



# 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)."

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C 13 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.

3. If there are a few people who can help move items into the storage after 10.30 am mass next Sunday, I would be most grateful.

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 13 November**  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY 14 November**  
Mass 9:30am Katoomba

**TUESDAY 15 November**  
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura  
Mass 5:15pm Leura

**WEDNESDAY 16 November**  
NO MASS

**THURSDAY 17 November**  
NO MASS

**FRIDAY 18 November**  
Mass 12pm Katoomba  
Confession after Mass

**SATURDAY 19 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 .

Entry is by donation and we will have Christmas hamper raffle and need donations for the hamper

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:** Dignitatis Humanae (Of the Dignity of the Human Person) is a declaration of the Council on the right of the human person to religious freedom. It says that all men whether from coercion, legal measures or administrative action, on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, should not be forced to act in a manner contrary to their own beliefs, whether individually or collectively, privately or publicly, within due limits. The Council says that this right should be recognised in constitutional law and thus become a civil right. "Religious communities also have the right not to be hindered in their public teaching and witness to their faith, whether by the spoken or by the written word." "The family, since it is a society in its own original right, has the right freely to live its own domestic religious life under the guidance of parents... the right of parents are violated, if their children are forced to attend lessons or instructions which are not in agreement with their religious beliefs, or if a single system of education, from which all religious formation is excluded, is imposed upon all." *Continued next week.*

## 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>

## PARISH B-



SCAN ME



**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.

### 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday)

### MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: 25 NOVEMBER

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its first official Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 25 November at 10.30am at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Castle Hill Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

### GLENBROOK PARISH ADVENT CONCERT: 27 NOVEMBER

You are invited to St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's Advent Concert, as part of their 'Music for the Soul' series on Sunday 27 November at 3pm in the Parish Church. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### 2023 EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE + FIESTA

Once again, the parishes of the Blue Mountains Deanery will host the Epiphany Pilgrimage from 2 – 8 January 2023. You can be part of the celebrations and help welcome the pilgrims to our beautiful mountains by:

Participating in the full pilgrimage or otherwise joining for one or more days of bushwalking Praying and celebrating with them at the Blue Mountains parishes along the way Assisting with the festive meal when they visit us at St Canice's on Sat, Jan 7 2023

Writing prayer intentions for the pilgrims to pray on your behalf (see prayer box at the church entrance)

Children are welcome to join the fun: Day 1 (Mon, Jan 2) is a family-friendly pilgrimage walk finishing with a jumping castle and fiesta at St Finbars, Glenbrook!

To register for the pilgrimage and for more information, visit

[www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)

To assist with the festive meal at St Canice's, contact Barbara: 0417 490 103



### 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.

### 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

### PARISH BULLETIN

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

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

**ENTRANCE** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### FIRST READING (Malachi 3:19-20)

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**RESPONSE** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

### SECOND READING (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if they refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL (Luke 20:27-38)

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, people will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

### COMMUNION

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

### 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

- Tue 15 Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor
- Wed 16 Saint Margaret of Scotland  
Saint Gertrude, Virgin
- Thu 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Fri 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints  
Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Sat 19 BVM
- NEXT SUNDAY 20 CHRIST THE KING Solemnity

### 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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