



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

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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)

Lawson 5pm (Saturday)

Mt Victoria 5pm (Saturday)

Wentworth Falls 8am

Lawson 8.30am

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: 9.30am Lawson

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.

CLOSED AT OTHER TIMES

## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

YEAR C - 22 June 2025

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

We believe that during the Consecration the bread and wine is transformed into the actually flesh and blood of Christ through the descent of the Holy Spirit. This transformation is called the Transubstantiation.

Catholic and Orthodox Christians understand the consecration in the same way the Jews understand their celebration of the Passover. It is not a memorial, a recalling of something that happened in the past. It is a reliving of the event.

The Consecration puts us at the foot of the cross at Calvary where we are meant to offer ourselves up with Christ to the Father.

We unite our will, our desire for the coming of the Kingdom of God with Christ and we receive Him in Communion consummating this union.

Communion is a Sacrament, a visible sign of something that is happening that we can't see.

In receiving the Consecrated Host or the Consecrated Wine we are actually receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, and we are becoming one with Him.

The sacrament of Communion is the greatest of the sacraments because it directly unites us to Christ.

Therefore, we should keep in mind, that whenever you enter a Church and the red light is lite on the Sanctuary, Christ is truly present. Due reverence and respect should be shown for we are in the presence of our Lord and God.

Knowing this, we should try and take time out to spend time in prayer with our Lord in His company, either through Eucharistic Adoration, being in the Church by ourselves or attending Benediction.

We must realise that this greatest of all Sacraments came about because of the love of God which is so great that He laid down His life for us in the most horribly painful and degrading circumstances.

Why? So, we could be with Him.

Deacon Alan



Please mute your mobile at Mass. Let's turn off the technology and turn on to God!



## WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

Mass: Wentworth Falls 8am  
Mass: Lawson 8.30am  
Mass: Blackheath 9.30am  
Mass: Katoomba 10am  
Mass: Leura 5pm

### MONDAY

Mass: 9am Katoomba

### TUESDAY

Mass: 9.00am Leura

### WEDNESDAY

Mass: 9.00am Blackheath

### THURSDAY

Mass: 9.00am Wentworth Falls

### FRIDAY

Mass: 9.30am Lawson  
Mass: 12pm Katoomba

### SATURDAY

Mass: 9.00am Katoomba  
Mass: 5.00pm Leura Vigil Mass  
Mass: 5.00pm Lawson Vigil Mass  
Mass: 5.00pm Mt Victoria Vigil Mass

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

MON 23 SAINT PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP  
TUE 24 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE  
BAPTIST SOLEMNITY  
FRI 27 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF  
JESUS SOLEMNITY  
SAT 28 SAINT IRENAEUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR,  
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
NEXT SUN 29 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL,



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**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.

### 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 Cenacle  
Rosary after, Katoomba.



**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/  
UCHtj55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55rsvGDQqCDN7mldNQ).



**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/  
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**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.

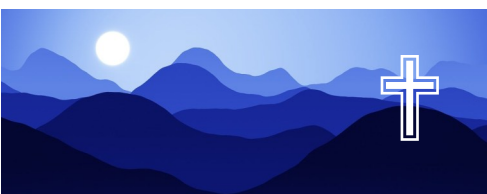
If you would like to welcome the Blessed Mother in your home for a week and be at prayer with her, please let one of the sacristans after the 10am Katoomba Mass know and they will make arrangements.

### MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS

**DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES:** FRANCIS BEDE MURPHY, HAZEL GLASHEEN, BERNARD GLASHEEN, STANLEY JOHN O' BRIEN, MONICA ROSE O' BRIEN, STEPHANINE JEAN MURPHY, MARGARET WALSH and all the faithful departed especially those for whom you requested prayers and masses AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** BEVERLEY OSBORNE, HEIDI CLARK

**SICK LIST:** Nathan, Susan Sergent, 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 PARISH CHURCHES

LAWSON: Our Lady of The Nativity, Sommers St.  
WENTWORTH FALLS: St. Francis Xavier's, Day St.  
LEURA: St. Bonaventure's, Railway Pde.  
KATOOMBA: St Canice's, Katoomba St.

BLACKHATH: Sacred Heart, Wentworth St.  
MEGALONG VALLEY: St. Joseph's, Megalong Rd.  
MOUNT VICTORIA: St Paul's, Great Western Hwy.  
\*\*Mary Mackillop co-founded The Sisters Of St. Joseph of The Sacred Heart.

### 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.

### SRE NORTH KATOOMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

We need Catechist teachers quite urgently for North Katoomba Public School every Tuesday afternoon: 2.00pm to 2.30pm K-2-6. Support and resources are provided. For further details please contact Regina on 0452 085 098

### MOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFFER FEE DISCOUNTS

To help more families access quality Catholic education, three local schools are offering major fee discounts from 2026 (T&Cs apply). Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson and St Thomas Aquinas Springwood will offer a 50% discount on Diocesan fees while St Canice's Katoomba will be fee-free! Contact the schools or visit their websites to learn more.

### MARIA NGUYEN FUNERAL DETAILS:

Funeral details for Maria Nguyen, Bishop Vincent's mother, have been finalised. Her funeral will be held on Friday 20 June at Our Lady of La Vang Shrine, Melbourne, at 10.30am. The livestream to watch the funeral can be viewed here: <https://youtube.com/live/2EJoVHrxWmk>



St Vincent de Paul Society  
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### *Winter Appeal Reminder*

Vinnies this week appealing for Food, Cash or Tap-and-Go Donations.

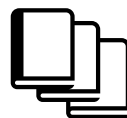
This weekend, June 21 - 22, the Society is holding our annual **Winter Appeal** at all Masses.

Suitable food items, cash or tap-and-go donations will be gratefully accepted.

We will be outside the Church before Masses this weekend to accept your donations.

If you have forgotten, cash donations can be left in the Poor Box, and non-perishable food items in the bins at the entrance to each of the churches at any time throughout the year.

St. Vincent de Paul, Katoomba Conference.



### ST.CANICE'S SCHOOL

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

### SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

His mother wanted him to be a priest. His father was determined to have his oldest son become a military leader or famous political figure—anything but a priest. At the age of five, Aloysius was sent to a military camp to get started on his career. His father must have been very pleased to see his son marching at the head of the platoon of soldiers around the campgrounds. His mother and his tutor were extremely displeased, however, when Aloysius came home using the rough, coarse language of the camp. At the age of seven, Aloysius received a special insight from God. While other boys were dreaming about being military heroes or heads of wealthy estates, Aloysius thought of other matters. He decided to become a saint, and he began acting on that decision. He prayed long hours at night and fasted several times a week.

While he was on a visit to Spain with his parents, Aloysius read the lives of saintly Jesuit missionaries, and he decided to become a Jesuit. His father and some other relatives tried hard to change his mind. It was a fierce battle of wills, but after several years, Aloysius won. With his father's permission, Aloysius gave his large inheritance to his brother and joined the Jesuit order at 17 years of age. The novice director, who was in charge of training Aloysius, told him to cut down on his long hours of prayer and to give up some of his fasting and other penances. Aloysius obeyed willingly. He understood that obedience was better than "doing his own thing."

When Aloysius was 23, a serious epidemic broke out in Rome. Aloysius volunteered at once to help in the hospital. At that time hospitals were not the clean, orderly places with which we are familiar today. It was very easy to catch an illness. That is what happened; Aloysius became very ill. No medicine could help him. Aloysius was not afraid to die.

Aloysius shows that young people are not too young to become saints. During his life he had focused on doing what God wanted—serving and loving God and his neighbour.

## **LTRENT** **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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## **BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR C**

### **ENTRANCE**

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### **FIRST READING** (Genesis 14:18-20)

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine;  
he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced  
this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,  
creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be  
God Most High for handing over your  
enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

**RESPONSE** You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.

### **SECOND READING** (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn  
passed on to you: that on the same night that he  
was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and  
thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is  
my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of  
me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper,  
and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'  
Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat  
this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming  
his death.



### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

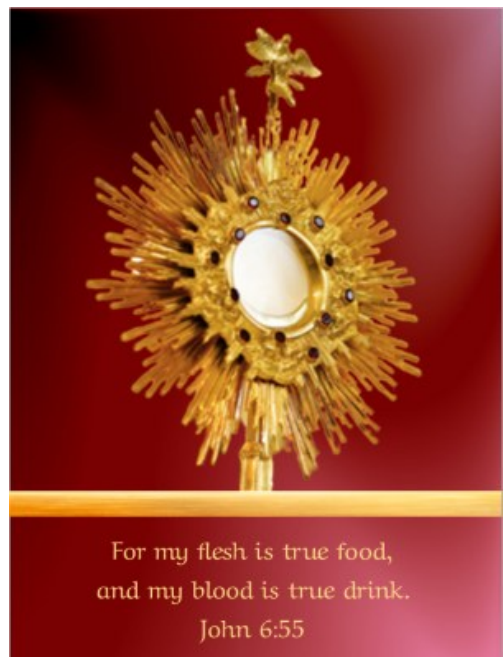
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** (Luke 9:11-17)

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them  
about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who  
were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him  
and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to  
the villages and farms round about to find lodging  
and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He  
replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.'  
But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves  
and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy  
food for all these people.' For there were about five  
thousand people. But he said to his disciples, 'Get  
them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did  
so and made them all sit down. Then he took the  
five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to  
heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he  
broke them and handed them to his disciples to  
distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as  
they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were  
collected they filled twelve baskets.



### **COMMUNION**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in them, says the Lord.