



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)."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 1 October 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The Psalm asks God to show us His ways and His paths.

The second reading calls us to have a common purpose and a common mind.

The two go together.

If we look at the Gospels the acceptance of the will of God is central to the
Incarnation and consequently salvation.

Mary at the annunciation said "let it be done according to your will"

Jesus in the agony in the garden said "not my will but your will be done"

Our lives must be singularly orientated towards doing the will of God. His will
becomes our common mind and His plan our common purpose.

Each of us responding to what God is calling us to do in our own ways. Because
we each have a unique role to play.

We are just like the two sons in the Gospel reading. We are asked to go and
work in the vineyard. To work in the Kingdom of God to help create and
maintain the environment for the Vine, which is Christ, to grow and flourish in
this world.

Christ who is present in this world as the Church, and of which we are members
of His body.

But like the sons, we need to do the will of the Father, not just say we will and
then get on with whatever we want to do ourselves.

But we need to understand that this work in the vineyard is not something
external to our day to day lives. We work in the vineyard at home, with our
families, at work, in how we work and how we treat our work colleagues, on
the street and at the shopping centre.

Ultimately it comes down to our attitudes which are driven by our end goal. If
our end goal is to have God's will as the singular aim of everything we do and
say then it will change how we do everything.

It will also give new meaning depth and vitality to our prayers and
contemplations. A longing will grow in our hearts to know what God what's us
to do and to do it, this longing will grow, and God will take us on a journey
through which we will grow ever closer to Him, and His beauty will be seen in
us, making us different, drawing people to Him because of what they see in us.

This is how we get up and work in the vineyard.

Deacon Alan.



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 October

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

MONDAY 2 October

Mass 9.00am Katoomba

TUESDAY 3 October

Mass 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 4 October

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

THURSDAY 5 October

Mass 9.00am W/Falls

FRIDAY 6 October

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 7 October

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 October

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

Megalong Valley Mass

There will be no mass celebrated at
Megalong Valley during the Months of
October and November. Mass will
resume in December 16.

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>



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



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.

OPEN GARDEN 3 EASTER STREET LEURA

When: 14—15 October

Time: 10.00am—4.00pm

Entry Fee: 5.00

Morning/afternoon Tea: 5.00

There will be art and Craft Stall on the day.

If any one would like to contribute Cakes, Slices, Scones etc
please contact Barbara on 0417 490 103 and if you are una-
ble to attend a donation will be greatly appreciated as funds
raised will be used for the maintenance of our churches.

NO MASS ON 14TH OCTOBER AT KATOOMBA

The 9.00 am mass at Katoomba has been cancelled due to
the Referendum election on that day.

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 re-
fund. 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

ART & FASHION SALE 2023 THIS WEEKEND

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)

CATHOLIC CARE CIRCLE OF SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM: STARTS 11 OCTOBER

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au .

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Together is an ecumenical prayer vigil being held in Rome on 30 September to pray for the Synod on Synodality. Preparations for the prayer vigil are being led by the Taize community. Prayers will be held around the world and in Australia on the weekend of 29 September to October 1.

The Blue Mountains Taize community has offered to host this special vigil for our Catholic parishes in the mountains.

A specific prayer service has been organized for this vigil and will be used by all Taize communities around the world.

The vigil includes song, prayer, silence and readings and will be held on Sunday October 1 at 5pm at the Leura Uniting Church, corner of Grose and Megalong Streets, Leura. A cuppa will be available after the vigil. If you wish to participate in this gathering please text your name and numbers attending to Julie from Sacred Heart Blackheath on 0413 119 649.

THANK YOU MESSAGE

Throughout my journey of infusion chemotherapy, surgery, radiation and a further 6 months of tablet chemotherapy, I have been upheld by the prayers of our parish. I wish to say a big “Thank you”. I have never felt alone. I am feeling well and optimistic.

With love from Margaret Aboud.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: NOLA MARGARET HALLIDAY, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: ANDRZEJ KRAWCZYK.

SICK LIST: Sarah Kiely, Aniline Crisostomo, Abbey De Guzman, John Brell, Patricia Walters, Michael Josephs, Gerard Wolthers, Judy Skipper, Millie Robinson, Maureen O'Halloran, Eleanor Russell, 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 Heiningner, 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

Wed 4 Saint Francis of Assisi

Thu 5 Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious

Fri 6 Saint Bruno, Priest

Sat 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

NEXT SUNDAY: 27th 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

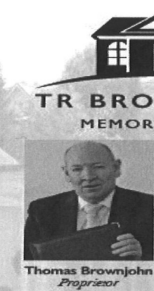
Children's Liturgy will have a break over the Catholic school holidays. Our last day of the program will be Sunday the 17th of September, with the next program on Sunday the 15th of October. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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ST. CANICE'S

SCHOOL NEWS:

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

CARE FOR CREATION

Yarning and listening to First Nations and Celtic Voices

Tuesday 24 October, 6:00 to 8:00pm

At Junction 142, 142 Katoomba Street Katoomba

Free event but bookings essential:

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/CARE-FOR-CREATION-GEDUMBA-KATOOMBA](https://events.humanitix.com/care-for-creation-gedumba-katoomba)

Further Information – Church Notice Board or above web link

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright person renounces their integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, they die because of the evil that they themselves have committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, they deserve to live. They have chosen to renounce all their previous sins; they shall certainly live; they shall not die.’

RESPONSE Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING (Philippians 2:1-11)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of their own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as we are; and being as all people are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high

and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

COMMUNION

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

