



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 10.00am

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)."

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

one of the many themes that we can reflect on for this great Feast of Pentecost is the reality that all spiritual gifts come from the Spirit of God.

Indeed, the Spirit that is given to us through the grace of Baptism encourages us to live lives worthy of the name 'Christian'. We are reborn as children of the Father, and we are strengthened by the Spirit to remember the Lord's Teachings and put the Gospel into practice every day.

And, given at Confirmation, the same Spirit helps us build up the Christian community, the Church. Indeed, all gifts are given for the edification of our fellow Christians, These gifts of the Spirit help us strive for Unity between members of our own church community, between ourselves and God, and between all the 'traditions' of the one Church of God.

Through the frequent gift of the Eucharist we are enabled by the Spirit to strive for Unity between all who follow in the footsteps of the Master, and to offer that Peace, which only the Lord gives, to everyone whom we meet and interact with.

All of this grace (the Gift of the Holy Spirit) helps us fulfil our purpose: to evangelise all the world. For the love of God which has been poured into our hearts is not just for us alone, but for all of God's creation.

And so, my friends, on this Birthday of our Church, we recommit ourselves to spread the fruit of the Spirit to all, striving to achieve peace and reconciliation for every human being.

Let us pray earnestly for RENEWAL during our Mass; and we continue to ask our loving God that the many gifts of the Spirit may be poured out upon us during our celebration of Pentecost today and in the weeks, months, year to come.

I thank all who have prepared for our Pentecost Feast in the Katoomba Hall after 10:00am Mass. It is great that we can start to gather and share food and conversation once again after these past few years of pandemic.

God bless you all.

Fr John



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

Pentecost

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WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 5 June

Pentecost

MONDAY 6 June

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 7 June

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 8 June

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 2 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 9 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession &

Benediction after Mass

SATURDAY 10 June

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

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



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.



BLUE MOUNTAINS MUSICIANS: Musicians from each parish (or their representatives) are invited to a meeting on Wednesday June 22 at St Thomas Aquinas church at Springwood beginning at 7.30. The focus of this meeting is to explore the feasibility of an Ecumenical deanery Christmas Carol experience so others who share this vision are also invited to attend or share their ideas with the music team in your parish. To confirm your attendance or to seek clarification on this initiative please contact facilitator Chris Wilson by email: CWILSON@stdominics.nsw.edu.au

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MARYLIN STONE AND GABRIELA, BERNARD GLASHEEN, HAZEL GLASHEEN, ALFRED MILANI, VINCE BRAUER, MAHER SHABO, PETER MARSHALL, MARY-ANNE McNIVEN, LYN CRADDOCK, 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

2023

The Holy Land Experience

12 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS. DEPARTS SAT 7TH JANUARY 2023

Dead Sea (2 nights) • Sea of Galilee (4) • Haifa • Mt Carmel • Mt Tabor • Cana • Nazareth • Mt Beatitudes • Jerusalem (6) • Masada • Bethlehem

Optional 2 night Wonders of Petra Extension

Accompanied by
FR JOHN MCSWEENEY
And Harvest Rep
MONICA MANSOUR

15
DAYS

For further information about this pilgrimage with our PP Fr John please contact the parish office for a copy of full brochure including booking details, pricing and itinerary. Email: bluemountains@parracatholic.org

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.



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 Canice's, 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.



Winter Appeal

Next weekend, June 11 - 12 The Society will be holding our annual Winter Appeal at all Masses.

We are seeking your generosity again. Suitable food items, cash or tap-and-go donations will be gratefully accepted.

At this time of year food items such as tinned soups, coffee, breakfast cereals, rice &/or pasta, biscuits - sweet & savory, long life milk, baked beans, pasta sauce are in particular demand.

We also ask your assistance in that food donations not be near or past 'use by' or 'best before' dates. We are unable to pass on such items to our clients, and are forced to dispose of them!

You, our generous donors, are always in our prayers.

St. V.de P., Mary MacKillop Conference.



ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

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

Thank you

We would like to thank all those who contributed to Pentecost celebrations last Sunday.



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

ART & FASHION SALE 2022

When: June Long Weekend
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall

165 Wentworth Street, Blackheath

Cost of entry: \$5 per person which includes a glass of champagne & nibbles

Raffle: Original artwork of Shipley Plateau by Edward Spessot

Time: Saturday 11am – 4pm
Sunday 9 am – 3 pm

Sunday will be tea & coffee with cake served all day

Gold coin donation to aid Vinnies Winter Appeal

PENTECOST C

ENTRANCE The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these ones speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in our own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSE Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING ((1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless they are under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks,

slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Jn 20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

COMMUNION

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



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

MON: Mary, Mother of the Church.
THU: St. Ephraem, Deacon, Doctor.
SAT: St. Barnabas

NEXT SUNDAY: The Most Holy Trinity.

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: before 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.

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For more information please contact the office. 02 4782 2804



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