



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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Primary School, Katoomba.

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USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)

Wentworth Falls 8am

Katoomba 10.30am

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)."

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

Most of us may have regretted on one or many occasions on the choices we have made in our life. "it was a wrong choice" we regretfully say; it may be about the choice of our career, choice of subject in the school, or university, choice of the partners, choice of friends, choice of routes on a journey etc, etc.

We are always given the chances to make choices in our life. Despite our having made the right or wrong choices the occasions to choose comes again and again in life. And this is life. Every moment we are invited to make choices in our life.

In the gospel today we see two sisters making choices in their life. Martha and Mary. Martha chose to serve the lord and please him with her hospitality. Mary Chose to sit at the feet of the lord and listen to the words of Jesus and please him. Both had "pleasing the lord" as their goal but were different in their approaches.

In the gospel incident we see Martha complaining to the lord that Mary has not been helping her to serve the master. But Jesus tells Martha that "Mary has chosen the better part" and would not ask her to leave it and go for the serving.

The event also brings to light that there are different ways of pleasing God. Mary's way and Martha's way. Both have the goal of pleasing the Lord as the guiding light. And yet Jesus words, "there is need of only one thing, Mary has chosen the better part" tells us that sitting at the feet of the lord and listening to his words are more important even to those who do the serving.

Whatever choice you make, it has its own plus and minus. It has its own sufferings and joys. But sticking to the choice we made is the key to success. The sufferings and joys that come along with the choices are part and parcel of God's plan. Once we have this faith vision, we will get the strength to fulfill the plan of God in the choices we make. Otherwise, we will go on comparing and complaining and finally we will never be happy in life.

When we discern the will of God before the choices before us and when we gracefully accept the plan of God in the choices we make and continue to seek the lord's blessings in the choices we made and stick on by accepting all the challenges that comes in the way of our choices we co-operate with the plan of God and take our choices to their fruition. May God bless us always to follow the plan of God in our lives.

Fr (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Asst Priest @ the Upper Blue mountain & Blackheath Parishes.



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Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 10 July

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 11 July

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 12 July

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 13 July

Mass 9:30am W/F

THURSDAY 14 July

Mass 9.00am Leura

FRIDAY 15 July

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

SATURDAY 16 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 for more information.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: THOMAS GALE, 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 Heining, 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
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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.

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. If you would like to become a new contributor, please collect one of the "Spare" packets and return your details to the Parish Office on the form provided.

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2022: AN UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING

Take a look at our newly upgraded Mandatory Safeguarding Training Platform... Would you like to complete your Mandatory or Elective Safeguarding Modules independently and at times convenient to you? Our newly upgraded online training platform is now live.

If you haven't had a chance as yet, you can access the LearnWorlds platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

On this platform you are able to register yourself and choose the Safeguarding Modules that are relevant to you.

The three mandatory modules [Compliance Training – tagged gold] are:

1. Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards
2. Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct
3. Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

Existing users may have received a Welcome courtesy email from the platform. Mandatory Training is valid for two years. There is no need to review previously completed modules unless you wish to push your renewal date further back.

Those with coordinator and leadership roles within the parish are also asked to complete two elective modules. You will find these Leadership Elective Modules tagged blue on the platform. New users are invited to 'sign up' onto the platform using their unique email address, identifying their parish and naming their role in the parish. Once logged into the platform, click on the 'Modules' link to locate the mandatory compliance modules as well as the elective modules. Click on 'Enrol' to begin each module.

Once again, we are very grateful for your continuing support of this training and for all you do in ministry for your parish community. If you have any further questions please contact Maria Kervin, Community Education and Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.edu.au



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.

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

RESPONSE Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

SECOND READING (Colossians 1:15-20)

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 10:25-37)

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who had compassion upon him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'



COMMUNION

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

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. Benedict, Abbot.
- WED: St. Henry.
- THU: St. Camillus of Lellis, Priest.
- FRI: St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor.
- SAT: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- NEXT SUN: 16th 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: 5.30pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
- SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after, Katoomba.

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