thus, I thank both Fr John Hogan and Fr Peter Kruk OP for helping with weekend
masses at this time.

2. Let us pray for all those who are preparing for Baptism, Reception into the
Church, and the other Sacraments of Initiation at this time.

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 20 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

MONDAY 21 March

No Mass

TUESDAY 22 March

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 23 March

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 24 March

Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 25 March

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession,

Benediction after Mass

SATURDAY 26 March

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

GATHERING OF TALENTS:

BLUE MOUNTAINS CATHOLICS TAKE ACTION
WORKSHOPS

Date: 3rd April 1pm – 4pm.

Venue: St Thomas Aquinas Springwood.

Late registration still accepted.

Register via: <https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT>

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>

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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/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 Jacqui 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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL WEEKEND 26-27TH MARCH

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres
Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social
isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan
and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe,
welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously
to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal
or scan this QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.



MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MOREEN HALLIDAY, DOREEN O'DOWD, MAEVE MCARTHUR, PABLO AGUIR-
RE, TONY MAHER, JOAN NOLAN, ANNE CRANK, JOAN HALLER, MARGARET LAWLOR, MICHELLE SCULLY, FR PETER MORRISSEY, RITA KIRK-
LAND, MARGO EGGINS, MARIE QUEALY, PAUL FRASER, PAT MC CUSKER, and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you re-
quested 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, Eugen-
io Natonton, Emiliana Santiago, Pat Coyne, Inga Morphet, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret
Murphy, Pat Wolthers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heininger, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm (Katoomba)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross:

09:30am (Wentworth Falls)

10:00am (Leura)

10:30am (Katoomba)

Good Friday: 3:00pm (Katoomba)

Easter Vigil: 7:30pm (Katoomba)

Easter Sunday: 8:00am (W-Falls)

9:00am (Leura, no evening Mass)

10:30am (Katoomba)



SACRED HEART PARISH BLACKHEATH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm

Good Friday: 3:00pm

Easter Vigil: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 9:30am





Third Sunday of Lent 19 & 20 March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.



SAFE GUARDING TRAINING will be held in the hall at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath on 21/5/2022, following 9am mass, commencing at 10am till 2:45pm. This training will include the 3 compulsory modules of training. Training will be provided by the Safeguarding Office, Parramatta. This training is open to all parishioners of the Upper Blue Mountains.

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

WED: St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop.

FRI: Annunciation of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth 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 kylieccullen@gmail.com
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Also Springwood and Lithgow

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

ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

St Canice's community came together to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday. It was an opportunity for students to wear traditional and current clothing from their country of heritage. Many families brought in traditional foods to share and parents were able to enjoy lunch with us in the sunshine.

St Canice's continues to provide online learning for all our children. We are in constant communication with families regarding their children's work and well being.

We are still taking enrolments for next year. Interested families can call the office on 02 4780 6800 for more information.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

ENTRANCE My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the children of Israel and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the children of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSE The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our ancestors were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses

littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. Those who think they are safe must be careful that they do not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ !

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

COMMUNION

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.