



ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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)."

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C - 19 January 2025

The first reading from Isaiah is talking about the Church. Jerusalem is to be understood as the City of God, the Church.

But there are extraordinary statements in this reading. The Builder, the creator of the cosmos, the eternal and everlasting all-powerful God is going to marry us.

He delights in us as young man delights in his bride.

God delights in the prospect of sharing life with us!

This reading is the key to the Gospel. The Gospel of John can be divided into two halves, The Book of Signs, and the Book of Glory. This reading is the first of the signs which point to Christ's divinity.

Jesus, Mary, and the Disciples are invited to the wedding on the 3rd day (the first 4 words are actually omitted from the reading.) The 3rd day alluding to the Day of the Resurrection. Mary and the twelve Disciples representing the Church. However, the wedding feast has run out of wine, Wine which is the life of the party, without which the wedding feast will come to an end.

Mary as the ultimate personification of Israel turns to Jesus and says: "They have no wine". The people of Israel have lost contact with God, the source of their life and joy. The old covenant is broken and lifeless.

Jesus then instructs them to fill the stone jars with water, that is, fill it with what you have, and he turns what they have into the source of life and joy for the wedding feast. He uses what the servants provide to supply abundantly.

This story in pointing to the fact that Jesus will renew the covenant. He is the one in which God will marry His people in a Covenantal bond that cannot be broken. He will bring life and joy in abundance on the Day of Resurrection.

We, like the servants need to bring what we have and put it before Him That's what the second reading is telling us. We need to put it all at His disposal, fill the jar to the brim, no half full jars, no half-hearted efforts and the Spirit of God which comes to us through Christ will transform what we have into life and joy for the world.

Deacon Alan.

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

ENTRANCE

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING (Isaiah 62:1-5)

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour
in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSE Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all
the nations.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always
to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different
ways in different people, it is the same God who is
working in all of them. The particular way in which
the Spirit is given to each person is for a good
purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with
wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have
the gift of preaching instruction given him by the
same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by
the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing,
through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles;
another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising
spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the
ability to interpret them. All these are the work of
one and the same Spirit, who distributes different
gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 2:1-11)

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother
of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had
also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since
the wine provided for the wedding was all finished,
the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no
wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My
hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six
stone water jars standing there, meant for the
ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each
could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the
servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled
them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told
them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the
steward tasted the water, and it had turned into
wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the
servants who had drawn the water knew – the
steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People
generally serve the best wine first, and keep the
cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink,
but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was
given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and
his disciples believed in him.

Mon 20 Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr

Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Tue 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Wed 22 Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Fri 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

Sat 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Feast

Sun 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

COMMUNION

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice
that quenches my thirst.