

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. Readings printed in both English and Spanish will be available for parishioners to follow. The homily will be preached in both English and Spanish. Refreshments to follow afterwards in the hall. Everyone from the diocese is most welcome to join.

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.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: This coming Friday. 6:30pm in the presbytery.

MARIAN PRAYER MEETING: 25 Ada St, Katoomba. 7:30pm Thursday Nights.

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.

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 & HOME-BOUND: If you are aware of people who are bed-ridden and thus can't come to Mass on Sunday and would like to receive Communion, please let us know.

2019 LENTEN PROGRAMME: This year our Parish is offering the Lenten program "TRUST" to assist parishioners in their Lenten Journey. This very popular, high quality, booklet and CD set programme is published by the Wollongong diocese. It includes short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) Sunday Gospel readings & reflections, psalms, prayers, and reflection questions, as well as an optional accompanying triple CD set full of beautiful music and reflections. This program is suitable for individual or group use and they are now available for purchase through the sacristans after Masses. (During Lent there will be Lenten groups running, using this program, for those wishing to be a part of a face to face group) Booklets are \$10 each, Physical CD's are \$9 each (there are a limited number available, however there are digital audio copies available for purchase through the Wollongong diocese website). Please see a sacristan if you would like to purchase a copy before they sell out! ***All profits raised through the purchase of these programs will go towards supporting the Perpetual Adoration Chapel in our Parish!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart..." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Matthew 6:21; 26:40)

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: GEORGE DALE, 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 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.marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au
Parish School: St Canice's Primary School, Katoomba **Principal:** Mr. Mark Geerligs
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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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



ROSTERS for February 10 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEURA	Reader	Maureen and Sharon	
	Server	Zelko Livaic	
	Sacristans	Pam LeBreton and Natale Assanti.	
WENTWORTH FALLS 8am	Reader	Regina	
	Reader	Maureen	
	Server	Sylvester Simon	
	Sacristans	Bev and Halina	
	KATOOMBA 10am	Reader	Madeline
		Reader	Ruby
Server		Gabe Very	
	Sacristans	Annette, Matthew, Natale.	
	LEURA 5pm	Reader	Margaret Gale
		Reader	
Server		Michael Wood	
	Sacristan	Pam LeBreton	
	Counters	Counter	Darryl McGovern
		Counter	Johnathan Tucker
Counter		Katrina Waddell	
Counter		Matalena Ale	
Counter		Troy McGovern	
Counter		Matthew Brawn	
Cleaners (from February 7)	Kat Church & Hall	Annette and Bernard Yen	

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

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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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 3 FEBRUARY 2019

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1: 4-5.17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I for my part today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you—it is the Lord who speaks.

knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I now have is imperfect; but then I shall know fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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

RESPONSE I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Cor. 13:4-13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue forever; and knowledge—for this too the time will come when it must fail. For our

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

Cyril of Alexandria (died 444)

Desiring to win over the whole world and bring its inhabitants to God the Father, raising all things to a higher condition and, in a sense, renewing the face of the earth, the Lord of the universe took the form of a servant and brought the good news to the poor. This, he said, was why he had been sent. Now by the poor we may understand those who were then deprived of all spiritual blessings and who lived in the world without hope and without God, as scripture says. They are those among the Gentiles who, enriched by faith in Christ, have gained the divine, the heavenly treasure, which is the saving proclamation of the gospel. Through this they have become sharers in the kingdom of heaven and companions of the saints. They have inherited blessings impossible to express or comprehend, "for eye has not seen," says scripture, "nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." To the broken-hearted Christ promises healing and release, and to the blind he gives sight. For those who worship created things, and say to a piece of wood, "You are my father," and to a stone, "You gave me birth," thus failing to recognize him who is really and truly God, are they not blind? Are not their hearts devoid of the spiritual and divine light? To these the Father sends the light of true knowledge of God. Having been called by faith, they know God, or rather, they are known by him. They were children of night and of darkness, but they have become children of light. The Day has shone upon them, the Sun of Righteousness has risen, the Morning Star has appeared in all its brilliance. All that has been said, however, could also be applied to the Israelites, for they too were poor, broken-hearted, captives in a certain sense, and in darkness. But Christ came, and it was to the Israelites first that he made known the purpose of his coming: he came to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of retribution. That was the acceptable year, when Christ was crucified for us, for then we became acceptable to God the Father. *On Isaiah 5, 5.*

COMMUNION Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

GOSPEL

Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son surely?" But he replied, "No doubt you will quote me the saying, 'Physician, heal yourself' and tell me, 'We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'" And he went on, "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman." When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.