



# 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)."

## The Most Holy Trinity

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

St John Damascene wrote of the Trinity in the following words:

"Think of the Father as a spring of life begetting the Son like a river, and the Holy Spirit like a sea, for the spring and the river and the sea are all one nature.

Think of the Father as a root, of the Son as a branch, and of the Spirit as a fruit, for the substance in these three is one.

The Father is a sun, with the Son as rays and the Holy Spirit as heat.

But the Trinity surpasses by far every likeness and comparison".

The Doctrine of the Trinity has been at the heart of the Christian Faith since the earliest times.

John's Gospel makes that clear in today's Reading.

It is a Mystery of our Faith; and while we can reason our way through the understanding of God as One, yet relating to humanity in three ways as Father (Source of all Being), Son (Revelation of God), and Spirit (Unconditional Love of God)... it is still a 'leap into the dark', an Act of Faith that is demanded of us Christians.

But what is for sure is that our Loving and Almighty Creator God wants us to imitate the perfect love of the Trinity in our lives and in our interaction with our neighbour; and this will lead us one day to be immersed in the divine love of God for all eternity.

During today's celebration of the Trinity, let us ask our God to strengthen our Faith in this Mystery, so that we will live lives worthy of that unconditional Divine Love which is our destiny.

1. After a number of weeks receiving written responses to my request to consider Sunday Mass time changes, it is now time to say that all 12 submissions from both Upper Blue Mountains Parish and Sacred Heart Parish are in unanimous agreement that we need to change so that one priest can celebrate all three Sunday morning masses in situations where a Supply Priest cannot be found.

Thus I am announcing today that FROM THE 17TH JULY the Mass times in both parishes on Sunday mornings will be....

8am Wentworth Falls

9:15am Blackheath

10:30am Katoomba.

We will also put this in the local paper as well as constantly reminding everyone via our bulletins and on the two parish webpages.

We will endeavour to change the signage as well from 16th July... but finding a signwriter is proving difficult.

Thanks to all who responded in writing (as well as those who said something to me about this topic.

2. A BIG THANKYOU to Barbara Davidson and her Team for the marvellous post-Mass Pentecost celebration in St Canice's Hall last weekend: great food, great company, great prizes. It was a really joyous occasion, enjoyed by all.. Let's do that more often on special Feasts!!

3. No Mass at Wentworth Fall on Wednesday this week at 9.30 am.

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 12 June

Pentecost

### MONDAY 13 June

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 14 June

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### WEDNESDAY 15 June

Mass 9:30am W/F Cancelled

12.00 School Mass- St Canice's Katoomba

### THURSDAY 16 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### FRIDAY 17 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession &

Benediction after Mass

### SATURDAY 19 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](mailto: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

15  
DAYS

2023  
The Holy Land Experience

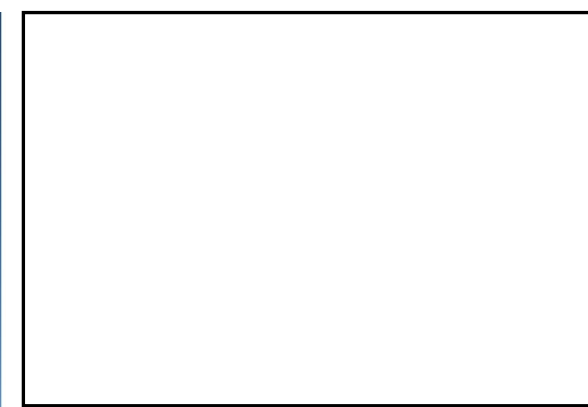
12 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS. DEPARTS SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

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**


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](mailto:bluemountains@parracatholic.org)







**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 Reminder**

Vinnies this week appealing for Food, Cash or Tap-and-Go Donations. AND VOLUNTEERS to become MEMBERS.

This weekend, June 11 - 12, the Society is holding our annual Winter Appeal and Drive for Membership at all Masses.

Suitable food items, cash or tap-and-go donations will be gratefully accepted.

We are a spiritual group within the Church assisting each other in our spiritual lives on our faith journey. Motivated by our Christian call to serve Christ in those least of his brothers and sisters. [Mt. 25:40]

We are a member and volunteer-based organisation, providing support, assistance, and companionship to people in need. We provide a range of material and financial support. If you have some time, energy and commitment, we invite you to join us as Members or Volunteers.

We will be outside the Church before Masses this weekend to accept your donations and answer any enquiries you may have.

St. Vincent de Paul, Mary MacKillop Conference.



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

St Canice's is excited to be helping prepare some of our students for Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion to be celebrated on Sunday 19th June, Feast of Corpus Christi. We continue to pray for them and ask for your prayers too. 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: This 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

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY C**

**ENTRANCE** Blessed be God the Father, and the Only -Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**FIRST READING** (Proverbs 8:22-31)

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the children of humankind.

**RESPONSE** O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

**SECOND READING** (Romans 5:1-5)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (John 16:12-15)

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*'



**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**

TUE: St. Anthony of Padua.  
SAT: BVM.

NEXT SUN: Body and Blood of Christ.  
NEXT FRI: Sacred Heart  
NEXT SAT: Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

**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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**COMMUNION**

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba Father.