



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)."

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 2 October

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In the first reading for this Sunday the Prophet Habakkuk encourages the Jewish people in time of trouble and oppression to believe that God knows what is best for them.

They have to wait PATIENTLY for their salvation.

As the Prophet declares: "The Lord will save; God is faithful".

In Paul's letter to Timothy, we see that there are other times when we cannot remain passive, but must do our part in cooperating with God's Grace; at times we need to stir up the Spirit within.

Faith in God is POWER to change us and the world around us.

And Jesus reminds his Disciples in Luke's text for today that there is indeed power in faith, for it can 'move mountains'.

And this powerful faith to which we are called is not just for our own benefit, but it is given to us so that we can be of SERVICE to others.

Such is today's theme in the Liturgy of the Word: Faith... Faith in its aspects of

PATIENCE (patient waiting for the Lord's Salvation)

POWER (stirring up the Spirit within)

SERVICE (being faithful to our responsibilities to others).

And finally, we should not expect a reward when we wait patiently for God, when we allow the Spirit to guide us, when we serve our neighbour.

We are simply following the example of our Lord as a matter of course.

We are merely DOING OUR DUTY in all these aspects of our Christian Faith and its practice!

1. The Funeral for Alan Wedesweiler, husband of Angela, our School's Religious Education Coordinator, will be at St Thomas Aquinas' Church Springwood on Tuesday (4/10) at 11am.

2. The 4th October is the celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - and we will celebrate this great saint with a BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS after 10:30am Mass next Sunday at St Canice's Church, commencing around 11:30am. Please feel free to bring your beloved animal companions to this simple blessing of God's creatures.

3. There will be NO 9:30am Mass at Wentworth Falls this Wednesday, as there will be a Funeral Mass at 11am at St Francis Xavier's for the late Jenny Johnson

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 2 October

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 3 October

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 4 October

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 5 October

Mass 11.00am Funeral mass Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 6 October

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 7 October

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Adoration, confession

SATURDAY 8 October

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

SUNDAY 9 October

11.30am: Blessing of the Animals

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED : MIKE THOMPSON, JENNY JOHNSON, AMANDA DAY, ALAN WEDESWEILER

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: EVELYN RUSSELL, 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 Hagar, 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.



Palms Australia

[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](#).

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:

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.

DIOCESAN FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR REFUGEES:

Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of Refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. You can organise a food and toiletries drive in your parish, school or workplace, or make a cash donation to support JRS and HoW. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

GLENBROOK PARISH MEMORABLE MELODIES CONCERT: 23 OCTOBER:

St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email glenbrook@parracatholic.org

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. Francis of Assisi

TUE: St. Bruno, Priest.

WED: Our Lady of the Rosary.

THU: St. Bruno, Priest.

FRI: Our Lady of the Rosary.

SAT: BVM.

NEXT SUN: 28th 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.

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

ROUSE HILL PARISH MASS OF DEPOSITING OF ST FAUSTINA AND ST JOHN PAUL II RELICS - 22 OCTOBER:

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be celebrating Mass for the Deposition of the first-degree Relics of St Faustina and St John Paul II on Saturday 22 October, the Feast of St John Paul II, at 5.30pm, with celebrations to begin with prayers at 4.30pm. The relics will be enshrined in a special chapel within the parish and will be kept on permanent display for veneration. All are invited to join in this joyful celebration.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING (Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4)

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how they flag, those whose soul is not at rights, but the upright person will live by their faithfulness.'

RESPONSE If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14)

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

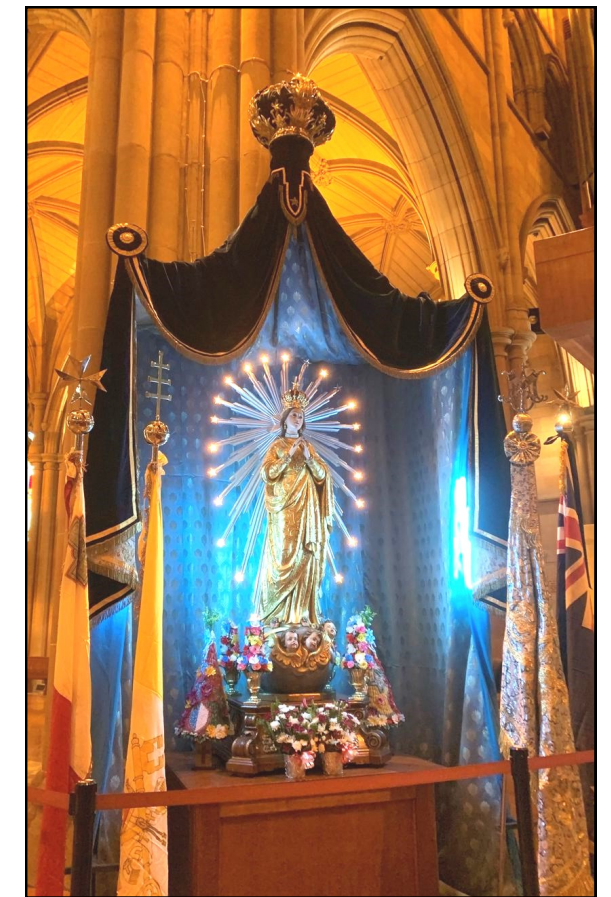
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 17:5-10)

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would you not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must you be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."



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