

UPCOMING EVENTS: FR. TED'S FAREWELL MASS: 10th February at Wentworth Falls, 8am and Katoomba, 10am.

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

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS: we have been given by Sr Monica Cavanagh, congregational leader of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, a first-degree relic of our patron Saint, Mary MacKillop! St Mary MacKillop is our intercessor and will be even more so now that she will be especially present to our parish.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: This Sunday after the 10am Katoomba Mass.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH: We invite everyone to join us in the 30 day prayer to St Joseph that we may be able to set up a Chapel of Adoration in the parish. The prayer takes about 5 minutes every day for a month and can be said anywhere. We will start on Sunday, 17th February to finish on 19th March, his feast day. You may pick up the prayer in the back of each church.

DUE TO THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY this weekend the regular scheduled Mass on Monday January 28th at Katoomba will be re-scheduled for 10am - Not 8.30am.

FILIPINO MASS: On 20 January we had a full church from Filipinos residing in the area and beyond. We thank especially Mari Tess, her family and all those who made it possible.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION sessions run for six Sundays starting 10 February at 8:30am in the parish hall. If you would like to enrol your child (must be at least in Year 2/age 7) please contact the parish office 4782 2804.

CHAPEL OF ADORATION COMMITTEE: if you would like to be a member of the committee to set up the Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration, please let us know.

MESSAGE FROM PAT LOWE "I would like to thank all the parishioners for the prayers and kindness shown to me at the time of Tony's passing. My sincere thanks to you all. Love, Pat Lowe."

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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

Pope Paul VI says: "The divine Eucharist, bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity."

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: NORA HAGAR, RICHARD GALE, HENRY HOGAN, TONY LOWE, FRANCES CALVERT, JOHN HOWARD, and ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR WHOM YOU REQUESTED PRAYERS AND MASSES AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. SICK LIST: Alan Leathwood, 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, Amanda Peters, Alison Michaels, Aimee De la Motte, Gloria Trevallion, Margaret Esgate, Lorraine Russelle, Margaret Murphy, Joan Nolan, Pat Wolthers, Brenda Dore, Tricia Hogan.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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



ROSTERS for February 3 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEURA	Reader	Russel Smith
	Server	Zelko Livaic
	Sacristans	Pam LeBreton and Natale Assanti.
WENTWORTH FALLS 8am	Reader	Margaret
	Reader	Ann
	Server	Sylvester Simon
KATOOMBA 10am	Sacristans	Bev and Halina
	Reader	Jenny Porter
	Reader	Linda Muller
LEURA 5pm	Server	Zelko Livaic
	Sacristans	Annette, Matthew, Natale.
	Reader	Julie McGregor
Counters	Reader	Michael Wood
	Server	Michael Wood
	Sacristan	Pam LeBreton
	Counter	Andrew Giesajtis
	Counter	Barry Porter
	Counter	Patrick Everingham
Cleaners (from January 24)	Counter	Mark Griffin
	Counter	
	Counter	
	Kat Church & Hall	Tanya Favantines

USUAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND DEVOTIONS

- MONDAY: Mass at Katoomba 8:30am. (On Public Holidays—10am)
- 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

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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
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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.

**ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
PARISH UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS**



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 27 JANUARY 2019

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and ever y o n e praised him. He came to N a z a r e t h , where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

Origen (of Alexandria) (184-253 AD)

It was not only to the Jewish congregations of his own generation that our Lord spoke. He still speaks to us assembled here today... Throughout the world Jesus looks for instruments through which he can continue his teaching... It was no coincidence, but in accordance with the plan of divine providence, that Jesus unrolled the scroll and found in it this chapter prophesying about himself. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed upon him." Here too in this synagogue, that is in this present assembly, you can at this very moment fix your eyes upon your Saviour if you wish. Whenever you direct your inward gaze toward wisdom and truth and the contemplation of God's only Son, then your eyes are fixed upon Jesus. Blessed was that congregation of which the Gospel says, "All eyes in the synagogue were fixed upon him!" When you look at Jesus your own faces will become radiant with his reflected glory, and you will be able to say: "The light of your face has shed its brightness upon us, O Lord!" To you be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

**ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring
Good News to the poor and
freedom to prisoners. Alleluia**

**RESPONSE Your words, Lord,
are spirit and life.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor. 12: 12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well

**COMMUNION Look toward the
Lord and be radiant; let your
faces not be abashed.**