

SANTO NINO MASS: according to the Filipino faith tradition (Mass will be celebrated in the English Language). Sunday 20th January 12:00pm (Katoomba). Followed by refreshments. Everyone is most welcome to join.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday at Katoomba after the 12 noon Mass.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday 27th of January after the 10am Mass at Katoomba.

SICK AND HOME-BOUND: If you are aware of people who are bed-ridden and for that reason cannot come to Mass on Sunday and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know.

HOLY MASS IN SPANISH: Sunday 10th February 12:00pm (Katoomba). Followed by refreshments. Everyone from the diocese is most welcome to join.

PLENARY 2020 FORUM: Sunday 24 February 2019 at 2pm for a forum run by Blue Mountains Deanery where you can "Have your say about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia" at Mavis Wood Hall, Mid Mountains Community Centre Lawson. EVERYONE is most welcome. The process will involve reflection, small group sharing, whole group plenary and afternoon tea.

HAVE YOUR SAY ONLINE: Whether you can make the Plenary 2020 forum at Lawson or not, all are encouraged to have their say online. Simply visit the official website below and scroll down to the long blue 'have your say' button. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

SON OF GOD: THE DAILY GOSPEL YEAR C-1: Free e-book (with Church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone. This book offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year C-1 beginning with the First Sunday of Advent (Dec 2, 2018). Each daily Gospel has with it a reflection of some 750 words. It may be accessed at the following: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Come to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. Come to Eucharistic Adoration.

Pope Paul VI says: "The blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our sweet duty to honour and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see."

USUAL CONFESSION TIMES

- Monday:** Katoomba 9:00am
- Tuesday:** Leura 4:45pm
- Wednesday:** Wentworth Falls 10:30am
- Thursday:** Leura 4:45pm.
- Friday:** Katoomba 12:30pm
- Saturday:** Katoomba 10am Leura 4:30pm
- Sunday:** W. Falls 9am Kat 11am Leura 4:30pm

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First - For the Diocese: Second - For the Parish:



ROSTERS for January 20 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEURA	Reader	Sharon Varney	
	Server	Zelko Livaic	
	Sacristans	Pam LeBreton and Natale Assanti.	
WENTWORTH FALLS 8am	Reader	Halina	
	Reader	Bernard	
	Server	Sylvester Simon	
	Sacristans	Bev and Halina	
	KATOOMBA 10am	Reader	Russel Smith
		Reader	Maria Golez
Server		Michael Wood	
	Sacristans	Annette, Matthew, Natale.	
	LEURA 5pm	Reader	Julie McGregor
		Reader	
Server		Gabe Very	
	Sacristan	Pam LeBreton	
	Counters	Counter	Michael Wood
		Counter	Natale Assanti
Counter		Russell Smith	
Counter		Lawrence O'Dell	
Counter		Ben Howard	
Counter		Alex Sharah	
Cleaners (from January 17)	Kat Church & Hall	Annette and Bernard Yen	

USUAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND DEVOTIONS

- MONDAY:** Mass at Katoomba 8:30am.
- TUESDAY:** Mass at Leura 5.15pm. Exposition 4.45pm.
- WEDNESDAY:** Mass at Wentworth Falls 10.00am.
- THURSDAY:** Mass at Leura 5.15pm. Silent Exposition 4.45pm.
- FRIDAY:** Mass at Katoomba 12 noon.
- SATURDAY:** Mass at Katoomba 9.30am. Cenacle after.
- SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** Saturday Evening at Leura 5.00pm
 Wentworth Falls Sunday 8.00am Katoomba Sunday 10.00am
 Leura Sunday 5.00pm

DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: DOROTHY WALL, MARK GLASHEEN, TONY LOWE, HECTOR WADDELL, FRANCES CALVERT and ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR WHOM YOU REQUESTED PRAYERS AND MASSES AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. **SICK LIST:** Len Lambert, Florence Gardner, Wanda Heffernan, Diane Wood, Mary Roberts, Jacquelin Singh, John Egan, Kath Paine, June Way, Robert Sullivan, Natale Assanti, Alex Sharah, Susan Keegel, Eugenio Natonton, Emiliana Santiago, Pat Coyne, Inga Morphet, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Gloria Trevallion, Margaret Esgate, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Brenda Dore, Tricia Hogan.

Weddings: Please call Parish Office for details. (Baptisms: upon request)
Parish Website at: www.marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au
Parish School: St Canice's Primary School, Katoomba **Principal:** Mr. Mark Geerligs
Phone: (02) 4780 6800 **Email:** stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Prayer for the divine mercy: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus I trust in you.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7.

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSE The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism: God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heaven's were opened and the Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

Hippolytus of Rome (died 236 AD)

"As soon as he had been baptized, Jesus came out of the water. The heavens were opened to him and the Spirit of God in the form of a dove came down and rested on him. Then a voice from heaven said: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." If the Lord had yielded to John's persuasion and had not been baptized, do you realize what great blessings and how many we should have been deprived of? Heaven was closed until then; our homeland on high was inaccessible. Once we had descended into the depths we were incapable of rising again to such lofty heights. The Lord was not only baptized himself; he also renewed our fallen nature and restored to us our status as God's children. At once "the heavens were opened to him." The world we see was reconciled

with the world that lies beyond our vision; the angels were filled with joy; earthly disorders were remedied; mysteries were revealed; enemies were made friends. The heavens were opened to him," you have heard the evangelist say. This happened for three wonderful reasons. The heavenly bridal chamber had to open its shining gates to Christ at his baptism because he was the bridegroom. The gates of heaven had also to be lifted up to allow the Holy Spirit to descend in the form of a dove and the Father's voice to resound far and wide. The heavens were opened to him and a voice said: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. This is my beloved Son who appeared on earth without leaving his Father's side. He both appeared and did not appear, for he was not what he seemed. As far as appearance goes the one who confers baptism is superior to the one who receives it. This is why the Father sent the Holy Spirit down on him from heaven. As in Noah's ark a dove revealed God's love for the human race, so now it was in the form of a dove, as though with an olive branch in its beak, that the Spirit descended and rested on him to whom the Father would bear witness. He did so to make sure that the Father's voice would be recognized and the ancient prophecy believed. Which prophecy? The one that says: "The Lord's voice resounded over the waters. The God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders across many waters. And what does he say? This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Pay close attention now, I beg you, for I want to return to the fountain of life and contemplate its healing waters at their source. The Father of immortality sent his immortal Son and Word into the world; he came to us to cleanse us with water and the Spirit. To give us a new birth that would make our bodies and souls immortal, he breathed into us the Spirit of life and armed us with incorruptibility. Do you wish to know how to do this? By water and the Holy Spirit. This is to say, by the water through which we are born again and given life, and by the Spirit who is the Comforter sent for your sake to make you a child of God.

Sermon on the Holy Manifestation 6-9.

COMMUNION Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testify that this is the Son of God.