



# 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: 9am Katoomba  
TUE: 9am Leura  
WED: 9am Blackheath  
THU: 9am Wentworth Falls  
FRI: 12pm Katoomba  
FRI: 4pm Megalong (3rd Fri of the month)  
SAT: 9am Katoomba

## USUAL CONFESSION TIMES

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)."

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

There are a numbers of sayings in today's gospel that speak to us of  
Discipleship.

1. Family ties are important and should be treasured, but must never be allowed to stop us from being faithful to God. Priorities must be kept in the right order with God always first.
2. We cannot be a follower of Christ without Sacrifice, because true Discipleship means following the Lord along the Way of the Cross. Sacrifice is integral to faithful Christian living.
3. Christian life is full of paradoxes: in willingly giving up something to which we are entitle for the sake of the Kingdom, we receive so much back in a myriad of different ways.
4. In making others feel they belong, we welcome Christ among us; we must never 'shut the door' on those in need.
5. We are encouraged to support the spiritual gifts we see in others, joyfully appreciating the graces that God has given to our sisters and brothers.
6. All that we do must be for the up building and care of our neighbour, even to the simple act of giving a cup of water to someone who is thirsty. The face of Christ is always before us, asking for us to help Him carry His Cross!

Let's reflect on these texts in the coming week.

1. Please note that all weekday masses will be at 9am (except Fridays) from now on.
2. Please note the Invitation to attend the Discernment morning for our Diocesan Synod at Sacred Heart Church on 16 July in the bulletin on page 3

God Bless you all.  
Fr John



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



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

### 13th Sunday Ordinary Time 2 July

Mass 8am Wentworth Falls  
Mass 9.30am Blackheath  
Mass 10.00am Katoomba  
Mass 5pm Leura

### MONDAY 3 July

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 4 July

Mass 9.00am Leura

### WEDNESDAY 5 July

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

### THURSDAY 6 July

Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

### FRIDAY 7 July

Mass 12pm Katoomba

### SATURDAY 8 July

Mass 9:00am Katoomba  
Mass Vigil 5pm Leura  
Mass Vigil 5pm Mt Victoria

### 14th Sunday Ordinary Time 9 July

Mass 8am Wentworth Falls  
Mass 9.30am Blackheath  
Mass 10.00am Katoomba  
Mass 5pm Leura

### 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)

### 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

### 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>



**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/UCHtj55rsvGDOqCDN7mldNQ>.



**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.

### Wednesday morning Mass at Sacred Heart Blackheath

Following the 9:00am Mass you are warmly invited to join parishioners and members from our local wider community for a cuppa and conversation at our weekly Sacred Heart Community morning tea.

The morning tea is held in the church hall, from 9:30-12 noon. Good plunger coffee, leaf tea in pots and delicious home baked treats are served. All Welcome!

### Divine Retreat Centre offerings in July

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend retreats throughout July, including its healing services, a Family Growth retreat and its monthly one-day pilgrimage. For more information and bookings, please contact (02) 43721598 or email [dricsydney@gmail.com](mailto:dricsydney@gmail.com) to confirm attendance. Visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org) for more information.



SCAN ME

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Your next packet of Planned Giving envelopes for the coming financial year (commencing at the start of July) is now available to be collected at the church entrance. Each person's name is on the top of the packet of envelopes. Please note that your envelope number might have changed. Do not use the old envelopes. If you consider switching from Envelopes to Direct/credit card Debit we would be grateful. We thank each and everyone for your contributions.

**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](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)



**Become a Catechist! - Catechist training commencing in August at St Finbars, Glenbrook.**

Sharing the gospel with students in our public schools is an important ministry at our parish. It may sound daunting but it is very rewarding spending time with young people sharing our faith. You'll be joining a supportive team and curriculum materials and ongoing training are provided. We'd love to see you there. To enquire/enrol speak to your Parish Catechist Coordinator Jody Noppert or email [ccd.training@parracatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@parracatholic.org) with your details.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** HAZEL SCULLY, KEN DAVIDSON, BRIAN MCGUIGAN

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** FRANCIS BEDE MURPHY, BERNARD & HAZEL GLASHEEN, 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 Heiningier, 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 3 SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE Feast
- Tue 4 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
- Wed 5 Saint Antony Mary Zaccaria, Priest
- Thu 6 Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr
- Fri 7 Blessed Peter To Rot
- Sat 8 Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT SUNDAY: 14 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


**Shared Accommodation Available**

Lovely, fully furnished house in quiet street in Mt Victoria to share with one other person. Mature woman preferred.  
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Also Springwood and Lithgow



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

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

**Parish Listening Consultation Sunday July 16.**

"Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 49:13) is the theme Bishop Vincent has chosen for the Diocesan Synod to be held in October which will form the next Diocesan Pastoral Plan. You are invited to contribute your voice by making a personal submission on the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023).

We are also holding a parish Listening Consultation to make a parish submission, after Sunday Mass on July 16. This will involve reflecting upon the question 'What do you believe the mission of the Church is in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains?'. For further details or to register your attendance, please see or contact Paul Harris on 0411535316.

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**ENTRANCE** All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**FIRST READING** (2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16)

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunamite. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**RESPONSE** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**SECOND READING** (Romans 6:3-4,8-11)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 10:37-42)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



**COMMUNION**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.