



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

4th Sunday of Easter

YEAR A - 30 April 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Christ has come that we may have life and have it to the full.

Our faith is about flourishing. Both as individuals and as the world.

In the Gospel Christ calls us into relationship with Himself. We need to know
His voice so that we don't get lead astray.

The importance of this is borne out if you read the bible verses preceding this
week's reading (John 9: 13-41). It's about Jesus healing the man born blind and
the Pharisees refusing to believe, hiding behind their rules to find an excuse to
reject Christ. They eventually had Christ executed, again using their rules to
justify their selfish motives.

That's the reason for the failure of the Covenant of the Old Testament. The
Jews took the Covenant and used it as a status symbol both individually and as
a nation to differentiate themselves from others and claim moral superiority. It
was a grab for status, power, self-image, instead of a means for relationship
with God and the world around them. This is what St Peter points out in the
first reading and calls them to change.

The teachings, attitudes and values propagated by the Pharisees, taken on and
espoused by the people led to death. Not only the death of Christ but misery,
poverty, injustice and the eventual destruction of Jerusalem (Mathew 23).

So, we need to desire with all our hearts, a relationship with Christ. To hear His
voice and differentiate it from the voices of those who speak to us not through
Him. Then we will open ourselves to others, stand with them, suffer with them,
and understand them. We need to pray for this, to contemplate this and to
strive to see the Kingdom come where we will flourish.

May God bless you all. Deacon Alan.

Dear Friends.

I am very happy to be here at Upper Blue Mountains Parish. I arrived last
Thursday and am still settling in. My mission as a priest is to serve God and the
parishioners of Sacred Heart and Upper Blue Mountains Parish.

May the Lord bless you all.

Fr Peter Lamont



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 30 April

MONDAY 1 May
Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 2 May
ANZAC DAY

WEDNESDAY 3 May
Funeral Mass 1.00pm Katoomba

THURSDAY 4 May
Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 5 May
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 6 May
Mass 9:00am Katoomba

SUNDAY 7 May
5th Sunday of Easter

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>



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

"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.



Be part of the journey towards our DIOCE-
SAN SYNOD!

Have your voice heard and listen to how
the Holy Spirit is guiding us here in the
Diocese of Parramatta.

You're invited to the Blue Mountains
Deanery Listening Consultation on Saturday 20 May from
7:30pm to 9:30pm,

at Springwood. Since Bishop Vincent's installation as pas-
tor of our Diocese he has wanted to build on the previous
pastoral plan and "*chart a new pathway for the Diocese.*"

We are very pleased that Bishop Vincent will be attending
the Blue Mountains Consultation on 20th May.

Please RSVP by 16th May by registering on this
link https://parracatholic.org/synod_getinvolved/

Click on "Attend your Deanery Consultation" . For more
information about the Synod visit www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

FEAST OF PENTECOST: Our parish will mark this year's Pen-
tecost Sunday (May 28th) with a celebration of a diversity
and culture of our parishioners. After 10:30am Mass at St
Canice's Katoomba we will be celebrating the day with a
wide variety of ethnic flavours from all the various back-
grounds of our parishioners with a selection of foods to
enjoy in the parish hall. Entry by donation. We will also be
offering Prayers of the Faithful in the native languages of
our parishioners to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and
Christ's message for all peoples. If you would like to read a
prayer of intercession in your native language or contrib-
ute a dish of food to the event after Mass please contact
Barbara Davidson on 0417 490 103. Barbara will speak at
all the Sunday Masses on 20/21 May to promote the
event. Help us mark this important feast day with a cele-
bration of our parish's rich diversity and please join us for
the extravaganza of foods after 10:30am Mass.

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours at St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10amTo register: <https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=CA84KKR7PLE83WNE>

St Canice Parish in partnership with the School are running Children’s liturgy!

When: During 10:30 Sunday mass, exit after the opening pray, return by the offertory procession

Operating: Throughout the school term.

How: With material approved by the diocese, including readings, the gospel reading in cartoons, reflections and colourful activities.

Parents: Are welcome to attend.

Organiser: Jeremy Brown

We need you! Children’s liturgy must have two volunteers per Sunday. If you wish to cater for young families and enjoy working with Children please call Jeremy. on 0428 174 999

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Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567



ST. CANICE’S SCHOOL NEWS:

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

Biggest Morning Tea

The Combined Churches of Blackheath will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser on **Thursday May 25 commencing at 10:00am until 12:30pm in the RSL sub branch hall, Bundarra St, Blackheath.**

Save the date on your calendar and join us for a delicious morning tea raising money for cancer research.

All Welcome!

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 19 May

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. Please register at marriage@parracatholic.org

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

ENTRANCE The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 2:14, 36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSE The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING (1 Peter 2:20-25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said:

‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

COMMUNION

The good shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED : LLOYD STOERMER, 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: John Brell, Margaret Aboud, Patricia Walters, Michael Josephs, Libby Harrison, Gerard Wolthers, Judy Skipper, Millie Robinson, Maureen O’Halloran, Eleanor Russell, Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagor, Mary Sullivan, Kathleen Hayes-Gilson, Evelyn Maw, Wanda Hefferman, 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

<p>OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES</p> <p>ST CANICE’S KATOOMBA: Katoomba St.</p> <p>ST. BONAVENTURE’S LEURA: Railway Pde & Hartley Esp.</p> <p>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER’S WENTWORTH FALLS: Day St.</p>	<p>SAINTS THIS WEEK</p> <p>Mon 1 Saint Joseph the Worker Tue 2 Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor Wed 3 SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES Feast</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS</p> <p>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.</p>
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