



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

Acknowledges the Darug and Gundungurra people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our churches are built and we pay respect to elders past, present and emerging

CLERGY

Fr. John McSweeney PP VF
Fr. Peter Lamont (AP)
Fr. Jessie Balorio (AP)
Rev. Alan Skofic (Deacon)

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat: 5pm Leura
Sat: 5pm Lawson
Sat: 6pm Mt Victoria
Sun: 8am Wentworth Falls
Sun: 8.30am Lawson
Sun: 9.30am Blackheath
Sun: 10am Katoomba
Sun: 5pm Leura

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 9am Katoomba
Tue: 9am Leura
Wed: 9am Blackheath
Thu: 9am Wentworth Falls
Fri: 9am Lawson
Fri: 12pm Katoomba
Fri: 4pm Megalong Valley
(3rd Fri of the month)
Sat: 9am Katoomba

CONFESSION

Fri: After 12pm Mass Katoomba
Sat: 9:30-9:50am Katoomba
Sat: 4:30-4:50pm Leura
NOTE: Confessions are always available upon request.

Weddings & Church Bookings

For Inquiries:
mmparishubm@gmail.com

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday @ Katoomba 11:00am
4th Sunday @ OLN Lawson 10:30am
Inquiries: 47822804
Email: bluemountains@parracatholic.org

ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Canice's, Katoomba
Mon 9.30am to Fri 6pm
closed at other times.

Christian Meditation

Tuesdays-10am
@Sacred Heart Blackheath



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

FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST 5th Sunday of Easter Year A. 03 May 2026

REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

This week the Disciples come out with questions that we ourselves, after two millennia, still to some extent or other need answers. Christ says He is the way; what does this mean for us? Christ says, if we have seen Him, we have seen the Father; what does seeing Him mean, especially for us who haven't seen and yet believe? The answer to the first question, is service. Christ is the one who comes to serve. The one who did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. He didn't count the cost to Himself, He was focussed on our welfare in complete alignment with the Father's desire. The answer to the second question is that we see the Father, not with our eyes, but we come to know the Father, to understand who He is through the life of Christ. The Father has the same selfless concern for our welfare and wellbeing as Christ lived. The Father created us not out of need, or necessity or inability to not create but purely out of a desire to share His life with us. To allow us to share in this love He gave us free will so we could respond to His love with love and so come to be like Him and with Him.

However, with free will came sin, because we could choose for God or for ourselves. So, we needed a saviour who encompassing all of us could respond to the Father on our behalf. Our Lord Jesus Christ. True God, True Man. Now it is our turn to serve. To address inequality, injustice, bias, prejudice, hatred, ill will and all that oppresses and harms people. To be paramedics to all who suffer in one way or another in this world. We as individuals have limited resources and abilities, so we need to discern how we can help because we definitely can't do all, but we also can definitely do something. Often what needs our attention is very close to us. This selfless service is the stumbling block, because those who can't embrace it ruin their lives and stumble through life looking for meaning and self-satisfaction but never find it.

- Deacon Alan

From The Pastors Desk:

Non-Approved Public Prayers

It has come to my attention that spoken public prayers (such as the Rosary or other devotions) have been occurring in our churches at times which are NOT ADVERTISED for such in our bulletin or on our Web Page. We must respect the fact that some people are coming to our churches to meditate and pray IN SILENCE at various times, and especially before a Mass commences. We have many opportunities to pray such devotions and prayers at various times throughout the week. Thanking you for your co-operation.

- Fr John

**THE NATIONAL COUNT
ATTENDANCE FOR WHOLE
MONTH OF MAY begins this week**

**FOR BULLETIN NOTICES &
ENQUIRIES RE: SACRAMENTS
PLEASE EMAIL:
mmparishubm@gmail.com**

Parish Churches

LAWSON: Our Lady of The Nativity, Somers St; **WENTWORTH FALLS:** St. Francis Xavier's, 3 Day St. **LEURA:** St. Bonaventure's, Railway Pde. **KATOOMBA:** St Canice's, 158 Katoomba St. **BLACKHEATH:** Sacred Heart, 165 Wentworth St. **MEGALONG VALLEY:** St Joseph's, Megalong Rd. **MOUNT VICTORIA:** St Paul, 65 Great Western Highway. * Pictures on this bulletin are taken from the website. Copyright infringement is unintended. Acknowledgment is due.

CONTACT US

Parish Office: 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba 2780.

Postal Address: PO Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780.

Phone: (02) 4782 2804.

Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Friday.

After Hours Emergency Number: 0490814284.

Calls only; no texts please.

Parish email address:

upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org

Parish websites:

bluemountainscatholic.org.au

sacredheartblackheath.org.au

lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

Facebook: [facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

[bluemountainscatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

Lawson Facebook: [facebook.com/olncclawson](https://www.facebook.com/olncclawson)

Blackheath Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721)

Parish YouTube:

[youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic](https://www.youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic)

SUNDAY MASS

Live streaming of the 10am Sunday 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>.

[UChTj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ).

OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL MINISTRY OF HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND EXORCISM

Email: deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org;

deliverance.exorcist@parracatholic.org

Phone/ Call: 0472761879 or

Reached out to the Receptionist of Office of the

Bishop or the Chancery.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Canice's Catholic Primary School

Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney.

Phone: (02) 4780 6800.

Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Primary School

Somers Street, Lawson.

Principal: Mr. Matthew Bond.

Phone: (02) 4753 2200.

Email: oln@parra.catholic.edu.au

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

If you or your loved ones are sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson (0417 490 103)

USUAL 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.

First Fri: 7.00pm Benediction Lawson

Sat: 8:30am before Mass and Cenacle Rosary after, Katoomba.

Notice for Parish Bulletin

If you wish to receive electronically or via email our parish bulletin, please email us on

bluemountains@parracatholic.org

If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin, email us on or before Wednesday afternoon.

RCIA For all enquiries regarding joining or coming back to the Church please contact Deacon Alan via the Parish office.

Parish Finance Council Members

Fr John

John Tweedie (Chair)

Maylin Corros

Fr Peter

Elaine Smith (Deputy Chair)

Marilyn Rowe

Fr Jessie

John Grant

Dec Alan

Tom Boyd

---FINANCE NEWS---

Parish Finance Committee Meeting on Saturday 03 May 2026- St Canice's Presbytery, Katoomba 11;15 am.

Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson Meeting Room Rebuild

Restoring the meeting room is seen a priority issue. We are calling on parishioners to assist in raising funds for this project. We need to raise \$20,000.

Donation Rebuild Meeting Room

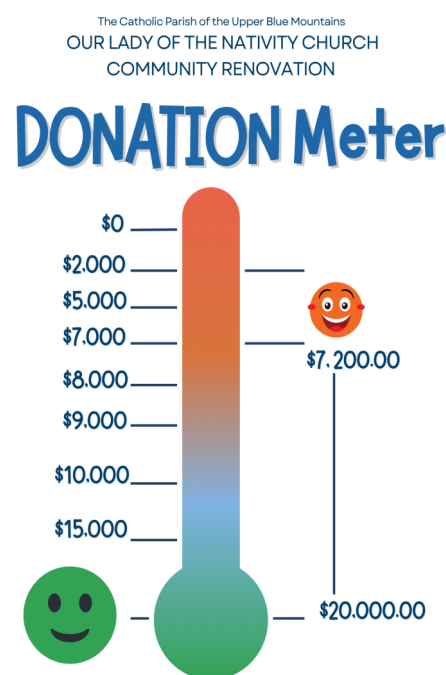
Account name: Lawson Our Lady of the Nativity

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000164

Reference: Donation Rebuild Meeting Room

- Fr John McSweeney and John Tweedie, Chair of the Finance Com



THE LEGION OF MARY The Church's largest lay apostolate. We meet every FRIDAY at 6:15 pm in the old adoration chapel at Katoomba. You are most welcome to attend and see what the Legion is all about.

REDISCOVERING THE VALUE OF FAITH. The next session will be on Sunday the 14th June, 11:00am @ St Canice's Hall, Katoomba, Topics will be- The Holy Spirit & the Church.



SAINT THIS WEEK

Mon 4 Weekdays in Easter
NEXT SUNDAY: 6th Sunday of Easter

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL. If you would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Conor on 0451461697 to register your details or scan the QR code. Hours currently available: Tuesday 1-2pm, 5-6pm; Wednesday Noon-1pm; Thursday 11am-Noon; Friday 9-10am, 4-5pm



WELCOME SEMINARIAN VAN PHU "ANTHONY" DANG

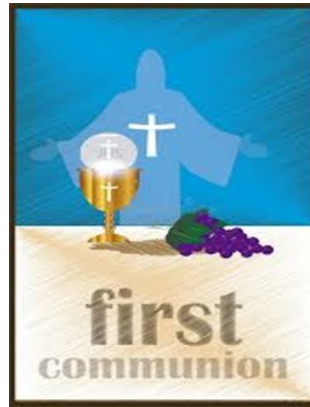
Born in Vietnam
4th of 6 Children
Graduated with the Bachelors Degree in Philosophy and Theology

He joined Diocese of Parramatta-Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park last year. Anthony's vocation has been nourished by his faith nurtured by his parents, family and friends. The Confraternity of Christ the Priest has been the catalyst of his continuous formation and vocation in Australia. We welcome Anthony with joy and please make him feel at home while he is with us— learning the trade with us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

St Canice's Church Katoomba

Family group sessions
Venue: St Canice's school;
Wednesday's at 6pm
Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May 2026
Wednesday 3rd June 6pm at St Canice's Church Special Liturgy and Rehearsal.
First Communions: Sunday Masses 6th and 7th at St



Canice's Church (possible First Communions during " Sunday" Mass in other churches at Blackheath, Mt Vic, Wentworth Falls)

Nativity Church, Lawson

Family group session 1 2nd May at 3.45pm or 3rd May at 9.45am at Mid Mountains Community Centre Joy Anderson Room 7 New Street Lawson

Family group session 2 16th May at 3.45 pm or 17th May 9.45am at Mid Mountains Community Centre

Family group session 3 23rd May at 3.45pm OR 24th May at 9.45am at Mid Mountains Community Centre

Family group session 4 30th May at 3.45pm OR 31st May 9.45am at Mid Mountains Community Centre.

Wednesday 10th June 4pm Special Liturgical Celebration including First Communion Rehearsal in Lawson Church

First Communion Mass: Saturday or Sunday 13th 5pm or 14th June 8.30am or 10.30am at Our Lady of Nativity Church Lawson

Inquiries email: Maureen Ryanolol254@gmail.com

O B I T U A R Y: VALE TO MR JOHN MARTIN

Our heart felt condolences to Denise Martin and her family on the death of her husband John Martin. Funeral Mass will be at 10am in St Canice's on Friday 8th May.



MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS



Recently Deceased: John Martin, Veneranda Mifsud, Kevin Gordon, Maria Christina Vera de Penna, Rebecca Etccl, Stephen Mount, Fr David Taylor

Death Anniversary: Tochillo (Scott) Brown (27.04.2021), members of Kozlowski, La Roche, Brown, Foley, Roome Families, David Powell, Jan, Miecia & Zyguch Slawek, Patricia Ducrest, John Mifsud, Moran William Halliday, Paul Nyssen, Bridget Collits, Stephanie Jean Murphy, Dulcie Elizabeth Nyssen, Lenna & Elizabeth, Barbara Connolly, Max Dodd and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: John Barclay, Mildred Taft, Charlie Congreve, Malik, Maureen O'Reilly, George and Laura Boffa, Sarah-Jane Hallett, Les Hayward, Chloe Newton, Kelly Gale, Nathan, Susan Sergeant, Sandy Mobray, Joella, Doreen Kinsella & George Commens, Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverly Bateup, Anne Farindon, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Kevin Medlin, Lan Franco Matteucci. Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennet, and All Private Intentions.

NB: Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

Who is our Patron Saint?

THE SEARCH IS ON CAST YOUR VOTE!

Three weekends ago, we began giving a brief overview of the 5 options for our parish Patron– which will be voted on during all Pentecost Masses. Please pray about each of the suggestions that have come from many different people and groups. The original 13 names have been reduced to the 5 majority options. This week we look at All Saints.

ALL SAINTS

In lieu of having a specific Saint as our patron, one of the suggestions has been All Saints. This title embraces the entire communion of holy men and women who have gone before us, known and unknown, and may represent unity in diversity, offering a broad and welcoming spiritual identity.

This patronage may highlight the beauty of the universal Church and the truth that holiness is not limited to a select few but is a calling for everyone, as every person, in every walk of life, is invited to grow in virtue and friendship with God . A parish under the patronage of All Saints could draw strength from the whole heavenly family, encouraging parishioners to seek inspiration from many different Saints while fostering a sense of belonging, purpose, and shared mission in the heart of the Blue Mountains, uniting our seven communities under a wide umbrella of sanctity and charisms.



St. Vincent de Paul's life of service to the poor became the inspiration for Frederic Ozanam in founding our Society which demonstrated his faith through good deeds. "Let us do what Christ did. Let us go to the poor." Bl. Frederic Ozanam.

Membership in the St Vincent de Paul Society offers a means to put your faith into action in serving Christ's poor. As the Letter of James says: *I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds.*

Our parish Conferences are in need of members to continue doing this. Would you have a free morning once a fortnight or month? Would you join us like St James says to 'put your faith into action by doing 'good deeds'?

To join contact

Lawson Conference - Paul Gannon Paul.Gannon@vinnies.org.au or text **0409 592 055**

Katoomba Conference - Russell Smith russell.smith@vinnies.org.au or text **0439 604 916**

Blackheath Conference - John Tweedie- john.tweedie@vinnies.org.au or text **0407 288 957**



CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON

7.00 pm | 05 June 2026



254 Great Western Highway, Lawson, NSW 2783
- Deacon Alan Skofic

PARISH NEWS



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks

to the parish community of The Catholic parish of Upper Blue mountains for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.



INVITATION ALL ARE WELCOME!

CATENIANS

Men of the Upper Blue Mountains To join us for our inauguration at Gaels Club, 75 Richmond Road, Kingswood 6.45 pm, Tuesday 12th May, Enquiries and RSVP by 5th May. Email: Michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Phone: 0419279743.

Catholic Men's Association: Faith based friendships

PLEASE JOIN THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY. Each evening at 5pm, wherever you are to pause, light a candle, and share Pope Leo's Peace Prayer:

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace. May the madness of war cease, and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life. Hear us, Lord of life!

PEACE JUSTICE ECOLOGY. Sacred Heart Church Community supports a number of community outreach initiatives under this banner. We have our Cuppas Together morning, our Jesuit Refugee Services and Caritas Projects, our Organic Kitchen Garden activities, our Ecumenical/Spirituality events and other ecological initiatives such as recycling. In the future we would like to make our site more accessible to those less mobile and those wanting to enjoy the environment our grounds offer. We appreciate all the support that the Parish and parishioners give to the Parish PJE efforts in various ways through the year. A grant from Katoomba Food Co-op for \$450 and a Federal Volunteers grants for \$1,400 for our benefits.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding at The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains



We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



SACRED HEART CHURCH COMMUNITY BLACKHEATH

"Yanama Budyari Gumada- Walk with Good Spirit"

DONATIONS

Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow the link below and make your choice of option. You will be asked to show your name and mobile phone number:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay>

[CATHOLICPARISHOFSACREDHEARTBLACKHEATH](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay)

As an alternative to following the link, please use the attach QR Code.



Blackheath Vinnies Support phone number:
0490 709 547

Sacred Heart Care Group Helping parishioners in need:
Monica Bright 0420 937 690

WEDNESDAY CUPPA'S TOGETHER IN SACRED HEART

HALL! Cuppas" has resumed on Wednesdays. Come for coffee, home made cakes and a catchup with other locals. All members of the community are welcome to come along. Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm each Wednesday. Location: Sacred Heart Church Hall - Wentworth St, Blackheath.



The Sacred Heart Church Community Pastoral Team. Your team members are **Frances Huckstep, Julie O'Keeffe, Marilyn Jones, Graham Beale and Paul Harris.** Please see any of these people if you would like a matter raised.

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PARISH TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CONCERT IN BLACKHEATH. ART IN HARMONY – WITH HARMONI CHAMBER CHOIR 3pm Saturday 9 May 2026 Phillips Hall Blackheath Tickets \$20 . Tickets available at: [ART IN HARMONI](#) Further details on Flyer on Church Notice Board

CONTACT DETAILS



MINISTRY TEAM

» CASE OFFICER & EXORCIST

0472 761 879

www.parracatholic.org

deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org;
deliverance.exorcist@parracatholic.org

DP-OSHDE CENTER
63 Allawah Street, Blacktown
NSW 2148



OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH LAWSON

DONATIONS: Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow. Donations can be made to Our Lady of Nativity via direct deposit to the bank account below.

Account name: Lawson Our Lady of the Nativity
BSB: 067-950 Account Number: 00000164

OLN FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE. Evening Supper and Morning Teas. We will be serving a light supper after Saturday evening mass the 2nd May and a morning tea being served Sunday 3rd May. A donation for this food served would be much appreciated. We hope you will partake in the sharing of this food which offers an opportunity to have a chat and get to know other fellow parishioners.

Citrus Fruit Donations. Anyone with citrus fruit trees that are bearing surplus fruits and would like to donate to our church community fundraising events would be most welcomed. Would you kindly bring any donations to Saturday or Sunday masses over the next two weekends. Kate Powell or Jenny will be in the foyer after each mass to gratefully accept your offerings. Any enquiries please call Kate 0420 545 275 or Jenny 0428 057 753.

Artwork Event. We are continuing to receive paintings or prints (thankyou) of which will be sold in an art sale to raise funds towards the building of our Meeting room. If you have any artwork that you wish to still donate please see Kate or Jenny in the foyer of each mass over the next two weekends or call Kate on 0420 545 275 or Jenny 0428 057 753. If anyone has any art easels that we can borrow for this event please let us know, thankyou Jenny

Free Copy of Way of the Cross. Please grab a copy of our Scriptural Church Way of the Cross as depicted on our Church Wall. Collect your copy as you leave the Church today.



SPENCER'S 10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

ON 17TH MAY 2026@ St Canice's Parish Hall after the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains is a CHILD SAFE ZONE

The Care and Protection of Children is everyone's responsibility. Help us to care and protect your children by always knowing what your child is doing, where he/she is and who he/she is with. Parents /Guardians Always Keep and Eye on your Children.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

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<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY @ ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH Inviting those music enthusiasts and musically incline to form a choir for St Francis Xavier Church Community Mass every Sunday at 8:30 am. Please call the office or let the sacristan know. Practice will be announced as soon as we have you.



ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH LEURA

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 15th of May at 4:00 pm. Address: 1270 Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley NSW 27



ST. PAUL CHURCH MT VICTORIA

Vigil Masses for Sunday occurs every Saturdays at 6:00 pm. Address- 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria NSW 2786.

NOTICE FOR ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

For Compliance and Professional Standards Audit 2026

WHAT: Face to face training day with Safeguarding and Professional Standard Office.

WHEN: Saturday, 23rd May 2026 at 10:00 pm (approx. 2 hrs and 15 mins with Morning Tea)

Everyone serving in our Parish is required to do the Mandatory training and ongoing refresher modules while serving in the Parish.

For inquiries, please contact the Parish Office or RSVP as soon as possible.

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ST. CANICE'S CHURCH
KATOOMBA

PARISH B. POINT: We have introduced a new and easy way of contribution for both 1st and 2nd collections. When choosing 2nd collection please note name and envelop No. Please follow this link.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

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 Bpoint.



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**

DIOCESE NEWS & BEYOND

THE MESSENGER

Inspired by St Gabriel's Mission, this weekly update brings news from across the Diocese of Parramatta for clergy, parishes and agencies.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT ON APRIL-JUNE 2026. In preparation for the first audit that will take place this year. A member of the Safeguarding Audit team will be in touch and answer any questions you may have. You can also email the team any time at: safeguardingaudit@parracatholic.org

DEANERY CLUSTER MEETING for the MOUNTAINS AND NEPEAN. We will be holding the Deanery Cluster Meetings for the Parish Admin Staff on 24th June 2026 @ Edmund Rice Centre Mulgoa.

Diocese of Parramatta@40 years. A special Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration of 40 years of our Diocese will take place on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, Sunday 31st of May at St Patrick's Cathedral, 2:00 pm.

Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June. Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. **For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.**

Eucharist28 Update – Renewal has begun! The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



**“We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!”
St Augustine, Sermon 243**



Your church is invited to join the **2026 National Church Life Survey (2026 NCLS)**. What if it only took 20 minutes to listen to all your church attenders in these changing times? This year's NCLS aims to help thousands of Australian churches to reflect on life and mission and build for the future. **[Find out more & sign up at 2026ncls.org.au](http://2026ncls.org.au)**

Journeys of St Paul & the Cities of the Book of Revelation



An update on the Journey of St Paul & the Cities of the Book of Revelation pilgrimage. Due to the situation in the Middle East this pilgrimage has been postponed until sometime next year. For those who have already paid for this or for more information please contact Harvest Journeys on harvestjourneys.com/pv2601 Free-Call: 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com

Winter Appeal: Knitted & Crochet Donations



During Term 2, Our Lady of Nativity Primary School is seeking donations of knitted or crocheted squares (approximately 25cm x 25cm), wool, knitting needles or crochet hooks to support St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

If you are able to contribute squares or materials, please bring them to the Church of Our Lady of Nativity in Lawson, where a basket will be available for donations at the back of the church or bring them into the school office at Our Lady of Nativity Lawson.

Thank you for your support.

Katheleen Power and Theadora Mahairas
Faith in Action Team



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, For he has worked wonders; in the sight of nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 6:1-7)

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers and sisters must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place out trust in you.

SECOND READING (1 Peter 2:4-9)

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the one who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring people down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 14:1-12)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and in in them, bears fruit in plenty.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

— *John 14:1-14* —



Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
You believe in God
Believe also in Me.

John 14:1

