



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

PARISH CONTACTS

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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
Blackheath 9.15 am
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
FRI: 4.00pm Megalong (3rd Fri of the month)
SAT: 9am Katoomba
SAT: 6.00pm Mt Victoria

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)."

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

YEAR A - 9 April 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

With the Christian communities throughout the world we celebrate this
great Feast of Resurrection once again.

We rejoice that the Resurrection of Christ speaks to us all of our future:
alive with our Creator God for all eternity.

We have walked with Christ from his triumphant Entry into Jerusalem on
Palm Sunday through the difficult days of His Passion and Crucifixion.
And now we witness the Empty Tomb and hear the words: "He is not
here. He is Risen"!

As we celebrate Easter 2023 let us acknowledge those Christian
communities in our world that are suffering war, persecution and
injustice: let us join our prayers with theirs for a world that is peaceful
and just, a world without intolerance and condemnation, a world where
unconditional love in imitation of God's Love for all prevails.

On behalf of Fr Abraham, Deacon Alan and Jaclyn Skofic, and our
Secretary, Christine Burke, may I wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter
celebration with family and friends.

God Bless you all!

Fr John

Next Sunday, 16th April, we will thank Fr Abraham for his nearly 3 years
ministry in our upper mountains Parishes.

After the 9:15am Mass at Blackheath there will be a special morning tea
in Sacred Heart Hall.

And after the 10:30am Mass at Katoomba there will be another
celebratory morning tea in St Canice's Hall.

If you haven't yet had a chance to put something in the special collection
basket to give a gift to Fr Abraham, feel free to do so this weekend.



Please mute your mobile at Mass.
Thank-you for your courtesy.



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9 April

MONDAY 10 April
Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 11 April
Confession 4:45-5:00pm Leura
Mass 5:15pm Leura

WEDNESDAY 12 April
Mass 9.30am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 13 April
Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 14 April
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 15 April
Mass 9:00am Katoomba

SUNDAY 16 April
Octave day of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

**Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv,
Bishop of Parramatta, has
released his video message for
Easter 2023.**

You can view on YouTube channel at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33IB11hZSWo>

RECENTLY DECEASED : FRED PATEMAN

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: STEPHANNIE MURPHY, GRAHAM WILSON LAW ,JOAN 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: Lloyd Stormer, Margaret Aboud, Patricia Walters, Michael Josephs, Libby Harrison, Gerard Wolthers, Judy Skipper, Millie Robin-
son, Maureen O'Halloran, Eleanor Russell, Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagor, 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 Wol-
thers, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heiningner, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC PARISH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday: 7.00pm (Katoomba).
Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 9.00am (Wentworth Falls);
9.30am (Leura); 10.00am (Katoomba)
Good Friday: 3.00pm (Katoomba)
Easter Vigil: 7.00pm (Katoomba)
Easter Sunday: 8.00am (Wentworth Falls)
Easter Sunday: 9.00am (Leura) No evening Mass
Easter Sunday: 10.30am (Katoomba)

SACRED HEART BLACKHEATH

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Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
Good Friday: 3.00pm
Easter Vigil 7.00pm
Easter Sunday: 9.30am

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

"The purpose of a holy hour is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. The
holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to converse with Him, to
ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship
with Him (Ven. Fulton Sheen)."



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.

Easter Raffle

PARISH FUNDRAISING:

"Easter hamper raffle".

Many thanks to those who have given so generously to the hamper contributions

Raffle drawn next weekend 16 April at Fr Abraham's farewell

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit seminarians thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will help our Holy Spirit Seminary to support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests for His people. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.



MISSION: ONE HEART, MANY VOICES CONFERENCE: 3-5 MAY

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Date: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2023.

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney.

For more information, visit www.mohmv.com.au.

Easter Offertory

Alleluia! He is risen.

Please scan to Give and support our parish's ministry and pastoral care or you can use the envelopes that are on the pews.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 6-7 MAY

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 6 – 7 May. If COVID restrictions prevent a face-to-face weekend, it will be held via Zoom. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

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

OCTAVE OF EASTER
NEXT SUNDAY 16 OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

16th April at Leura. Come celebrate this great Feast Day. Starting at 3.00pm. All are welcome

Project Compassion

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION YR A

ENTRANCE The Lord is risen, alleluia!
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 10:34. 37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSE This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING (Colossians 3:1-4)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 28:1-10)

After the sabbath, and toward dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him.' Now I have told you." Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. "Greetings," he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there."

COMMUNION

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

