



# 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)."

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Seek Thy Neighbour

"Who is my neighbour?" is the question asked by people even today. Is he/she in my vicinity? Is it only, he or she who supports us? Is he or she belonging to the same religion? Is it he or she who speak only our language? The list of questions can be endless.

Today the question by the lawyer to Jesus is echoed by many. And the parable of the good Samaritan was the answer of Jesus to the lawyer. The wounded man on the journey represents anyone who is in need. Here in the story, the victim happens to be one who is of high social standing but at the same time all those whom he would have expected to console and comfort him never turns up to help to the wounded man.

And finally, whom the victim and other Jews consider to be enemy becomes his help at the time of need. And Jesus is breaking down the walls of enmity between the Jews and Samaritans. Jesus elevates the Samaritan to the highest pedestal in the mind of the wounded Jew and Jesus flip their idea of social standing by requesting the Lawyer to "go and do likewise."

The lord's definition of neighbour is much different from the idea that the lawyer and other Jews like him was holding. For them a neighbour is someone from their own or at the most those who were converted from foreigners. And Jesus a Jew, is correcting them of their ideology. And Jesus underlines that all those who are helpless, the rejected, the outcast, the broken, the sidelined or marginalised, those who need help, care, and guidance etc, etc can fit into Jesus' definition of neighbour.

To become a neighbour to anyone in need its not that he or she should be of high social strata, but the benefactor whoever be, should have some time to spare for the one in need. In the parable of good Samaritan, we see that except the Samaritan no one had the generosity to find time for the wounded man. That is what makes the service by the Samaritan very impressive. The Samaritan man not only found the resources but was generous enough to spare his time and energy to take care of the wounded man.

And this parable teaches that humanity is the most important thing that we need to be a good neighbour. Having the name, fame, and resources may not be of use if we do not have the humanity vibrant in us to spare the needed time for the service of the other. The Samaritan had seen the need of the wounded person than his social standing, their enmity, etc; and readiness to spare the resources necessary to care for him.

The problem with the priest and Levite was that they were not ready to get out of the scripts written by the society and they missed the chance to become a neighbour to a human being in need. Perhaps, they saw a wounded man, an impediment to handle, or they were attached to their profession than the need of the hour.

And this story teaches us a lesson; than the ritual observance of religiosity what God looks in us is the divinity of humanity in us. Loving God is to be loving our neighbour. If we miss loving our neighbour, then we miss to love God as well. So let us become real lovers for the kingdom of God where Love of neighbour and Love of God are equated by Jesus. May God bless us.

Fr (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI,  
Asst Priest @ Upper Blue mountains & Blackheath Parishes



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Thank-you for your courtesy.



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

### SUNDAY 3 July

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY 4 July

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 5 July

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### WEDNESDAY 6 July

Mass 9:30am W/F

### THURSDAY 7 July

Mass 5:15pm Leura ( No Mass)

### FRIDAY 8 July

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

### SATURDAY 9 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>



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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.



**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*

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)

**FROM 17 JULY**

the Mass times

on Sunday mornings will be....

**8am Wentworth Falls**

**9:15am Blackheath**

**10:30am Katoomba.**



**NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE:** Please pick up your new set of planned giving envelopes from the back of the churches this weekend. Please note your envelope number may have changed. Many thanks for your ongoing financial support of the parish.

**33 DAYS PREPARATION FOR TOTAL CONSECRATION TO MARY:** The Legion of Mary, Senatus of Sydney, invites you to participate in 33 Days Preparation for Total Consecration To Jesus Through Mary, commencing on 12 July through to 13 August at 8.30pm via Zoom. The consecration day will be held on Sunday 14 August. All are welcome. Zoom ID: 828 9012 6930 Passcode: 784626.

**2022 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 12 AUGUST** Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Faith in Marriage Seminar hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's MET - Marriage team. The seminar will be held on Friday 12 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking is available in the lower ground car park and on neighbouring streets. Please register your attendance to (02) 8838 3460 or marriage@parracatholic.org

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on 1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP RCIA SEMINAR SERIES:** Beginning 3 August. The Office For Worship will be running a series for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. Topics to be covered include: The Fundamentals of RCIA, Ecclesiology, Social Teaching of the Church, and the journey of Mystagogia. The workshops will run on five Wednesday evenings from 3 to 31 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or at (02) 8838 3456.



**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.

**Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening:**

The Dioceses of Parramatta, Sydney and Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers to reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. When: Wed 20 July, 6-9pm. More details will follow in June!

**ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SERVICES NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION: 11 JULY** Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Monday 11 July from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C**

**ENTRANCE** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING (Isaiah 66:10-14)**

Rejoice, Jerusalem,  
be glad for her, all you who love her!  
Rejoice, rejoice for her,  
all you who mourned her!  
That you may be suckled, filled,  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may savour with delight  
her glorious breasts.  
For thus says the Lord:  
Now towards her I send flowing  
peace, like a river,  
and like a stream in spate  
the glory of the nations.  
At her breast will her nurslings be carried  
and fondled in her lap.  
Like a child comforted by their mother  
will I comfort you.  
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.  
At the sight your heart will rejoice,  
and your bones flourish like the grass.  
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

**RESPONSE** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**SECOND READING (Galatians 6:14-18)**

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for all to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers and sisters. Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of the Christ rule in your hearts, and the fulness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (Luke 10:1-12,17-20)**

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.'

'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a person of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on them; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves their wages; do not move from house to house.'

'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

**COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**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. Elizabeth of Portugal.  
TUE: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest.  
WED: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr.  
THU: Bl. Peter To Rot.  
SAT: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions, Martyrs.  
NEXT SUN: 15th 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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