



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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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)."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C 23 October

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In Luke's Gospel for this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C), Jesus offers us a parable of extremes: the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector.

To be honest, the Pharisee is a good person: he offers up a prayer of thanks to God; he asks nothing for himself; he is not a hypocrite - what he says, he does. The problem is that he listens to himself when he prays: he is too preoccupied with himself and his actions that he has no time to listen to God. Furthermore, he judges others: "I am not like this tax-collector here..."

On the other hand, the Tax-Collector offers no prayer of thanks, but confesses his sins and calls upon God's Mercy. The emphasis in his prayer is on God's love and mercy, not on himself. He realises the great truth which the Pharisee overlooked: that everything flows from God's Grace, and we cannot achieve anything all by ourselves!

We can see ourselves in both the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector: but the Lord Jesus invites us to grow and develop in our Faith and Practice, learning the lesson of the text from Ecclesiasticus and the lessons Paul learnt in his service of the Gospel: we must all become poor-in-spirit, totally open to the action of God's Spirit in our lives.

1. We welcome Zena Mason in our church today as she receives the Sacraments of Initiation during the 10:30am Mass at Katoomba. Let us pray for her at this special time of grace in her life.

2. There is a PPC meeting this coming Thursday evening for Sacred Heart Parish; and a PPC Formation day on Saturday.

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 23 October

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 24 October

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 25 October

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 26 October

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 27 October

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 28 October

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Confession after Mass

SATURDAY 29 October

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

Expressions of Interest - Carers for

Noeleen: Companionship & practical support for 80 year old, in Blackheath in her lovely home. Starting date: approx. 7 November 2022. Female carers only - 2 to 3 casual carers required Monday to Friday. Shifts and hours: Morning shift 7am – 1pm, Afternoon-Evening shift 1pm – 8pm. For further information contact her daughter Jane: chmude@gmail.com or text 0409 155 124

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 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 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



SIXTY YEARS OF VATICAN II: In his opening address to the Second Vatican Council, 60 years ago this month, the pope, St. John XXIII, stated that: "The greatest concern of the Ecumenical Council is this, that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine should be more effectively defended and presented... that the Church never turn her eyes from the sacred heritage of truth which she has received from those who went before..." He said, "The twenty-first Ecumenical Council... wishes to transmit whole and entire and without distortion the Catholic doctrine which... has become the common heritage of humanity", adding that, what "is necessary today is that the whole of Christian doctrine, with no part of it lost, be received in our times by all with a new fervour, in serenity and peace, in that traditional and precise conceptuality and expression which is especially displayed in the acts of the Councils of Trent and Vatican I. As all sincere promoters of Christian, Catholic, and apostolic faith strongly desire, what is needed is that this doctrine be more fully and more profoundly known and that minds be more fully imbued and formed by it."

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.



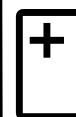
SUNDAY MASS: Live streaming of the Sunday 10.30am masses at St Canice's will continue. The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHti55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



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.

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 THIS 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

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.

FAREWELL AND THANKS

We wish Jenny and Barry Porter all the best for the future as they move out of the parish soon. We would also like to thank Jenny for all the volunteering and everything she has done in the parish over the years. God bless you both from all of us. Fr John

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.

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.

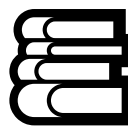
SAINTS THIS WEEK

- MON: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop.
- TUE:
- WED:
- THU:
- FRI: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles.
- SAT: BVM.

NEXT SUN: 31st 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->

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING (Ecclesiasticus 25:12-14, 16-19)

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor person, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. Those who with their whole heart serve God will be accepted, their petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble people's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives they are inconsolable nor will they desist until the Most High takes notice of them, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSE The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 18:9-14)

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of humankind and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



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