



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

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Weddings: Please call the Office for details.

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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)."

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR B - 24 November 2024

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. So, what are we celebrating? What kind of King do we have and what kind of Kingdom?.

The first reading is from the book of Daniel, this book is written in the apocalyptic style, the second reading is from the Book of the Apocalypse. Apocalypse means, unveiling, revealing.

Both reading identify Christ as the King of all creation, both identifying His returning on the clouds. Then the second reading and the Gospel bring in the concept of truth.

And I think if we are honest, we can all ask, like Pontius, what is truth?

St. John Henry Cardinal Newman said that truth is the combination of correct belief and right action. On his gravestone is written "Out of the shadows and Phantasms into Truth".

So, we like the person the first reading look out into the visions of the night to see the one like the Son of man appearing. That is, we look out beyond the shadows and phantasms of this world and see the human ("the son of Man" translates to the human).

The Human, Christ, the one who witnesses to the Truth. To correct belief and right action. The one who shows what it is to be human.

Christ is our leader; our King, for he not only leads us to the Truth but sustains us in the Truth. This is His governance.

Right belief is that He loves us unconditionally for our sins are washed away and we are made priest and kings in His Kingdom which is Himself.

We are called into a relationship with Christ, not an acquaintance, or a friendship but something more akin to a marriage. A sharing of life with Christ.

A childlike submission into His love; more or less throwing caution to the wind as we trust in Him and long to become Christ like in all our attitudes and actions.

Allowing ourselves to experience the love of Christ so others can experience it through us. This surrender is our priesthood, the offering of ourselves.

Our kingship is our propagation of this love through which we gather all into Christ so that His governance can embrace us all. For we are one with Christ through Baptism and our living out of our priesthood.

In this Kingdom we all live as individuals, fully developed in our own characters and identities in unity not conformity because God made us each as a unique individual because we each have a unique purpose and a unique relationship with our Lord and King.

It's and excellent reason to celebrate.

Deacon Alan.



**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.



SCAN ME

<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 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr  
Fri 29 Dedication of the Cathedral (at Parramatta)  
Sat 30 Saint Andrew, Apostle Feast

NEXT SUNDAY: 1st Sunday of Advent



**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.

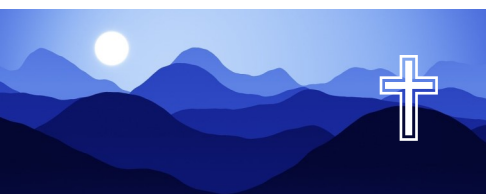
If you would like to welcome the Blessed Mother in your home for a week and be at prayer with her, please let one of the sacristans after the 10am Katoomba Mass know and they will make arrangements.

### MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS

**DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** ELIZABETH O'CONNOR, JIM LE BRETON, MICK LE BRETON, 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:

**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.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH

This Sunday after the 10am Mass.

At St. Canice's Hall, Katoomba.

### 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.



### 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.

### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS Nov 2024

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. 10am Saturdays at St. Canice's Church, Katoomba.

### 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.



**ST. CANICE'S SCHOOL**

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

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2024

There are two sessions: Wednesday's at 2.00pm and 7.00pm. Please note that the program will start on Wednesday 11th December 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.

### EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE AND FIESTA: 2-9 JANUARY 2025

Mary Mackillop Parish will be hosting the Epiphany Pilgrimage group again in 2025 as they journey up the mountains from 2 - 9 January and celebrate 10 years of pilgrimage through our deanery. In preparation for the pilgrimage, you are invited to write any prayer requests on the cards provided and place them in the Epiphany Pilgrimage prayer box to be prayed each day by the pilgrims. Please join the pilgrimage group for Adoration on 7 January at 5.30pm at St Canice's followed by a festive meal. To participate in some or all of the pilgrimage - including walks, Mass, Adoration / prayer sessions and meals - visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)

### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES NEXT WEEKEND 30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER.

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) Thank you.

Envelopes are available on the pews please take one and return next weekend.

## **THE CATERERS BLUE MOUNTAINS**

Delicious catering for all occasions;  
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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.  
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## **CHRIST THE KING B**

### **ENTRANCE**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power  
for ever and ever.

### **FIRST READING (Daniel 7:13-14)**

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men and women of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

**RESPONSE** The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

### **SECOND READING (Revelation 1:5-8)**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born  
from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth.  
He loves us and has washed away our sins with his  
blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve  
his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and  
power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is  
coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even  
those who pierced him, and all the races of the  
earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I  
am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God,  
who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David  
our Father; blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL (John 18:33-37)**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus  
replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have  
others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered,  
'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief  
priests who have handed you over to me: what have  
you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of  
this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my  
men would have fought to prevent my being  
surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of  
this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is  
you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I  
was born for this, I came into the world for this: to  
bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the  
side of truth listen to my voice.'



### **COMMUNION**

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.