



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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WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 January 2022

Mary, Mother of God

MONDAY 2 January

Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 3 January

Confession 4:45-5:05pm Leura

Mass 5:15pm Leura

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

WEDNESDAY 4 January

Mass 9:30am W-Falls

THURSDAY 5 January

Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 6 January

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 7 January

Mass 9:00am Katoomba

Confession 9:30am Katoomba

USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)

Wentworth Falls 8am

Katoomba 10:30am

Leura 5pm

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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BULLETIN NOTICES

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 February 2023: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER

An Update from the Office for Safeguarding. New Year's Dash: Face-to-Face Safeguarding Training Opportunities to Kick Off the New Year! Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training yet? April 2023 will mark the first two years of our Mandatory Safeguarding Training Program. This year over 700 people across the Diocese have completed their training in face-to-face sessions. For those who are yet to complete their initial Mandatory Safeguarding Modules, we are offering a 'New Year's Dash' Package of Training Opportunities in readiness for ministry in 2023. Contact the Parish Office to find locations, days of the week and times of Training Packages that best suit you. You can register for these by emailing: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org Of course, you are still most welcome to 'sign up' to our online Safeguarding Training Platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

ST CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS: We are still taking enrolments for 2023. Interested families can call the office on 02 4780 6800 for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023: The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

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)." Call Catherine 0420 337 033 if interested in signing up or for more information.

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God Year A

ENTRANCE : Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING (Numbers 6:22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

RESPONSE : May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING (Galatians 4:4-7)

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (Luke 2:16-21)

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.



"We may be tempted to say, 'our Lord is enough for me. I have no need of her'. But He needed her, whether we do or not."
-Ven. Fulton Sheen

"After the love which we owe Jesus Christ, we must give the chief place in our heart to the love of His Mother Mary."
-St. Alphonsus Liguori

COMMUNION : Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

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