



# ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.  
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## USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)  
Mt Victoria 5pm (Saturday)  
Wentworth Falls 8am  
Blackheath 9:30 am  
Katoomba 10am  
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: 4pm 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)."

## The Most Holy Trinity

YEAR A - 4 June 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In the first reading and the Gospel God is revealed as a loving God.

In the Gospel Jesus explains to Nicodemus, that God so loves the world  
that He only wants it to be saved. He doesn't want to condemn anyone.

The Gospel points out that salvation comes from believing in the Son of  
God and this brings Eternal Life. In John 17:3 Jesus defines eternal life by  
saying: "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

There are two things here: belief and knowing.

From the Gospel we see that belief brings knowing. Belief in Christ  
means trust in Christ. Letting Him rule our hearts, our minds our wills.  
Submitting to His ways in our life. Letting His attitudes become our  
attitudes and in doing this we will come to understand the depths of love  
He has for us. Coming to appreciate, but it's more than just an  
appreciation, it's experience of that love, this is the birth in the Spirit  
which Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus just before the Gospel passage  
where He says: "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of  
God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to  
flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3: 5-6).

What's this got to do with the Trinity? It's us being reanimated by the  
Spirit of God, through Christ so that we can become part of Christ and  
consequently united to the Trinity. God wants us to experience His love,  
but this means that we need to be embraced, engulfed in it. That's what  
unity with God means.

How do we gain this unity? Through the Spirit. By prayer, contemplation,  
and presence. These things open us to the Spirit. These things open us to  
espouse the attitudes of Christ.

Please consider presence. Let's be present to everything we think, say,  
do, eat and where we are. We will not only discover ourselves, but we  
will discover the beauty and love of God when we become present to all  
the wonderful moments, we experience every day. We will come to  
realise that in each of these moments God is waiting to embrace us.

May God bless you all . Deacon Alan.

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 4 June

Mass 9.30am Blackheath  
Mass 10.00am Katoomba

### MONDAY 5 June

Mass 9.30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 6 June

Mass 5.15 Leura

### WEDNESDAY 7 June

Mass 9.30 am Wentworth Falls

### THURSDAY 8 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### FRIDAY 9 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

### SATURDAY 10 June

Mass 9:00am Katoomba

### SUNDAY 11 June

## 1ST CONFESSION POSTPONED.

Due to unforeseen circumstances First  
reconciliations has been postponed to 9  
August. Confirmation sessions will now  
start on 28 June.

For further information please contact  
the parish office 4782 2804 or email  
[bluemountains@parracatholic.org](mailto:bluemountains@parracatholic.org)

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am - 2.30pm

at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown

Please register for this mandatory training at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) . .

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

Thank you for being the face of Christ to our First Nations people. Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support. This will provide life-changing support to First Nations people and anyone experiencing hardship. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code.



**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](http://www.savecalvary.com.au)

**SYNOD: LISTENING CONSULTATION**

We are invited to engage in local gatherings, small and large also and can submit our own individual submission. <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023>

**REFUGEE WEEK CREATIVE SHOWCASE: 16 JUNE**

Join us for an inspiring event featuring participants of the JRS Australia Leadership Program reflecting on this year's Refugee Week theme: 'Finding Freedom'. Experience a creative showcase including speeches, poetry, short film and art on Friday 16 June at 6pm at the Cloister Room, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Parking available onsite. RSVP via <https://bit.ly/refugeeweekshowcase>

**PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS**

Thank you to all who were involved in preparations and those who gave so generously their time and donation of food dishes. we raised \$140 which will go towards the maintenance of our parish.

**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 Morphet, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heinger, 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 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr
- Tue 6 Saint Norbert, Bishop  
Saint Marcellin Champagnat
- Fri 9 Saint Ephraem, Deacon, Doctor
- Sat 10 Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT SUNDAY: The Body and Blood of our Lord.

**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.



**ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:**

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Christian Harrington on his full Initiation into the Catholic Church last Sunday. God bless you always

**FINDING FREEDOM**

**BLUE MOUNTAINS REFUGEE WEEK RALLY LAWSON SUNDAY 25th June 2-4pm GWH/SOMERS ST SPEAKERS BRING PLACARDS/BANNERS DEMO BESIDE HIGHWAY**



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A**

**ENTRANCE** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for God has shown us his merciful love.

**FIRST READING (Exodus 34:3-6, 8-9)**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

**RESPONSE** Glory and praise for ever!.

**SECOND READING (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)**

Brothers and sisters, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (John 3:16-18)**

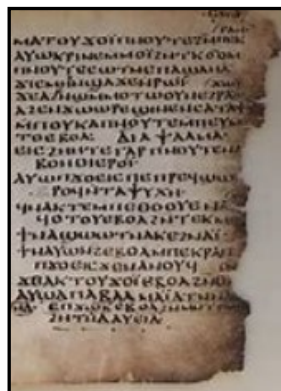
Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because they have refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



**COMMUNION**

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba Father.



**SAVE THE DATE**

All 5 Saturdays of July Fr John will offer a Bible study: "An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew". It will be held at Leura from 3-4.30 pm. All Welcome.



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*...it's time we had a talk*

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