



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

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Primary School, Katoomba.

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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)."

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

YEAR C | 19 June 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his Disciples after teaching the multitude who are now hungry to 'give them something to eat yourselves'. We can imagine the consternation of the Disciples: 'how can we do that with so many in this remote place?' And then we have the feeding of the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish.

Full of Eucharistic overtones, the language of the text reminds us that the great Gift of the Eucharist (which we honour in special celebration during today's Feast of Corpus Christi) is not just meant to make us feel fulfilled but it is given to the church so that all members of God's People (whom St Paul call the Body of Christ) can be strengthened and built up for service to our neighbour. In receiving the gift of Christ Himself into us through the consecrated Bread and Wine, we imitate the Son of Man who came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many!

So, as we celebrate the First Communion of our younger members this weekend, let us remember that our reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord MUST LEAD TO SERVICE. Indeed, we need to take to heart that instruction to the Disciples..."give them something to eat yourselves'.

It is from OUR experience of the Lord's presence in the Eucharist that we are enabled to go our into this world of ours and preach the Good News...so that many more people may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and all that the Son of God has to offer humankind.

1. Please remember that from 17th July our Mass times on Sunday mornings will change:

8am Wentworth Falls

9:15am Blackheath

10:30am Katoomba.

2. I will be on Annual Leave (at last! after 2 years!) from Sunday evening, returning to work on 2/8.

During this time Fr Abraham will be Acting Parish Priest... please refer ALL matters to him.

I have secured Fr Bill Goldman CSSR for the first 3 weekends I am away; and we welcome him to our parish.

However, the last 3 weekends I could not get a Supply Priest, despite calling 13 retired priests and 3 religious orders. Hence why from 17th July the new Mass timetable (above) needs to come into force.

I will keep you in prayer and remember you all in my Sunday Mass while away.

I look forward to returning to you all refreshed and re-energised for the year ahead.

3. We congratulate Caelan Myers who is baptised, and confirmed this weekend.

4. And we congratulate all our First Communicants!

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 19 June

Most Holy Body and Blood

MONDAY 20 June

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 21 June

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 22 June

Mass 9:30am W/F Cancelled

12.00 School Mass- St Canice's Katoomba

THURSDAY 23 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 24 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession &

Benediction after Mass

SATURDAY 25 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>



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.



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.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: PAUL TURNBULL, 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



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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

FROM 17 JULY

the Mass times

on Sunday mornings will be....

8am Wentworth Falls

9:15am Blackheath

10:30am Katoomba.

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians
Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit seminarians thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future good shepherds and priests.
Holy Spirit Seminary support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests and beacons of Christ's light.
For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.



Thank you!

We would like to thank all our parishioners for your response to our Winter 2022 Appeal. As prices for food, petrol and utilities continue to rise, we have already been met with increased demand for our services. The number of clients we see each month is rising as is the number of new requests for our assistance. Your generous donation will go a long way to helping us meet this demand.
REMEMBER! Our bins are at the entrance to each of our churches, should you wish to donate food items between our Appeals. Thank you to those who do this regularly. Thank you also to those who expressed interest in joining us as Members. You can still join anytime!

Make an Impact. Volunteer with Vinnies!

By volunteering, you can be sure you're making a difference for those in need. For some Vinnies volunteers, this is a chance to give something back to the community, to use their skills and experience to make a difference in the lives of people who need assistance the most. For others, it is a chance to develop new skills and experience in a supportive environment.



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.

Peter's Pence collection next weekend 26 June 2022

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the time of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and the 2022 collection will take place on 26 June. This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

NB: THIS WILL BE A LEAVING COLLECTION ONLY.

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST C

ENTRANCE He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING (Genesis 14:18-20)

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,

and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

RESPONSE You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

SEQUENCE (Lauda Sion)

*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen. Alleluia.

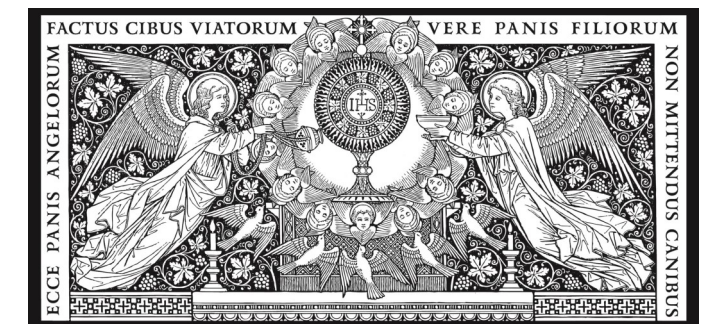
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 9:11-17)

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand people. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



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. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious.
WED: Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs.
THU: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop.
FRI: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
SAT: Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
NEXT SUN: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.