



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)."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C 16 October

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

A theme of perseverance in prayer pervades our Liturgy today.

Perseverance in Prayer is all about having an attitude of openness to God's Will rather than expecting 'results' because of our persistence. Indeed, it is a realization that the Lord knows the best 'result' for us. We trust God, no matter what!

The First Reading from the Book of Exodus portrays Moses as mediating between God and the People of Israel. When Moses lifted his hands in prayers, Israel was victorious; when they dropped, disaster struck. Similarly, when we 'lift our hands' in prayer, then we remain open to the Holy Spirit; when we fail to pray, then our relationship with God falters.

The Parable of the Widow and the Dishonest Judge is similar in that the widow's perseverance leads her to remain open to a benefit in her case. And Jesus assures his audience that God will act in a like manner for us if we persevere in faithful prayer.

And, finally, Paul tells Timothy that perseverance in prayer leads to mission: a constant and open relationship in prayer with the Lord impels and strengthens us to tell the Good News to all.

In the coming week let's review our practice of prayer...

Are we truly open to what the Lord will do for us and others?

Are we willing to trust in the Lord's response to our 'asking'?

Does our relationship with God in prayer impel us to Mission?

1. If you would like to continue or begin to be rostered as a Reader or Senior Server / Acolyte for Sunday masses, then please let me know in writing over the next two weeks.

There will be Training Sessions for ALL continuing or new Readers and Senior Servers / Acolytes in November. I would like to update everyone on recent changes and future directions.

There will be an option for a Tuesday night from 6pm or Sunday morning from 11:30am for each ministry.

Please respond IN WRITING concerning your intentions.

2. Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection for this annual appeal to support the missions.

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 16 October

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 17 October

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 18 October

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 19 October

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 20 October

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 21 October

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Confession after Mass

SATURDAY 22 October

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

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.

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 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

Being with Grief: Sat 22nd Oct 2022 at 1.00pm—4.30 pm Springwood

Joy Bowen is an expert in the end-of-life care, counselling, bereavement space. Engaging, and compassionate with qualifications and extensive experience in grief and loss. This session will help you understand your experience of grief and develop tools for managing and developing a meaningful life around your loss.

The afternoon includes afternoon Tea. Cost \$80.00. Email to register: Joybowen@alwayspresence.com

Venue: The Macquarie Room, Springwood Sports club. 88 Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

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>



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/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.



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



SCAN ME

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER:

When: Melbourne Cup Day 1 November. Time: 12.30pm for Lunch and champagne: Where: 3 Easter Street Leura. Enquiries: Barbara Davidson phone 0417 490 103. Cost: \$25 per person. The wine is supplied by Tyler Wines. Money raised will go toward our pastoral needs. There will be sweeps, Melbourne Cup trivia, lucky door prize and raffle. If anyone has unwanted gifts that they would like to donate as prizes please drop off at address mentioned above. Tickets will be sold at all churches after Sunday Mass.

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 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

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/>

JOIN THE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

The Sydney-based Catholic Bushwalking Club seeking new members to join their club. Membership is not restricted to Catholics, and is open to all who share an interest in bushwalking and the outdoors. Membership offers a choice of graded walks for a variety of fitness levels on most weekends, and some on weekdays. To learn more about the Club and to become a member, visit <http://www.cbcsnw.org.au/> or call Adriana on 0478 919 427.

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. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr.
- TUE: St. Luke, Evangelist.
- WED: Sts. John of Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and their Companions, Martyrs.
- St. Paul of the Cross, Priest.
- SAT: St. John Paul II, Pope.
- NEXT SUN: 30th 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.

†NOVEMBER MASS LIST FOR HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY:

If you would like to have your deceased love ones remembered during the month of November please drop a Mass offering envelope with the deceased names on the front of the envelope, into the parish office in the coming weeks or during the month of November. Unless otherwise indicated the names will be published on the November Mass list including the name of the donor.

FUND RAISER FOR BLUE MOUNTAINS REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

Special Concert – Phillips Hall, Blackheath Community Centre Sunday 6 November – 2pm to 4:30pm

•Starring popular, award winning, hilarious songsterws and vaudeville entertainers Mic Conway and Robbie Long

•Special Guest – Kenya Wilkins – original composer and singer – including interview with Meg Benson about Kenya’s recent collaboration with imprisoned refugees

•Accompanied by The Heathens – Blackheath’s own talented choir. Tickets available through Humanitix - <https://events.humanitix.com/mic-conway-fundraiser>

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING (Exodus 17:8-3)

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses’ arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSE Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the one who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 18:1-8)

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said ‘who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for people, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”’

And the Lord said ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’ The Creed in Slow Motion



COMMUNION

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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