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.

BODINGTON MASS: This Thursday 10:45am at Bodington. All welcome. No evening Mass at Leura.

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

FR. TED'S FAREWELL MASS: Fr. Ted is headed to the Wilcannia-Forbes diocese. A farewell Mass will be held at St. Francis Xavier's coinciding with the 8am Sunday Mass 10 February followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

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

TO MEMBERS OF ALL MINISTRIES IN THE PARISH: By now everyone should have received their copy of the Diocesan documents "Child Protection Policy" and "Integrity in the service of the Church." A reminder that the Policy Acceptance Forms should be returned to the Parish Office immediately. Should you not have received these documents or the return Acceptance Form, please contact the Parish Office as a matter of urgency.

READERS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer to read at Mass please see Fr. Carlos or Fr. Sean.

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.

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/

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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

ROSTERS for January 27 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEURA	Reader	Russel Smith
	Server	Zelko Livaic
	Sacristans	Pam LeBreton and Natale Assanti.
WENTWORTH FALLS	Reader	Regina
8am	Reader	Halina
	Server	Sylvester Simon
	Sacristans	Bev and Halina
KATOOMBA	Reader	
10am	Reader	
	Server	John Czekanowicz
	Sacristans	Annette, Matthew, Natale.
LEURA	Reader	Jenny Porter
5pm	Reader	Margaret Gale
	Server	Zelko Livaic
	Sacristan	Pam LeBreton
Counters	Counter	Jim Walsh
	Counter	John Grant
	Counter	Peter Marshall
	Counter	
	Counter	
	Counter	
Cleaners (from January 24)	Kat Church & Hall	Harsh + Griffin Families

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

Pope Paul VI says: "He proposes His own example to those who come to Him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interests but those of God."

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

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

DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: DOROTHY WALL, MARK GLASHEEN, TONY LOWE, HECTOR WADDELL, FRANCES CALVERT, JOHN HOWARD, ELIZABETH McPHILLIPS, JOHN McPHILLIPS 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 Morphett, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Gloria Trevallion, Margaret Esgate, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Brenda Dore, Tricia Hogan.

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Weddings: Please call Parish Office for details. (Baptisms: upon request)
Parish Website at: **www.marymackillopupperbluemountains.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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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 20 JANUARY 2019

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.

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.

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

Maximus of Turin (380-465 AD)

The Son of God went to the wedding so that marriage, which had been instituted by his own authority, might be sanctified by his blessed presence. He went to a wedding of the old order when he was about to take a new bride for himself through the conversion of the Gentiles, a bride who would for ever remain a virgin. He went to a wedding even though he himself was not born of human wedlock. He went to the wedding not, certainly, to enjoy a banquet, but rather to make himself known by miracles. He went to the wedding not to drink wine, but to give it, for when there was none left for the wedding guests, the most blessed Mary said to him: "They have no wine." Jesus answered as though he were displeased. "Woman," he said, "is that my concern, or yours?" It can hardly be doubted that these were words of displeasure. However, this I think was only because his mother mentioned to him so casually the lack of earthly wine, when he had come to offer the peoples of the whole world the new chalice of eternal salvation. By his reply, "My hour has not yet come," he was foretelling the most glorious hour of his passion, and the wine of our redemption which would obtain life for all. Mary was asking for a temporal favour, but Christ was preparing joys that would be eternal. Nevertheless, the Lord in his goodness did not refuse this small grace while great graces were awaited. Holy Mary, therefore, since she was in very truth the Mother of the Lord, and in her spirit knew in advance what would happen and foresaw the Lord's will, took care to advise the servants to do whatever he told them. Of course this holy Mother knew that the rebuke of her Son and Lord was not an insult born of anger, but that it contained a mysterious compassion. Then, to save his Mother from embarrassment because of his reproach, the Lord revealed his sovereign power. Addressing the expectant servants he said: "Fill the jars with water." The servants promptly obeyed, and suddenly in a marvellous way the water began to acquire potency, take on colour, emit fragrance, and gain flavour—all at once it changed its nature completely! Now this transformation of the water from its own substance into another testified to the powerful presence of the Creator. Only he who had made it out of nothing could change water into something whose use was quite different. Dearly beloved, Scripture says that "this sign at Cana in Galilee was the first that Jesus performed He manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him." And so let us too believe wholeheartedly that he whom we confess to be the Son of Man is also the Son of God. If such is our faith, the Lord will give us also to drink of his grace.

Sermon 23.

COMMUNION We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.