



# 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)."

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 18 June 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The last line in today's Gospel is so powerful that it is worthy of great reflection:

"You received without charge; give without charge".

What Jesus declared to the Apostles in preparation for their first apostolic mission to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, He says to us in our own time... the proclamation of the Good News in both Word and Deed is something that is integral to our lives as Disciples; it is not optional, nor is it something that we can profit from!

Rather, it is something that we gladly do, for it is part of our DNA as Christians.

We cannot do otherwise than tell of the joys of the Gospel to all whom we meet.

And we must give of ourselves and from our many gifts to all.

In imitating the unconditional giving of Himself for the Salvation of the world, we, too, are people who give without counting the cost.

Let us reflect on these words of the Lord during the coming week.

God Bless you all, Fr John

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Mondays: St Canice's, Katoomba;  
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Wednesdays: Sacred Heart, Blackheath;  
Thursdays: St Francis Xavier's, Wentworth Falls;  
Fridays: St Canice's, Katoomba  
Saturdays: St Canice's, Katoomba.

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2. Confirmation Preparation sessions 2023. Four preparation sessions (Last week of Term 2, first three weeks of Term 3) Wednesdays 6:30pm St Canice's Katoomba. Students in Yr 5 & above and have received 1st Communion. Enrolments taken on 1st session 28th June. Completion of all four sessions required in order to make Confirmation 10am Sunday Parish Mass 6th August.



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



## WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 18 June

Mass 9.30am Blackheath  
Mass 10.00am Katoomba

### MONDAY 19 June

Mass 9.30am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 20 June

Mass 5.15 Leura

### WEDNESDAY 21 June

Mass 9.30 am Wentworth Falls

### THURSDAY 22 June

Mass 5:15pm Leura

### FRIDAY 23 June

Mass 12pm Katoomba

### SATURDAY 24 June

Mass 9:00am Katoomba

### SUNDAY 25 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>



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**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.

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**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>

**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](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

**THE DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE IS ON AGAIN IN 2023!**

Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495), scan the QR code or contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org



**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



**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**ENTRANCE** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**FIRST READING** (Exodus 19:2-6)

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the children of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

**RESPONSE** We are his people; the sheep of his flock.

**SECOND READING** (1 Corinthians 5:6-11)

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful humanity. It is not easy to die even for a good person – though of course for someone really worthy, one might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 9:36-10:8)

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sicknesses.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



**COMMUNION**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** KEN DAVIDSON, BRIAN MCGUIGAN, WANDA HEFFERNAN, LLOYD STOERMER.

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** BERNARD & HAZEL GLASHEEN, 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:** Aniline Crisostomo, Abbey De Guzman, John Brell, Margaret Aboud, Patricia Walters, Michael Josephs, Gerard Wolthers, Judy Skipper, Millie Robinson, Maureen O'Halloran, Eleanor Russell, Andrzej Krawczyk, Eleanor Hagar, 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 Heining, Julie Wulss, Edwin Wulff, Maud Hunt.

**OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES**

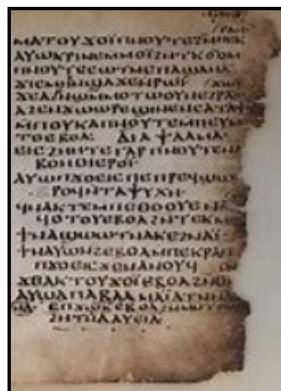
- ST CANICE'S KATOOMBA:**  
Katoomba St.
- ST. BONAVENTURE'S LEURA:**  
Railway Pde & Hartley Esp.
- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S WENTWORTH FALLS:** Day St.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

- Mon 19 Saint Romuald, Abbot
- Wed 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
- Thu 22 Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
- Fri 23 Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
- Sat 24 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST Solemnity

**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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