



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

PARISH CONTACTS

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.
Baptisms: upon request.

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

USUAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
MON: 9:30am Katoomba
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 12 pm Mass Katoomba
SAT: 9:30-9:50 Katoomba
SAT: 4:30-4:45pm Leura
NOTE: Confessions are always available
upon request.

KATOOMBA ADORATION CHAPEL
10:00am Monday - 6pm 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 of Easter

YEAR C | 15 May 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In answering the scribe who asked him about the greatest commandment of the Law, Jesus sums up the teaching of the Old Testament by giving the double commandment to love God and to love one's neighbour. But this is only a summation of the Jewish Law... it is NOT specific to Christianity (although the concept of neighbour is reinterpreted by Jesus to mean all those whom we come across rather than just one's fellow Jew).

What is specific to Christianity is the NEW COMMANDMENT of Jesus given to the Disciples during the Last Supper: Love one another as I have loved you. And in the two thousand years of Christian history have we followed this? Have we truly tried to love as Jesus did?

- * Jesus loved people unconditionally
- * He put other people before himself
- * He prayed with and for others
- * And he loved others so much that he was willing to lay down his life for his friends

Jesus' life and his love is the blueprint for all of us!

And even further, this New Commandment should be the basis of all Christian Ethics... If we act out of unconditional love, then our actions are good.

In the week ahead, let's meditate on the words of the Lord Jesus to his Disciples:

"Love one another, as I have loved you".

Given the fact that it is more than likely that the two parishes of the Upper Mountains (Sacred Heart and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop) will be sharing the same Parish Priest (and any Assistant Priest) for the foreseeable future, I would like us all to reflect on the reality that has confronted us in recent months: during the period when Fr Abraham was on annual leave followed by my illnesses from various viruses (Including COVID), it has proven difficult to secure a visiting priest to help us celebrate all the masses that are normally scheduled each weekend.

Indeed, we have had to either cancel masses or celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on occasion. Neither of these options are preferred. Thus, I would like to suggest we consider (in both parishes) a permanent change of Sunday Morning mass times, so that one priest could celebrate all 3 scheduled masses Sunday morning masses in an emergency situation. Fr Abraham and myself are thus suggesting that we have the following: 8am, Wentworth Falls, 9:15am Blackheath, 10:30am Katoomba. I would like (written) feedback on this proposal over the coming weeks, please.

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 15 May
4th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY 16 May
Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 17 May
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 18 May
Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 19 May
Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 20 May
Mass 12pm Katoomba
Adoration, confession &
Benediction after Mass

SATURDAY 21 May
Mass 9am Katoomba
Confession 9:30am Katoomba
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

Help Needed

If anyone is able to remove the green waste in front of St Canice's church as quickly as possible. I would be grateful.

Thanking you
Fr John

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>



SCAN ME



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



ANointing MASS AT BODINGTON: (WATCH THIS SPACE)



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 Catherine on 0420 337 033 to register your details.

*****POSTPONED TO 4/6/22*** SAFE GUARDING TRAINING** will be held in the hall at Sacred Heart Church Blackheath, 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. Please contact Adrian 0488 066619 or the parish office if you are intending to attend.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MAHER SHABO,PETER MARSHALL,MARY-ANNE McNIVEN, LYN CRADDO, MORAN HALLIDAY, DOREEN O'DOWD, MAEVE MCARTHUR, PABLO AGUIRRE, TONY MAHER, JOAN NOLAN, 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: Gerard Wolthers, Judy Skipper, Millie Robinson, 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, Pat Wolthers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heininger, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt

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FEAST OF PENTECOST: Our parish will mark this year's Pentecost Sunday (June 5th) with a celebration of a diversity and culture of our parishioners. After 10am Mass at St Canice's Katoomba we will be celebrating the day with a wide variety of ethnic flavours from all the various backgrounds of our parishioners with a selection of foods to enjoy in the parish hall. Entry by donation. We will also be offering Prayers of the Faithful in the native languages of our parishioners to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and Christ's message for all peoples. If you would like to read a prayer of intercession in your native language please contact Matelena Ale on 0459 656 657 or contribute a dish of food to the event after Mass please contact Barbara Davidson on 0417 490 103. Barbara will speak at all the Sunday Masses on 28/29 May to promote the event. Help us mark this important feast day with a celebration of our parish's rich diversity and please join us for the extravaganza of foods after 10am Mass.



COUNTERS REQUIRED: At St. Canice's Katoomba. Once per month on Tuesdays. Phone parish office 4782 2804 for information. **PLEASE HELP US!**



COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CIRCLE: Connection. Friendship. Craft. Come together with other local women and enjoy a guided meditation, various creative and writing activities and a friendly cuppa, all in a warm and welcoming environment. The Sacred Heart Parish Hall will be hosting a twice monthly Community Women's Circle, starting Friday May 27th from 10-12. Mosaics, card making and a variety of art mediums are just some of the activities that will be on offer. No skills are necessary, but you might leave with a new skill you didn't know you had! This group is for women of all ages and stages of life, so why not gift yourself a little timeout, where filling your cup is a priority, and switching off from the world outside, a bonus. Please call 8843 2545 to register your interest or email Sally at sally.butler@ccss.org.au.

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

The Upper Blue Mountains Parish invites you to join the music ministry as a singer or musician. Any level of talent, any instrument and all genres of musical background are welcome. In particular, music is required for the St Bonnaventure's, Leura, Sunday 5pm Mass and singers are wanted for the Parish Choir (men and ladies). The choir sings at St Canices, Katoomba on the second Sunday of the Month and rehearses each non-public_holiday Monday at 7:30pm in the church. Contact the Musical Director, Jareth Norman on 0491 162 682 or at jareth.norman@gmail.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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 9-9:30am combined classes lower primary K-2.

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. John I, Pope, Martyr.
FRI: St. Bernadine of Sienna.
SAT: St. Christopher Magallanes
and his Companions, Martyrs.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter.
NEXT TUESDAY: Our Lady Help of Christians.

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 9:00am 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.



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

We wish all our year 3 and 5 students the best as they undertake their NAPLAN testing over these 2 weeks.

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2022 The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 20th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the Institute For Mission) in the Downstairs Hall, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road). A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis. Candidate's details and copy of Baptismal certificate due to parish office by Monday 1st August, 2022. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in the overall task of preparing the candidates for the sacrament. They may bring this on the Catechesis Day. The directive concerning Confirmation names is as follows: "Confirmation names should be those of recognised saints. If the given name of the candidate is a saint's name, there is no need to choose another. However, if the given name is not a saint's name, then a saint's name should be chosen." Each candidate must have a sponsor who is fully initiated in the Sacraments, is over sixteen years of age and is aware of the responsibility needed for this role.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

ENTRANCE O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance. Alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 14:21-27)

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how God had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSE I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING (Apocalypse 21:1-5)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men and women. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 13:31-35)

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



COMMUNION

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty. alleluia.

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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