



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 14 August

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In today's gospel from Luke Jesus proclaims that His preaching of God's Kingdom is not only about espousing the ideals of justice, peace and equity but also about challenging people to return to God's Way...

"I have come to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were blazing already!"

The person and preaching of Jesus provoked conflict and choice.
In so doing, Jesus embraced the rôle of Prophet:
* calling people to account
* calling people to repentance and conversion
* calling people to embrace God's Will for them

In following the Lord we must also take up the mantle of 'prophet' to our own time...
And this is never easy.

It is never easy because it demands that we call society to account for its actions; we must be counter-cultural in our words and actions.
It is never easy because we must embrace the spiritual life in its totality, calling ourselves to account.
It is never easy because it demands more and more from us, so that we continually take up responsibility for the church's mission in this world.

Today the Lord calls each and everyone of us to rediscover the sharp taste of a Gospel which urges humanity to conversion and change.
In the coming week let us allow the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn brightly within us as we try to fulfill our baptismal rôle of 'prophet' in our own time!

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1. Don't forget the Parent Information Night for Confirmation this coming Wednesday at St Canice's School. The three parishes of the Upper Mountains (Blackheath, UBM, and Lawson) are having a combined programme and celebration this year.

2. Pilgrimage information Session at 11:30am Sunday 14th at St Canice's Church.

3. Solemnity of the Assumption (15August)... two masses...both at St Canice's: 9:30am and 6:30pm.

God bless you all.
Fr John



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 14 August
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 15 August
Mass 9:30am Katoomba
6:30pm am Katoomba

TUESDAY 16 August
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 17 August
Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 18 August
Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 19 August
Mass 12pm Katoomba
Adoration, confession

SATURDAY 20 August
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/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



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.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: PATRICIA ETHEL O' HALLORAN, 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

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
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.

Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September.

This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health.

We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons.

This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan.

We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community.

As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire!

With your enthusiastic support for our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, our Clergy Support Foundation can better care for our 21 retired priests and those clergy who are unwell, giving them comfort, professional health care, and guidance.

Season of Creation Camping Trip: 30 September – 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator.

When: Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022

Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50

For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

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:

Wentworth Falls Public School: Thursday mornings 9-9:30am combined classes lower primary K-2.

OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES

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WENTWORTH FALLS: Day St.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

MON: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TUE: St. Stephen of Hungary.

FRI: St. John Eudes, Priest.

SAT: St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor.

NEXT SUN: 21st 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.



**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.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 22

-28 August: Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BillingsOvulationMethod/posts/pfbid02hgoXax8qx9uGJpRV7nGfJSJR5VpZNJc6BbXUo7vcD9oss64wwwfh4H5N8ShGVJFvI>

POPE'S 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](#)

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSE Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:1-4)

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

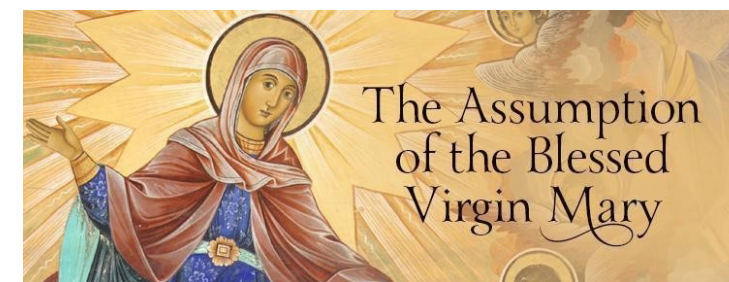
GOSPEL (Luke 12:49-53)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

COMMUNION

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The feast of the Assumption.

This Monday, 15 August, there will be an extra Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:30pm at St Canice's, Katoomba. The normal 9:30am Mass will also take place.

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