



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)."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 25 September

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

St Paul in today's second reading encourages Timothy (and, by extension, all of us) to 'fight the good fight of the faith'.

And we will do this if we listen to the Prophet Amos in our first reading and the parable of Jesus in the Gospel, and then take to heart the message of the Scriptures.

To be a true follower of Jesus Christ demands that we not only confess our failings but that we also admit that there are times when we overlook the poor person at our gate and forget the 'ruin of Joseph' in our midst.

In other words, we do not always respond to the need in front of our very eyes, preferring to avoid that which is uncomfortable and may make us change our direction towards the Lord and his Message of salvation.

These 'sins of omission' are just as great as the sins that we commit through our selfishness and short-sightedness.

Let us make certain that this week we reflect on our actions or lack thereof, and come back to the Lord and His Way with all our hearts and minds. Let us ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but the good we have failed to do!

1. We pray for Rebecca and Benjamin who will be married in St Bonaventure's Church this coming Wednesday. May the Lord bless their commitment to each other in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

2. Finance Committee Meeting for UBM Parish this Wednesday evening; and PPC for Sacred Heart Parish this coming Thursday evening.

3. There will be a Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting at Lawson this coming Saturday morning.

4. I am in the planning stage of having a training for present and future Readers and Senior Servers. Hopefully we can have these in the second half of October or early November. I would like to take our ministers through the various responsibilities of these two important liturgical ministries. Please email me with suggested times / days, so I can organise an acceptable time for everyone to attend.

Finally, my friends, don't forget that next Sunday morning (2/10) DAYLIGHT SAVING commences. Don't be late for mass!!

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 25 September

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 26 September

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 27 September

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 28 September

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 29 September

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 30 September

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

SATURDAY 1 October

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 10.30am 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: ALAN WEDESWEILER, EVELYN RUSSELL, FR JAMES PAGE, EDNA SWEENEY, PATRICIA ETHEL O' HALLORAN, RYAN JAMES GRANT, GRAHAM COHEN, 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 Hager, 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 Heining, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt

EMBRACE THE CALL TO GLOBAL MISSION

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th](#).



Palms Australia

Advent/Christmas program.

There will be 2 groups available in our church for the Advent/Christmas program. If you are interested in joining please contact Barbara Davidson on 0417 490 103

CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community! As volunteers in Parish Ministry, have each of us completed our Mandatory Safeguarding Training? If you would like to complete the training independently, click on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> or email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training in person this spring.

- Full-day week day training session on Monday 17 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.
- Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.
- Full-day weekend training session on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 3pm at St Matthew's Parish, Windsor.

To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

PARISH BULLETIN

For reasons of Covid safety, please take your bulletin home with you to read after Mass. Thank-you for your cooperation.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees": 25 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Please register at www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ or call 0476 873 519



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.

'Christianity is the world's most persecuted religion' Catholic outlook

For more information follow the link:

<https://catholicoutlook.org/christianity-is-the-worlds-most-persecuted-religion/>

2022-23 Social Justice Statement "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse" invites us to engage with a complex and challenging social reality: domestic and family violence and abuse. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety. Download the statement at www.bit.ly/SJS22-23

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE All that you have done for us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you, and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bountry of your mercy.

FIRST READING (Amos 6:1,4-7)

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria,

those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client.

Lying on ivory beds

and sprawling on their divans,

they dine on lambs from the flock,

and stall-fattened veal;

they bawl to the sound of the harp,

they invent new instruments of music like David,

they drink wine by the bowlful,

and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,

but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;

the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSE Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no one has seen and no one is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 16:1-13)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if they wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

COMMUNION

By this we came to know the love of God; that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs.

TUE: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest.

WED: St. Wenceslas, Martyr.

Sts. Laurence Ruiz and his Companions, Martyrs.

THU: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels.

FRI: St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor.

SAT: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor.

NEXT SUN: 27th 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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