



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

## PARISH CONTACTS

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Baptisms: upon request.

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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

9.30am 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)."

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 13 August 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Everyone can count the number of times God has saved our  
lives. I remember as a child my parents saved me from choking  
to death. On another occasion a friend saved me from  
drowning at Parramatta baths many years ago.

We can all relate to these experiences. Jesus is the one who  
saves us, physically and spiritually. He came to the rescue of  
Saint Peter in today's Gospel. In ancient Jewish belief, the sea  
was a symbol of evil. It was believed that all kinds of evil  
spirits inhabited the sea. The sea of Galilee was turbulent.  
Jesus walked on the water to remind us that He has authority  
over every power, natural or supernatural. Christ is in control.

When Peter took his eyes off the Lord, he began to sink. We  
must always focus on Jesus, and place our trust in Him.

May the Lord bless us , and let us place our hope in Him

God Bless you all.

Fr Peter Lamont



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



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

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13August

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

### MONDAY 14 August

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

### TUESDAY 15 August

Mass 9.00am Leura  
Mass 6.00 pm Katoomba

### WEDNESDAY 16 August

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

### THURSDAY 17 August

Mass 9.00am Wentworth Falls

### FRIDAY 18 August

Mass 12pm Katoomba

### SATURDAY 19 August

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

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13August

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

## 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/UCHtj55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



**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

Face – To – Face Training at the parish of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's  
Katoomba.

The date for the 2023 face-to-face session:

Saturday 28th October 2023.

Start from 10.00am – 3.00pm Finish.

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the Face-to-Face Training.

Volunteers across the Diocese are asked to participate in this training to  
ensure our parishes are inclusive and safe for children and adults at risk.  
We are very grateful for the commitment already demonstrated within the  
Parish by those who have already completed their 6 points of Safeguarding  
training online. If you completed this in 2021 you are now ready to renew  
this training.

or you can complete the training independently on our online training  
platform if you wish. You can start these modules at any time and complete  
them at your own pace. You can sign up on the platform by clicking on this  
[link: https://learning.safeguarding.org.au](https://learning.safeguarding.org.au)

If you do have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email  
me directly at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) .



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses this Tuesday 15 August

9.00 am Leura

6.00 pm Katoomba

**NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

**JOIN OUR 11TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK FROM KELLYVILLE TO PARRAMATTA CATHEDRAL**

On Tuesday 15 August there will be Mass at 11.30am at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents followed at 1pm sharp with a 14km walk to Parramatta Cathedral. There will be two stops along the way for refreshments: 2.30pm at St. Michael's, Baulkham Hills; and 4.30pm at St. Monica's, North Parramatta. Arrival at the Cathedral for prayer and readings will be at approximately 6pm. Banners and statues are welcome. You may join the Walk at any point or time of the day. Please register your interest with the parish office for catering purposes (9629-2595).

**CASTLE HILL PARISH AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC: 25 AUGUST**

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25 August at 7:30pm. The event will be a night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJSM>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au)

**ST MARYS PARISH DON BOSCO RELIC VISIT: 23 – 27 AUGUST**

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic and celebrate Mass, Adoration and Confessions throughout the week. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9623 1962 or email [secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au](mailto:secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au)

**MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** FRANCIS BEDE 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 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 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**  
Mon 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr  
Tue 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity  
Wed 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary  
Sat 19 Saint John Eudes, Priest  
  
NEXT SUNDAY: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS**  
SAT and SUN: 4:20pm, 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.

**Children's liturgy**  
**Returns for Term 2!**  
  
**When:** Returning Sunday 23rd, during 10:00am Sunday mass, exit after the opening pray, return by offertory procession.  
**Are parents welcome? Very much.**  
  
**Organiser:** Jeremy Brown  
  
We need you! Under NSW law, Children's liturgy must have two volunteers. Even one Sunday a term will help. If interested, please call Jeremy on 0428 174 999

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

**ST CANICE'S OPEN DAY 4 AUGUST**

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

**MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Mandatory Modules 1-3:  
St Canice's Church, Katoomba  
Saturday 28 October, 10am-3pm.  
Please contact the parish office to enroll 02 4782 2804.

**FR JOHN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

On the 20th August we will celebrate Fr John's 40th Anniversary of his ordination after the 10 am Mass at Katoomba.  
Please bring a plate of food to share in the hall after the Mass.  
Also there is a raffle of 3 beautiful paintings. Tickets will be sold after each Mass and will be drawn on the 20th August. Money raised will go to the parish.

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**ENTRANCE** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**FIRST READING** (1 Kings 19:9,11-13)  
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**RESPONSE** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**SECOND READING** (Romans 9:1-5)  
What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers and sisters of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as children, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 14:22-33)  
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**COMMUNION**

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

