



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

Baptisms: upon request.

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Primary School, Katoomba.

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USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)

Mt Victoria 5pm (Saturday)

Wentworth Falls 8am

Blackheath 9:30am

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)."

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 9 July 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Zechariah announces that Christ comes to us victorious.

In scriptures we must understand Israel to be the people of God, the ones who listen for His voice and do His will, and Jerusalem is the Church, the Bride of Christ, His body on earth made up of the people of God.

We are Jerusalem.

But notice, the victorious King is riding on a donkey. He is humble and He ushers in a Kingdom of peace, banishing wars. Not only wars between countries but hatred amongst people and wars within ourselves that cause us anguish, anxiety and pain.

In Romans St Paul tells how this reign of the King comes about, it's through living spiritual lives. Lives open to God so the Spirit which raised Christ from the dead can raise us to new life as well.

In the Gospel reading we hear Christ asking us to come to Him. He wants a relationship with us. He has become incarnate, the Second Person of the Trinity has humbled Himself to become true man. True God and True Man so that we can relate to Him. Now it's our turn to humble ourselves, let go of our desire for self-determination and let God rule our hearts, our minds and our souls. He will bring us peace and we will see that His burden is light and that He gives rest to our troubled psyche.

So, in this Sunday's Mass let us whole heartedly offer ourselves, our minds, our bodies, and our souls to the Father in union with Christ our Lord at the Consecration during which the sacrifice of Calvary is made truly present on the altar.

Deacon Alan.

Please Note:

All are welcome at Sacred Heart church next Sunday for the Discernment session for our Diocesan Synod. This will take place after the 9.30am Mass, commencing at 10.45am



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

14th Sunday Ordinary Time 9 July

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

MONDAY 10 July

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 11 July

Mass 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 12 July

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

THURSDAY 13 July

Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

FRIDAY 14 July

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 15 July

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

14th Sunday Ordinary Time 16 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

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>

PARISH B-



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.

SAVE THE DATE

On all 5 Saturdays of July Fr John Mc Sweeney will offer a Bible study: “An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew”.

It is being held at St Bonaventure's Catholic Church Railway Parade & Hartley Esplanade, Leura from 3—4.30pm All Welcome.

Having attended the first session last Saturday, I can assure all those interested that this Bible Study presented by Fr John will bring this familiar Gospel to life and it will be as relevant to our Church and each person's faith today, as it was on the day it was written. Each session can be attended individually. So, if a few are missed, each of the other sessions will be of value. Handouts are available. Maureen Ryan (Chair Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council

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 drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org for more information.

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.

THE DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE IS ON AGAIN IN 2023

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, scan the QR code or contact 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 with your details.



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

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.

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 Morphett, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Tricia Hogan, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heininger, 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

Tue 11 Saint Benedict, Abbot

Thu 13 Saint Henry

Fri 14 Saint Camillus of Lellis, Priest

Sat 15 Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

SAT and SUN: 4:10pm, Leura.

MON 8.30am before Mass, Katoomba.

TUE: 8.30am before mass, Leura.

WED: 8.30am before Mass, Blackheath

THU: 8.30am before Mass, Wentworth Falls

FRI: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.

FRI: 5.00pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.

SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after, Katoomba.

SHARED ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

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

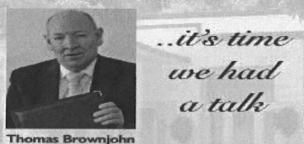
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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING (Zechariah 9:9-10)

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSE I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

SECOND READING (Romans 8:9, 11-13)

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers and sisters, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 10:25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



COMMUNION

Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.