



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)."

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The message of this Sunday's readings is forgiveness.

The message is clear, as it is in the "Our Father", if we don't forgive, we won't be forgiven.

Jesus also makes it clear in His parable that we have no means of making good on what we have done.

Each and every sin has broad and far-reaching consequences. It affects us, it affects the people around us and through them it goes on affecting people way beyond our social reach.

Sin affects us and others particularly because it affects attitudes, and even if it constitutes a small shift in attitude, it will increasingly lead down a certain path of thought, word and action.

It will in effect cause a snowball effect of unhealthy attitudes in a person if not stopped.

This is where God's forgiveness cuts in. He can stop the snowball, He can reverse the trend through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

God does not forget sin, nor minimise the seriousness. Rather He heals us because He wants the best for us. He knows we have faults and weakness because we are human, because we live in an imperfect world.

We are made in His image and likeness. We too must care for everyone we have contact or dealings with.

We members of the Body of Christ in this world through which the Spirit enters this world and so we need to forgive.

We need to train ourselves to start to see like God sees, that other people have their weaknesses and problems because of their environment and genetics but ours in not to condemn or dole out punishment, but rather bring healing.

This means that we do not bare any grudges, ill feelings, or resentments. We may not be able to associate with certain people, but we must never wish them any ill will.

Any time that an idea or inclination enters our mind which desires some form of retribution or discomfort or harm to another because of something they have said or done, this must be quashed. Say a pray asking God to be freed from this resentment.

Just as the resentful wishes taint and twist our character and attitudes, so too do positive thoughts of wanting to help another. By concentrating on the positive thoughts of good will we will be healing our attitudes through the graces of God and these attitudes will effect those around us and through them those far beyond our social reach.

Deacon Alan.



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 September

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

MONDAY 18 September

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 19 September

Mass 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 20 September

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

THURSDAY 21 September

Mass 9.00am W/Falls

FRIDAY 22 September

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 23 September

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 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>

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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



We have an exciting new fundraising initiative with Return and Earn! For every eligible container returned, you can select "Donate" and choose *The Blue Mountains Catholic Parish* and we will receive 100% of the refund. This means together we will be raising money for our historic church's in need of maintenance and upkeep. Multiple projects are planned to enhance the properties and support the objective of reducing the environmental footprint of the parish. Please help support the parish with your donation. Thank you.

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE: 21 SEPTEMBER .

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Tom Green on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you can attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community

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



DIOCESAN INTERFAITH COMMISSION WALKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE GATHERING: 21 SEPTEMBER .

The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an interfaith gathering to mark the UN International Day of Peace. This is an opportunity to have real conversations and positive dialogue with people from faiths different to your own. The gathering will be held on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To RSVP, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/walking-together-for-peace>

DIocese OF PARRAMATTA SEASON OF CREATION MASS: 23 SEPTEMBER

Bishop Vincent invites everyone to join him celebrate Season of Creation with a Diocesan Mass held on Saturday 23 September at 9am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, followed by a simple eco-friendly morning tea and talk. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org.au.



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

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

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.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7) Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. The one who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt they do you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If one nurses anger against another, can one then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for anyone like themselves like himself, can they then plead for their own sins? Mere creature of flesh, they cherish resentment; who will forgive them their sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSE The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING (Romans 14:7-9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:21-35)

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister if they wrong me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

COMMUNION

The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ
and the bread we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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.

<p>OUR THREE PARISH CHURCHES</p> <p>ST CANICE'S KATOOMBA: Katoomba St.</p> <p>ST. BONAVENTURE'S LEURA: Railway Pde & Hartley Esp.</p> <p>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S WENTWORTH FALLS: Day St.</p>	<p>SAINTS THIS WEEK</p> <p>Tue 19 Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr</p> <p>Wed 20 Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, and their Companions, Martyrs</p> <p>Thu 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</p> <p>Sat 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS</p> <p>SAT and SUN: 4:20pm, Leura.</p> <p>MON 8.30am before Mass, Katoomba.</p> <p>TUE: 8.30am before mass, Leura.</p> <p>WED: 8.30am before Mass, Blackheath</p> <p>THU: 8.30am before Mass, Wentworth Falls</p> <p>FRI: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.</p> <p>FRI: 5.00pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.</p> <p>SAT: 8:30am before Mass and after, Katoomba.</p>
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Children's liturgy


Children's Liturgy will be have a break over the Catholic school holidays. Our last day of the program will be Sunday the 17th of September, with the next program on Sunday the 15th of October. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are still needing volunteers from the parish to support us, please contact Jeremy on 0428 174 999 or jbrown_nat@bigpond.com to express your interest. Thank you and God Bless - Jeremy Brown, coordinator for Children's Liturgy.



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