



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Leura 5pm (Saturday)
Mt Victoria 6.00pm (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

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)."

Pentecost

YEAR A - 28 May 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

The disciples come out from their room, where they were closed in for fear of the Jews and they engage with everyone they meet outside, speaking the language of the person to spread the Gospel of Christ, the coming of the Kingdom of God.

This passage is for us, the Church today. We need to really believe in God, not that God exists, but that God will take care of us no matter what difficulties arise and so leave our fears behind.

Freed from fear we can go out to build relationships with all those we meet. These relationships are bonds between God and the world. We are the bond because we are in Christ.

But to be effective we need to build our relationship with Christ. We need to be in Christ and Christ in us. We don't operate alone, we only function through Him, with Him and in Him. Through Christ we attain the Spirit which gives us understanding, frees us from fear and let's us use the gifts that the second reading talks about to build relationships with people.

So, as we pray, contemplate and seek Christ in our lives let's not forget that our faith is not a private faith. We seek unity with Christ so as to bring about unity of all of humanity with Him. We seek to bring the Spirit into the world through us uniting the world to Christ. That's our mission, our vocation.

May God bless you all

Deacon Alan.

SAVE THE DATE:

All 5 Saturdays of July Fr John will offer another Bible study. "An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew". It will be held once again at St Bonaventure's Leura from 3—4.30 pm. All Welcome

Mass at Katoomba will revert to 10.am from the First Sunday of JUNE. Also, Blackheath will revert to 9.30am on the same weekend



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 28 May

MONDAY 29 May
Mass 9:30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 30 May
Mass 5.15 Leura

WEDNESDAY 31 May
Mass 9.30 am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 1 June
Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 2 June
Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 3 June
Mass 9:00am Katoomba

SUNDAY 4 June
Pentecost

Pope's Prayer Intentions For May 2023.

For Church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world

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/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



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.

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?

Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard.

In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm

at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown

Please register for this mandatory training at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Any questions about this, email Maria Kervin, at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org . .

1ST CONFESSION preparation will begin this Wednesday 31st May at 6:15pm in St Canice's Church (1st Communion is postponed to Term 4, 2023). Enrolments will be taken at this session. This Sacrament is for children in Year Three (and above). If not baptised in this parish please bring copy of Baptism certificate. For further information please contact the parish office 4782 2804 or email blue-mountains@parracatholic.org

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE AT EMERTON

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.



FEAST OF PENTECOST

Our parish will this year's Pentecost 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 backgrounds of our parishioners with a selection of foods to enjoy in the parish hall. Entry by donation. Please join us for the extravaganza of foods after 10:30am Mass.

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au

SYNOD: LISTENING CONSULTATION

60 people gathered in small groups of 5 at Springwood from across the whole Blue Mountains Deanery last Saturday evening at Springwood for a wonderful time of listening and sharing. Bishop Vincent addressed us all at the end and was in one of the small groups. We are invited to engage in local gatherings, small and large also and can submit our own individual submission. <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023> please see the video recap <https://fb.watch/kGUmr23Huf/>

RECENTLY DECEASED: BRIAN MCGUIGAN, WANDA HEFFERNAN, LLOYD STOERMER.

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, Gerard Wolthers, Judy Skipper, Millie Robinson, Maureen O'Halloran, Eleanor Russell, Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagor, Mary Sullivan, Kathleen Hayes-Gilson, Evelyn Maw, 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, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heining, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt.

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 29 Mary, Mother of the Church
 Wed 31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 Thu 1 Saint Justin, Martyr
 Fri 2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
 Sat 3 Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs
 NEXT SUN: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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: 5.00pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.
 SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after, Katoomba.

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 Also Springwood and Lithgow



ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

21 DAYS BACK TO GOD.

Journalist Bob Cameron has written a deeply personal account of his return to the Church. Titled *21 Days Back to God – After 40 Years of Running Away*, his book is an inspiring step-by-step spiritual guide for others considering the pilgrimage of return. It is \$18.95 per copy at coventrypress.com.au/index.php?route=common/home Or ordered from Catholic bookstores such as: orders@paulinebooks.com.au and sanctuscatholicgifts@gmail.com



PENTECOST YEAR A

ENTRANCE The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

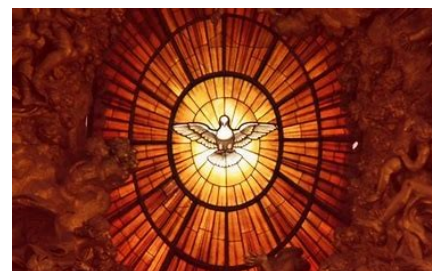
RESPONSE Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless one is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.



SEQUENCE (Veni, Sancte Spiritus)

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in us will stay All our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

COMMUNION
 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.