



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

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.  
Baptisms: upon request.

## PARISH SCHOOL: St Canice's Catholic

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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)."

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 31 July 2022

Tied to and Tied by the Worldly Wealth.

In the Old Testament wealth is considered to be the blessing of God and poverty is looked down upon as curse and punishment by God. And even today people consider abundance as something very positive and poverty as a disgrace. Today's readings speak about the need of a life that is richer in the lord than the material wealth.

Today's gospel story starts with a brother complaining about another about not sharing the paternal property with him. And he asks Jesus to mediate his case with his brother. And taking the greed of the brother who was not willing to share the property with the sibling, Jesus presents the theme of true richness. He tells them that one's life does not consists of possessions. And life becomes richer when one is richer in those things that matters to God. And to explain this he presents the parable of the rich man.

'We the wise and the fool will leave their wealth to others when we die' says the psalmist (49/10). 'Money never made man happy, nor it will. The more one has the more he/she wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes it even greater', says Benjamin Franklin. Still, we continue with our struggle to get richer and richer and at the end we go with the sense vacuum and never learns the right way.

And Jesus through the parable of the rich man asks the young man to have the right attitude and right living than having the greed for riches. And Jesus is inviting the listeners to opt for correct living with right attitudes than going after riches.

Through the first reading, we are invited to a simple living than going after vanity. It says that if according to vanity one starts living, there is no greater misfortune than his/her life; because all his/her days are filled with sorrow, grief, and restlessness. Even at night it is vanity that leads him/her.

In the second reading Paul in the letter to the Colossians invites the believers to put to death those parts that are earthly or worldly and put on new self which would help him or her become the image of the creator.

Wealth is good, in so far as it helps one to grow towards the ultimate goal that is to reach God. So instead of amassing riches endlessly, the right attitude will be to create and use the riches maximum for the benefit of maximum people which will become a helping tool for my final journey. And the understanding that "wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having fewer wants" will help us to create right approach to wealth which will help us to utilise it in the way Jesus desires of it. 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 31 July**  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY 1 August**  
Mass 9:30am Katoomba

**TUESDAY 2 August**  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura

**WEDNESDAY 3 August**  
Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

**THURSDAY 4 August**  
Mass 5.15pm Leura

**FRIDAY 5 August**  
Mass 12pm Katoomba  
Adoration, confession

**SATURDAY 6 August**  
Mass 9am Katoomba  
Confession 9:30am Katoomba  
Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

### Please note:

Monday 15.8.22 there will be Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6.30pm— St Canice's

### 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.

### CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). [Palms Australia](#), will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste.

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** RYAN JAMES GRANT, BETTY WADDELL, RAYMOND JOSEPH GALE, THOMAS GALE, PAUL TURNBULL, MARYLIN STONE AND GABRIELA, 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

15  
DAYS

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 NOW ON

the Mass times

on Sunday mornings will be....

8am Wentworth Falls

9:15am Blackheath

10:30am Katoomba.

**WYD LISBON 2023**

**22 DAYS JULY 21 – AUGUST 11**

Register now: [www.parrawydy.org](http://www.parrawydy.org)

"MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE" (LK 1:39)



**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.

**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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

**YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 7 AUGUST:** Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 7 August at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. Join Fr John Rizzo for a discussion on mercy in scripture. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

**Popes message to Grandparents and the Elderly:**

The Pope has written a wonderful message for all to read about grandparents and the elderly. Google "Pope's message to grandparents 2022" or the [LINK HERE](#)

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C**

**ENTRANCE** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescue, my help, O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING** (Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23) Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**RESPONSE** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**SECOND READING** (Colossians 3:1-5,9-11) Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

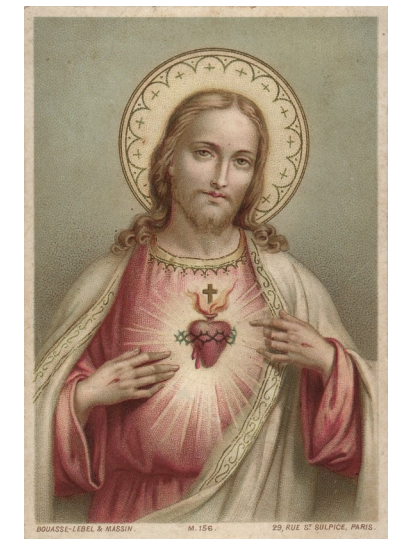
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Luke 12:13:21)

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



**COMMUNION**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**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. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor.  
TUE: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop.  
St. Peter Julian Eymard.  
WED: St. Domonic, Priest.  
THU: St. John Mary Vianney, Priest.  
FRI: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major.  
SAT: The Transfiguration of the Lord.  
NEXT SUN: 19th 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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