



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)."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A - 29 October 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

What does it mean to love?

It means that we want the very best for the other.

If we love God, we want what is best for God. That is, we want His will to be done in our lives and in the lives of all people so that His Kingdom is established.

God's Kingdom is a Kingdom where attitudes and motivations rule people's hearts such that everything is in right relation to each other. People with people, people with animals, people with plants, people with the earth. Where there is connectedness based on respect of the inherent dignity of all.

That's why love of neighbour and love of God are related.

To love God with all our hearts, with all our minds and with all our souls is to long from the depths of our beings that God's will be done. We longingly search to discover His will for our lives', and we earnestly try to make it happen.

To love the person standing next to you is likewise to want the very best for them.

Love is not warm fuzzy feelings. It's treating others as we treat ourselves. We don't always like ourselves, sometimes we cringe at the things we do. Many times, we wish we were someone else. But we always look after ourselves. We cloth ourselves, we feed ourselves, we protect ourselves and we try to get others to respect us.

We need to do the same for others.

Both love of God and love of neighbour don't come naturally. We need to pray and contemplate and put in a good deal of effort.

We need to become present to the way we act, talk and think. This is so we can be aware of how we treat others. This is so we can treat others in the way we would like to be treated. If we start to notice how we have talked to someone, how we have acted with someone, what tone of voice we used we can start to see our behaviour from their perspective and if it's not the way we would like to be treated we can change the way we talk and act.

Let's pray that we can be present to ourselves.

Let's pray that we really treat others as we want to be treated.

Let's pray that we can relate to our neighbour, the one who stands near us, either physically or over the phone or on the TV and feel what they feel and internalise this so we can be one with them, pray for them and make them feel loved.

Deacon Alan.



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



WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 October

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

MONDAY 30 October

No Mass (Funeral of Mick Le Breton at 11.00am)

TUESDAY 31 October

Mass 9.00am Leura

WEDNESDAY 1 November All Souls

Mass 9.00 am Blackheath

THURSDAY 2 November All Saints

Mass 9.00am W/Falls

FRIDAY 3 November

Mass 12pm Katoomba

SATURDAY 4 November

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 November

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

Please Note:

No mass at 9 am Monday the 30th Oct 23 at Katoomba as Mick Le Breton's funeral Mass will be held that day at 11am all welcome

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-



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/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.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA APPEAL

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/ or call 1800 024 413

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May those who love you prosper.
May peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!"
For the sake of my brethren and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:6-9)



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.



NOVEMBER MASSES

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

All Saints Day Mass– Blackheath mass 1st Nov 9.00am.

All Souls Day Mass– Wentworth fall 2nd Nov 9.00am

NOVEMBER MASS LIST FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

If you would like to have your deceased love ones remembered during the month of November please drop a Mass offering envelope with the deceased names on the front of the envelope, into the parish office in the coming weeks or during the month of November. Unless otherwise indicated the names will be published on the November Mass list including the name of the donor.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Voting is open again to vote for Barbara Davidson garden. It is on the [Searles Facebook page](#). Click on the garden competition link, go to the vote section and cottage garden. Look for the pic with St Francis!

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

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: safeguardingtrain-ing@parracatholic.org. For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 11 NOVEMBER—YOU ARE INVITED

Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.



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

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office 02 4780 6800



**WORKING BEE FOR
WENTWORTH FALLS
CHURCH SATURDAY
28th Oct 2023 8.00am**

We need your helping hands and tools eg: Rakes, brooms, digging tools, Spades, Machete, Chainsaw, wheelbarrow, mob and bucket to mob inside the church. We have a Lawn mower but need help with moving.

Our generous gentleman who used to maintain the grounds and fix other stuff in the church has resigned and we thank him for all the work that he did.

Please call Matalena on 0459 656 657 for further information and to advise if you will be coming.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS: DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: ANNA LEE, MARIANNE HARRINGTON, 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: MICK LE BRETON, JOHN MERGAN

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 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 30 Monday of week 30 in Ordinary Time
 Tue 31 Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time
 Wed 1 ALL SAINTS Solemnity
 Thu 2 ALL SOULS
 Fri 3 Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
 Sat 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
 NEXT SUNDAY: 31st 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 resumed Sunday 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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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

EXODUS (Exodus 22:20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the children of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor person among you, you must not play the usurer with them: you must not demand interest from them.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to them before sunset. It is all the covering they have; it is the cloak they wraps their body in; what else would they sleep in? If they cry to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

RESPONSE I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

COMMUNION

We will ring out joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



The word halloween is made up of hallow (holy/saintly) and een (short for evening). It is October 31st, the evening before the feast of All Hallows (Saints) Day, a day followed by All Souls Day.

In times past, for these days of Allhallowtide people (often children and the poor) would go from door to door and be given a soul cake in exchange for offering to pray for the departed loved ones of the giver.

A soul cake, also known as a soulmass-cake, is a small round cake (though they more resemble in appearance and texture a shortbread biscuit, with sweet spices).

This practice was common in the United Kingdom and Ireland beginning in medieval times with similar customs in Italy, Portugal and the Philippines, for example.