



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)."

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C 6 November

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In these last weeks of the Church's Liturgical Year we are encouraged by our Liturgy to reflect on the End of Time. Indeed, all three Scripture Readings for this penultimate Sunday of Ordinary Time are concerned with our preparations for the end of the world.

The early Christians we're not far removed from the Jesus Event (His Life, Death and Resurrection), and they were so convinced from the Lord's Teaching (an example of which is today's Gospel from Luke) that they believed the last days were going to occur in their own lifetimes!

They searched the Old Testament for prophetic texts that backed up this belief: our First Reading is one such text..."the day is coming..."

Although meant to encourage Christians to be faithful in their preparation to meet the Lord, there was also a downside to this expectation, as instanced in our Second Reading today... some just sat back and waited for the End, not pulling their weight in the Community! Paul attacks this quietistic attitude!

For us today, we need to reflect on 2 things:

1. Through our reflection and action we must make certain we are ready to see the Lord face-to-face!
2. We must go on quietly working for the Kingdom to become a reality in our world.

If we do this, we will hear the words of the Lord in the Gospel spoken to us: 'your endurance will win you your lives.'

1. Regarding Readers and Servers: Please Note the following times...

* for Upper Blue Mountains Parish, the Session for Readers will be either Sunday 22/11 at 11:30am or Tuesday 24/11 at 6pm; for Servers/Acolytes, the session will be either Tuesday 24/11 at 7pm or Sunday 4/12 at 11:30am.

* for Sacred Heart Parish, the Sessions will be Sunday 12/2/23 from 11am-12:30pm.

2. There will be NO MASS on Wednesday or Thursday this week. Both Fr Abraham and myself have other commitments that can't be changed. Our Apologies.

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 6 November

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 7 November

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 8 November

Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 9 November

Mass 9:30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 10 November

Mass 5.15pm Leura

FRIDAY 11 November

Mass 12pm Katoomba

Confession after Mass

SATURDAY 12 November

Mass 9am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

Confession 4:30-4:45pm Leura

Parish Christmas Party 2022

The parish Christmas party will be held on Sunday November the 27th after the 1030 Am mass at Katoomba hall .

Please contact Barbara on mobile on 0417 490 103 if able to donate food etc. Or help in anyway

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

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: MIKE NOLAN, EILEEN 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: Libby Harrison(Mary's daughter) 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 Heining, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt



SIXTY YEARS OF VATICAN II: Aggiornamento: In his first encyclical from 1959, the pope, St. John XIII, spoke of the upcoming Council, saying, "[The bishops] will consider, in particular, the growth of the Catholic faith, the restoration of sound morals among the Christian flock, and appropriate adaptation (aggiornamento) of Church discipline to the needs and conditions of our times." In a speech given in 1962, he said that, the Council "seeks to be a Council of updating, mainly for a deeper knowledge and love of revealed truth, for fervent religious piety, and for holiness of life." In 2012, in a short address on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, Pope Benedict XVI said that, the intuition St. John XIII "summarised in that word was and remains exact. Christianity must not be considered as 'something of the past', ...Christianity is always new... Christianity is a tree that is, so to speak, ever "timely", ever young. And this trend, this aggiornamento does not mean a break with tradition, but expresses its ongoing vitality; it does not mean reducing the faith, debasing it to the fashion of the times, measured by what pleases us by what pleases public opinion.

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

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth (Mother Theresa)."



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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2022

Every year we hold our Catholic Mission 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 catholic-mission.org.au/ethiopia or Freecall: 1800 257 296

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

MELBOURNE CUP:

We would like to say thank you to all those who contributed towards the Melbourne cup fundraiser both financially and with gifts and to those who attended the Melbourne cup. we raised more than \$2,000. The prize winners were \$200 voucher for pins restaurant– Dominic Art piece– Kristine Repolona, and the Picnic basket— Alex Sarah

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 13 NOVEMBER

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 13 November 2022 at The Hustle, Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury at 7pm. The speakers are Cardinal Joseph Coutts, Archbishop Emeritus of Karachi, Pakistan, and Miss Regina Lynch, International Head of Projects, ACN International (Germany). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the Witnesses of Faith; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship!

RED WEDNESDAY

23 November 2022 - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday

PARISH BULLETIN

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

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. There are two sessions: Wednesday's at 11.00am and 7.00pm. [Please note that the programme will start on Wednesday 23 November 2022](#)



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 loved 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 songsters 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->

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING (2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14)

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of God's laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at human hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

RESPONSE Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

SECOND READING (2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5)

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of

bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 20:27-38)

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are children of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all people are in fact alive.'

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 8
 Tue 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 Wed 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor
 Thu 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
 Fri 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
 Sat 13 BVM
 Next Sunday: 33RD 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
 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.