



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)."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 10 September 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

In the first reading this Sunday God tells Ezekiel that it's his responsibility to point out the wrong doings of the people of Israel.

In the Gospel Christ gives instructions to His Disciples as to how they are to handle any disagreements within the Church.

In the second reading St Paul tells us that all the commandments are based on the principle of love. That is, wanting the good of the other.

So, there is a common thread: responsibility.

We are responsible for the good of the other. We are responsible to love our fellow human beings. For love is wanting the good of the other.

But love implies that the want is not based on a compulsion of duty but rather a connection based on a rational and emotional connection.

This responsibility of love means that we need to consider the people we encounter in their wholeness.

We need to be concerned for their physical, emotional (psychological) and spiritual wellbeing.

We are all in need of some form of help, that is why when we interact with people we need to actually care about the person. Actively listen. Actively engage. We all have the means to engage, we all have life experiences and memories that we can draw on to feel what the other person is talking about. Until we engage with our hearts our minds will not be able to focus on the other person.

We don't know what is needed in a particular person's life. It may all look okay, but that is never actually the case. They may just need to talk, and that's a very real need.

Even if we spot obvious needs, like financial needs very often there are a number of other needs as well, some possibly even contributing to the financial issues.

We should never preach pointing out wrongs and failings because in doing that we would be causing emotional damage, and also, quite possibly spiritual damage by driving people away.

But this care and concern, this genuine desire to see the good of the other is something that needs nurturing and growth. That's why we need to pray and receive the sacraments because these will turn an understanding of our responsibility as a duty into a desire to embrace our responsibility as an expression of the fact that we are children of God and we share in His pouring out of life into creation.

Deacon Alan.



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 September

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

MONDAY 11 September

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 12 September

Mass 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 13 September

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

THURSDAY 14 September

Mass 9.00am W/Falls

FRIDAY 15 September

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 16 September

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 September

Mass 8am Wentworth Falls
Mass 9.30am Blackheath
Mass 10.00am Katoomba
Mass 5pm Leura Liturgy of the Word

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.

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

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 347-407)

Surely it is right for each of us to offer to extend a helping hand to those who through laxity have fallen into the snares of the devil... you will be endeavouring to heal a fellow member of Christ's body. It is the Church's pride, it is the Savior's command, not to be concerned only about our own welfare, but about our neighbour's also. Think about what high honour you raise yourself to when you regard someone else's salvation as a matter of extreme importance. As far as is humanly possible you imitate God himself, for listen to what he says through the prophet: "Whoever leads another from wrong to right will be as my own mouth." (Pr 28:10) In other words, "Whoever tries to save those that are negligent, and to snatch them from the jaws of the devil, is imitating me"... What other work could equal this? Of all good deeds this is the greatest; of all virtue this is the summit. And this is perfectly reasonable. Christ shed his own blood for our salvation. *Homily 6, 18-20: SC 50, 224-225*

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL:

CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CARED FOR US

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.



ART & FASHION SALE 2023

When: October long weekend Saturday 30th Sept & Sunday 1st October

Time: Saturday 11am – 4pm

Sunday 9 am – 3 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall 165 Wentworth St, Blackheath

Cost of entry: Saturday & Sunday \$5 per person

(which includes a glass of Champagne or Juice & nibbles)

IF YOU HAVE ANY ARTWORK or HIGH END FASHION THAT YOU COULD DONATE TO THIS FUNDRAISER IT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. PLEASE LEAVE IN MEETING ROOM OR RING MARILYN ON 0414536601



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=ebdssbdstsearch>

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH LEURA

Our Leura church is in dire need of painting and repairs in the Foyer and Sacristy. Some funds have been raised but still we are short of 3,000/ to complete the work. If anyone can assist with donation please contact Barbara Davidson on 0417 490 103 or the Parish office on 02 4782 2804. We thank you for your assistance.



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

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

**SUPPORTING SAFE COMMUNITIES -
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023:
10 SEPTEMBER**

The Parish of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop upper Blue Mountains and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

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 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

Tue 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed 13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
Thu 14 The Exultation of the Holy Cross
Fri 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16 Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

NEXT SUNDAY: 24th 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

When: During 10:00am Sunday mass, exit after the opening pray, return by offertory procession.
Are parents welcome? Very much.

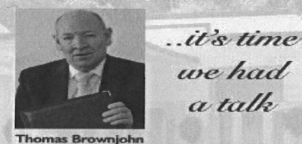
Organiser: Jeremy Brown

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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE You are a just servant, O Lord,
and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked person: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked person to renounce their ways, then they shall die for their sin, but I will hold you responsible for their death. If, however, you do warn a wicked person to renounce their ways and repent, and they do not repent, then they shall die for their sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSE O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING (Romans 13:8-10)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow human beings you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with them alone, between your two selves. If they listen to you, you have won back your brother or sister. If they do not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if they refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if they refuses to listen to the community, treat them like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

COMMUNION

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is thirsting for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

