



# ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 26 June 2022

Our Call & Response

Dear Sisters and brothers,

Discipleship of the lord is the highest Christian perfection to which every Christian is called. The readings today shed light into different aspects of our response to God's calling to be the workers in the vineyard of the lord or to be Jesus' emissaries for the kingdom of God.

This Sunday's first reading is taken from I Kings chapter 19 where we see Elijah calling Elisha, by throwing his cloak on him. But Elisha requests permission of Elijah to bid farewell to his parents. Elijah allows Elisha the permission in an indirect way. And Elisha kills his oxen and breaks his yoke and uses it as firewood for cooking the meat and shares it with the people and comes and follows Elijah.

The second reading, this Sunday is taken from the letter of St Paul to Galatians where Paul says that we were called for freedom to serve one another through love. And he underlines the need to be guided by the spirit to be Jesus' disciples who are not under law.

The gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from Luke chapter 9. It also focuses on the different aspects of discipleship which Jesus is stressing. It narrates someone addressing Jesus says that he would follow Jesus wherever he goes. For this Jesus the master says, "foxes have dens, birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has nowhere to rest his head." To another Jesus Says, "follow me" But the one who is called requests the master permission to go and bury his father. But Jesus the master was not lenient to his request. He tells him to go and proclaim the kingdom of God. Another tells Jesus, he would follow him but requests permission to go and bid farewell to his family. Here also, Jesus answers rather negatively. "No one who sets a hand to plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

All these readings speak of the need of proper dispositions of response to be the disciple of Jesus or what should be the dispositions of the disciple and response to belong to Jesus' fraternity. 'The call of the Lord to be his disciple' is that which requires an immediate, and sure response. The aged parents and their care, or bidding farewell to family members or settling family issues are not things that should become our priority for the response to god's call to his discipleship. The one who is called is invited to make an immediate and decisive response to the lord's bidding to be his disciple to preach the kingdom of God. This response to his call is the primary priority for the disciples of Jesus.

Fraternally in the Lord,

Fr (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Asst Priest at Upper Blue mountains and Blackheath Parishes.



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



## WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 26 June

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY 27 June

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 28 June

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### WEDNESDAY 29 June

Mass 9:30am W/F Cancelled

12.00 School Mass- St Canice's Katoomba

### THURSDAY 30 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### FRIDAY 1 July

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession &

Benediction after Mass

### SATURDAY 2 July

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](mailto: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 Morphett, 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 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*

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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)

**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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code.



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**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:**

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 this 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.

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C**

**ENTRANCE** All peoples, clap your hands to God with shouts of joy.

**FIRST READING** (I Kings 19:16,19-21)

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**RESPONSE** You are my inheritance, O Lord..

**SECOND READING** (Galatians 5:1,13-18)

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers and sisters, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

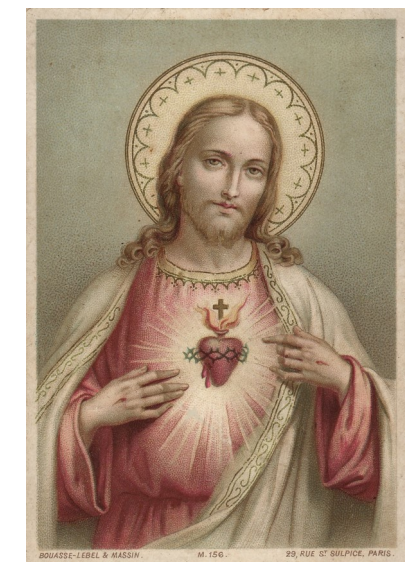
**GOSPEL** (Luke 9:51-62)

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



**COMMUNION**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

**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: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor.  
TUE: St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr.  
WED: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.  
THU: The First Martyrs of the See of Rome.  
SAT: BVM.  
  
NEXT SUN: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
NEXT WED: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr.

**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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