



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 9:30am
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)."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 3 September 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In the first reading we hear of Jeremiah lamenting that he has become a social outcast because he feels compelled to relay God's message.

In the second reading St Paul urges the Romans saying: "I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you"

In the Gospel reading, St Peter who was riding high last week and correctly identifying Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, and who was appointed by Christ to lead the Church is being rebuked and referred to as Satan.

Why? for thinking along human lines instead of listening to the voice of God that revealed Jesus' identity to him in last week's reading.

These are very clear messages to us. We need to discern between the way of God and the way pointed to by human logic, emotions, and social norms.

In the Gospel reading we see that Satan has used wholesome human emotions to create an obstacle for Christ. By using Peter's emotional attachment for Christ, Satan uses Peter to tempt Christ.

There are many influences in our lives. Media, our friends, our work colleagues, members of our family. We too are also an influence in the lives of many people.

We need to discern those influences that lead us to live out the will of God in our lives and also discern in ourselves those voices that are not based on God's guidance but come from self-interest, the bad influence of others, emotional scars and injured psyche.

But to know what we should do; we need to hear the voice of God. This itself involves two crosses we need to pick up.

The first to spend time in prayer and solitude with God.

The second to actively educate ourselves in the teachings of the Church and the writings of the Popes, Church Fathers and Saints. Not hearsay, but what was actually written.

Deacon Alan.



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 September

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

MONDAY 4 September

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 5 September

Mass 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 6 September

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

THURSDAY 7 September

Mass 9.00am W/Falls

FRIDAY 8 September

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 9 September

Mass 9:00am Katoomba
Mass Vigil 5pm Leura
Mass Vigil 6pm Mt Victoria

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 September

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>

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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.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT : ST CANICE'S CHURCH KATOOMBA

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules. Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.

Mandatory Modules 1-3: Saturday 28 October at St Canice's Church, Katoomba from 10am-3pm.

Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org. For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org



Happy Father's Day

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 2ND—3RD SEPT:
CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CARED FOR US
 Envelopes are available on the pews.

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PAPAL, CIVIL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS

Until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit parracatholic.org/awards. The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH :

They have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEES CELEBRATION: 16 SEPTEMBER

You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm – 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: BERYL VERONICA PEPPER, SALVATORE FIORE, and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY.

SICK LIST: Sarah Kiely, 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 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

Fri 8 THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast
 Sat 9 Saint Peter Claver
 NEXT SUNDAY: 23rd 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: 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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...it's time we had a talk

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ST. CANICE'S
SCHOOL NEWS:

This term, St Canice's children have been doing writing, art and music activities connected to learning about Aboriginal culture.

On Thursday, 7th September, they will be 'showcasing' some of the work they have produced.

Between 9.00-10.00, there will be some musical performances.

At 10.00 there will be open classrooms, to view the children's work.

At 2pm, all the children will be participating in a 'Dragonfly Dance.'

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

St 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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
 O Lord you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSE My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers and sisters, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save one's life will lose it; but anyone who loses one's life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a person gain if they win the whole world and ruins their life? Or what has one to offer in exchange for one's life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to their behaviour.'

COMMUNION

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

