



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

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)."

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 7 August

Abundance of Graces the greater the Demand of Sacrifices

19 C Ordinary Sunday

Though Salvation history starts with the story of creation, the fall of Adam and Eve and the promise of the saviour, its immediate growth can be seen in the creation of Israel as the chosen people of God. And the love of God to humanity expressed in God's choice for a people as his own and God's oath to Abraham and his descendants and their faith in the God who created them and protected them, and the incarnation of Our Lord mark the milestones in salvation history. In other words, it's faith in the promise or oath of God that became the cornerstone for the salvation history. This aspect of faith is reflected in the first reading from the book of Wisdom.

The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews we read, "faith is the realisation of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; though it was only a promise, he went out not knowing where he was to go." And it was faith in the promise of God that made him sojourn in the promised land as in a foreign country. It's faith in the promise of God that made Abraham ready to sacrifice the son whom he got in his old age.

In the gospel Jesus is telling the disciples not to be afraid and father in heaven is pleased to give them the kingdom. And he is assuring them that they should not hesitate to sell their belongings and give it away to the poor. And he tells them that this in turn will fetch them the money bags that will not get exhausted for one's journey into the heavenly kingdom.

Jesus reminds them to gird their loins and light their lamps to receive their master anytime. He warns them against any lethargy even when master is late to come. He tells them that they should not let their watchfulness or preparedness go slacken.

Last Sunday we were told not to be tied to the material riches and today Jesus is telling that the disciples should have right faith in the promise and the call of the lord so that they can give up everything for the kingdom of heaven. He tells them that as in the case of Abraham they should be ready to believe in his promise of the heavenly kingdom.

Jesus tells them that they who have received much will be demanded of more. And Jesus is placing the spiritual above the material here. For the life of the disciple is not a life after the material wealth, that is why he tells them to sell what you have and give it to the poor to pursue the promise of the kingdom of heaven. And the sacrifice demanded to follow the spiritual is also higher. So let us ask the lord the graces to fix our goal in the kingdom of heaven and deepen our faith to pursue it with passion.

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



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Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 7 August

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 8 August

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

12.00 am Katoomba (School Mass)

TUESDAY 9 August

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 10 August

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 11 August

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 12 August

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

SATURDAY 13 August

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura



PLEASE NOTE:
Monday 15.8.22
there will be an
extra Mass for
the Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary at
6:30pm – St
Canice's. Normal
mass at 9.30
remains

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 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

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



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 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste.

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

15
DAYS



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

Please note that on Sunday 14 Aug
2022 at 11.30am in St Canice's hall
there will be an information
session about Fr John's Holy Land
Pilgrimage.

WVD LISBON 2023

22 DAYS JULY 21 - AUGUST 11

Register now: www.parrawyd.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

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](#)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING (Wisdom 18:6-9)

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSE Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING (Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Lk 12:35-40)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men and women waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

COMMUNION

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Invitation to participate in research

Seeking individuals from non-native English speaking backgrounds, who live in either the Blue Mountains or Hawkesbury, to participate in a study on access to information & the Waragamba Dam proposal. If interested, and happy to be interviewed, contact Olivia on 0466 179 307 or omul6537@uni.sydney.edu.au for more information.

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. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Virgin.
- TUE: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr.
- WED: St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr.
- THU: St. Clare, Virgin.
- FRI: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious.
- SAT: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs. NEXT SUN: 20h Sunday in Ordinary

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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