



# 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)."

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C | 9 October

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Gratitude to God for all that the Lord has given us flows through all three readings for this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word.

Naaman, the Syrian leper, wants to give the Prophet Elisha a gift to say thank you for his cleansing from leprosy. But the Prophet makes clear that it is GOD who has done the healing and it is the Lord who should be thanked because of this. Elisha is merely God's servant.

The Samaritan leper returns to give thanks to Jesus for his healing; indeed, he is so grateful to the Lord for doing what he did that he 'turned back praising God at the top of his voice'. And this grateful man is designated by Jesus as having been saved!

And even in the text from Paul to Timothy we can sense an attitude of gratitude: Jesus Christ has died for us, and this has brought about our salvation. And so we should express our thanks through holding firm and not being unfaithful to God's Word.

Our lives are full of moments in which our loving and compassionate God gifts us with untold graces. Such generosity from our Creator demands our gratitude. Like Naaman and the Samaritan leper, we need to offer thanks where it is due. Indeed, Thanksgiving is a very powerful aspect of prayer... our Eucharist is the Thanksgiving Prayer par excellence!

Of course, it's quite easy to thank God for the positive gifts given to us. What is much harder, but no less necessary, is to thank God for the things we do not understand, the difficult times in our lives.

Naaman and the Samaritan leper were both healed, which resulted in their gratitude to God, to Jesus.

What would have happened if they had remained unwell? It is then that FAITH is demanded of the believer: faith and trust in the God who brings good out of evil, who leads every creature to New Life.

And so, my friends, let us always give thanks to our loving and merciful God for all things that come our way... the good and the bad and everything in-between. And then 'everything' can become a reason for gratitude to God, for, after all, as Jesus says to the Samaritan leper who returned to give thanks: "Your 'faith' has saved you!"

1. After 10:30am Mass on the 9/10 (commencing around 11:30) there will be a Blessing of the Animals.

2. The Funeral Liturgy for Amanda Day will be in St Bonaventure's Church, Leura, on Tuesday 11th, commencing at 1pm.

Let us continue to keep each other in prayer during the week ahead.

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 10 October**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY 11 October**

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

**TUESDAY 12 October**

1.00pm funeral for Amanda Day

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

**WEDNESDAY 13 October**

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

**THURSDAY 14 October**

Mass 5.15pm Leura

**FRIDAY 15 October**

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Confession after Mass

**SATURDAY 16 October**

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

**SUNDAY 17 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.

**PARISH BULLETIN**

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

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

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** MIKE NOLAN, 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 Heininger, 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.



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[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>](#).

### 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.

### Catholic Mission appeal next weekend 22&23 Oct 2022

every year on World Mission Sunday weekend we hold our Catholic Mission Appeal. Envelopes will be available on the pews to contribute towards the leaving collection for this appeal. This year the appeal focus is the Church in Ethiopia, which is reaching to support those in most need, like many families in Emdibir who are farmers and by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition. Donations can also be made online

[catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia) or Freecall: 1800 257 296

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

### A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing emergency aid to over 5000 families, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan](http://www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan)

### ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

The aim of this prayer initiative is first of all to show that the trusting prayer of children can fly like an arrow straight to the heart of God and consequently has great influence. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary when prayed by children for peace and unity within families, within their own nation and in the whole world!

We are inviting families, catechists, teachers to pray the rosary together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. <https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/>

### 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](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)



### 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](http://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.

### 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

**ENTRANCE** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### FIRST READING (2 Kings 5:14-17)

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.'

But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**RESPONSE** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### SECOND READING (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.  
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
If we disown him, then he will disown us.  
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL (Luke 17:11-19)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

### 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:  
TUE: St. John XXIII, Pope.  
WED:  
THU:  
FRI: St. Callistus, Pope, Martyr.  
SAT: St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor.  
NEXT SUN: 29th 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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### COMMUNION

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.