



# ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

Baptisms: upon request.

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## USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Leura 5pm (Saturday)

Mt Victoria 6pm (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)."

## 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 10 November 2024

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

All three readings for this weekend speak of those who didn't hold anything back, but gave totally of themselves.

The Gospel tells us of the poor widow's act of faith and surrender. The widow could have kept one small coin to help her in her poverty, but no, she gave both! Her love was the more important virtue for her, and so she gave all she had to the Lord.

And the mother in our First Reading gave all she had to the Prophet Elijah, even at the risk of insecurity for her and her son. She also surrendered all to God and trusts in God's word as mediated by the prophet.

And our Second Reading reminds us that Jesus gave up everything - even his Life! - out of love for the Father and for humanity.

There are many 'heroes' in our Church's story; and they encourage us to imitate them in not holding back from surrendering all to God and neighbour.

Our God is a loving God who always has our best interests at heart; and if we can give all to the Lord and place our trust in God's unconditional love, then He will not fail us. Indeed, the rewards of surrender will be way beyond our imagines and will lead us to a complete freedom that we never knew existed!

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Sacred Heart Parish will be having their annual Parish Assembly next Sunday (17/11) after the 9:30am mass.

God Bless you all

Fr John



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



## WHAT'S ON IN THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY (TODAY)

Mass: Wentworth Falls 8am  
Mass: Blackheath 9.30am  
Mass: Katoomba 10am  
Mass: Leura 5pm

### MONDAY

Mass: 9am Katoomba

### TUESDAY

Mass: 9am Leura

### WEDNESDAY

Mass: 9am Blackheath

### THURSDAY

Mass: 9am Wentworth Falls

### FRIDAY

Mass: 12pm Katoomba  
Mass: 4pm Megalong (3rd Fri of the month)

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

Mass: Wentworth Falls 8am  
Mass: Blackheath 9.30am  
Mass: Katoomba 10am Mass:  
Leura 5pm

### 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: 5.30m Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.  
SAT: 8:30am before Mass and Cenacle  
Rosary after, Katoomba.



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<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:** Our parish finances need a consistent income. If you could consider using 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.

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

Mon 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop  
Tue 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr  
Fri 15 Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor  
Sat 16 Saint Margaret of Scotland  
Saint Gertrude, Virgin

NEXT SUNDAY: 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SUNDAY MASS:** Live streaming of the Sunday 10.00am Mass at St Canice's this week. 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



**OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING:** "This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)." For info: [parracatholic.org/safeguarding](http://parracatholic.org/safeguarding) For Training: [parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/](http://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/)



**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 or scan the QR code.



"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... (Ven. Fulton Sheen)."

### INVITE OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME



We are offering the chance for parishioners to have our beautiful parish Rosary statue visit you in your home. The statue is of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patron Saint of Australia.

If you would like to welcome the Blessed Mother in your home for a week and be at prayer with her, please let one of the sacristans after the 10am Katoomba Mass know and they will make arrangements.

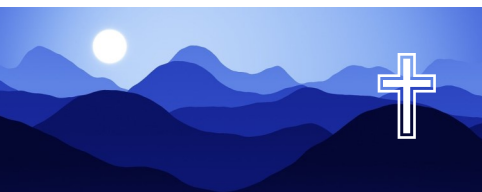
### MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS

**DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** MICK LEBRETON, AMIR YAMMINE, ANDRZEJ KRAWCZYK, LEPULA SALAMASINA ASOVALE, PHILOMENA GABRIEL, RICHARD GALE, RAY GALE, CHAIEL BALCOMBE, CARL ALBERT, JAN MACLEAN, MARIA MANUELA SERNADES and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** CONNIE ADAMS, MARY ROBERTS, PETER GALE, CATHERINE MEISTER, MARY ROSE TOOMEY, JOAN STOERMER

**SICK LIST:** Pat Wolthers, Sandy Mobray, Joella, Joan Gracey, Doreen Kinsella.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE SICK LIST PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 02 4782 2804



### 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.

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE CHURCH

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.

### THE LEGION OF MARY

Did you know that our parish has a Legion of Mary group? We meet Every FRIDAY at 6:15pm in the old adoration chapel at Katoomba. You are most welcome to attend and see what the Legion is all about.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH 24 NOV 2024

Please save the date for our parish Christmas Party Lunch, the last Sunday of November, the 24th, after the 10am Mass. If everyone who is coming could bring a plate with their favourite dish to share. Entry by donation. If you could help in anyway please let Barbara, or any of the sacristan at any of our churches know, let's make this a great yearly get together. Please contact Barbara 0417490103



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

Baptised children who are in YEAR 3 OR ABOVE IN 2025 will be invited to join the First Reconciliation (First Confession) preparation program to be held in term 4 in 2025. Flyers are available in our church entrance.

### PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 13 NOVEMBER

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE

If anyone has a whipper snipper that they would like to donate to the Parish it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact parish office. 4782 2804.



### ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL

For enrolments and enquiries please contact school office on 02 4780 6800

### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS 1 Nov 2024

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

In his video-based study A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at St Canice's Parish Hall in Katoomba beginning Saturday 1st November from 10-11am and continuing every Saturday for 5 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, call the parish office 4782 2804 or email [bluemountains@parracatholic.org](mailto:bluemountains@parracatholic.org)

### PRAYERS BLANKETS

We wish to provide warm blankets to the sick, elderly, homeless and those in need. Along with the blankets we add our prayers for healing and comfort. Should you wish to make or donate a blanket please contact Barbara on 0417490103.

### DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We have commenced collection of donations for the hampers. Baskets are provided in the church foyers.

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2023

There are two sessions: Wednesday's at 2.00pm and 7.00pm. Please note that the program will start on Wednesday 11th November 2024. The cost of the advent books \$5.00. If you are interested in joining please contact Barbara Davidson on 0417 490 103. If you cannot attend but would like to purchase an Advent book please contact Barbara.

### **THE CATERERS BLUE MOUNTAINS**

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## **L T R E N T**

### **DRIVING LESSONS**

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS SPECIAL OCT 1ST - MARCH 1ST 4PM - 8 PM FOR BLUE MOUNTAINS RESIDENTS**

Book a 5 lesson special & get your free lesson on vehicle maintenance. Pick up and drop off from your location.

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## **32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

### **ENTRANCE**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **FIRST READING** (1 Kings 17: 10-16)

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**RESPONSE** Praise the Lord, my soul!

### **SECOND READING** (Hebrews 9:24:28)

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since people only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once

to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** (Mark 12:38-44)

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the ones who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

### **COMMUNION**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.