



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

YEAR A - 11 June 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

As we celebrate the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) this weekend, I felt the need to offer some instructions on the correct way to receive the Eucharist at mass. As Parish Priest, it is my responsibility to encourage everyone to follow the guidelines of our Church with regard to the Reception of the Lord in Holy Communion.

Please be aware that the Australian Bishops' Conference a number of years ago has asked us not to genuflect before receiving Communion, but to bow. Although genuflection is part of western Christianity's Tradition (flowing from the obeisance offered the Emperor in Rome and adopted for the Liturgy), WH&S needs demand that we simply bow, so as to avoid tripping the person behind us. Furthermore, kneeling to receive communion is a similar difficulty, being a major trip hazard.

When you receive communion, please place your main hand under your other hand, and allow the Priest or Minister to place the host there, before you 'Take and Eat' with your main hand. Do not attempt to grab the host; nor put your finger on it before the minister has withdrawn his/her fingers - both actions can create hygiene issues.

If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please stick your tongue out and allow the Priest or Minister to place it on your tongue. It is preferable that you close your eyes and not lunge towards the host; this can result in the minister's hand being licked - a more serious hygiene issue.

Of course, when the minister says 'The Body of Christ', you must say "AMEN"; in so doing you are declaring that you believe in Christ's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

I offer all these comments for everyone's reflection, so that the receiving of the Eucharist is faithful to the living Tradition of our Church, as adapted to contemporary needs.

God Bless you all.

Fr John

1. I will be in Adelaide for the coming week, joining with all members of my Ordination Class in celebrating our 40th Anniversary of Ordination.



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 11 June

Mass 9.30am Blackheath
Mass 10.00am Katoomba

MONDAY 12 June

Mass 9.30am Katoomba

TUESDAY 13 June

Mass 5.15 Leura

WEDNESDAY 14 June

Mass 9.30 am Wentworth Falls

THURSDAY 15 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

FRIDAY 16 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 17 June

Mass 9:00am Katoomba

SUNDAY 18 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

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 10.00am 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.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES FROM 3RD JULY

After discussions with members of the Parish Councils of both parishes of which I am Parish Priest, as well as with a number of other frequent weekday mass goers, it has been decided that the weekday times and places will be as follows from Monday 3rd July: Monday-Thursday & Saturday... 9am; Friday... MIDDAY.

Mondays: St Canice's, Katoomba — 9.00am

Tuesdays: St Bonaventure's, Leura — 9.00am

Wednesdays: Sacred Heart, Blackheath — 9.00am

Thursdays: St Francis Xavier's, Wentworth Falls — 9.00am

Fridays: St Canice's, Katoomba — MIDDAY

Saturdays: St Canice's, Katoomba — 9.00am

Although this will impact on some, it is hoped that this will be easier for most.

It will be in place for a 6 months trial period, after which feedback will be welcomed.

God Bless you all. Fr John

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

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>

MAGI PILGRIMAGES

Fr. Brendan Murphy from Our lady of Rosary Parish, St Mary's would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 9th October 2023. This pilgrimage features Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Oviedo, Turin, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8940. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

RECENTLY DECEASED: KEN DAVIDSON, 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.

<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>Tue 13 Saint Antony of Padua, Priest, Doctor</p> <p>Fri 16 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity</p> <p>Sat 17 The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.</p>
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ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.

MON: 9:00am before Mass, Katoomba.

TUE: 4:30pm D-Mercy, Rosary, Exposition, Leura.

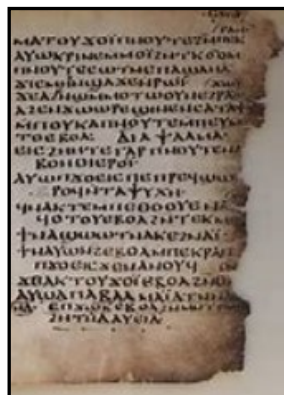
WED: before 9:00am Mass, Wentworth Falls.

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.




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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ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL NEWS:

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

REFUGEE WEEK FILM - WATANDAR
One of the events being sponsored by Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group .

Wednesday, 21 June 2023:6:00 PM
(ends 7:40 PM)


MT VIC FLICKS—HARLEY AVE MT VICTORIA



Join us for a Q&A screening with the team behind Watandar!

Watandar (My Countryman)
a film by Afghan filmmaker Muzafar Ali
inspired by the heritage of Afghan cameleers in Australia.

REFUGEE WEEK 2023 — FINDING FREEDOM
Tickets thru Try Booking Explore Events



MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: A

ENTRANCE He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-15)
Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to make you understand that one does not live on bread alone but that one lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your ancestors had not known.'

RESPONSE Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)
The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 3:16-18)
Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

COMMUNION
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them, says the Lord.