

UPCOMING EVENTS: 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.

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.

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.

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, sign up sheets at the back of the church). 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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, KATOOMBA CONFERENCE: The President and members of Katoomba conference wish to extend grateful thanks to Fr. Carlos and Fr. Sean, and all members of the parish community for your incredibly generous support of the Society's Christmas appeal which was conducted at all churches within the parish. The appeal was also supported by St. Canice's, our local school. It's teachers, students and parents provide continuing generous support for our Conference throughout the year. Continuing generous support also come from St. Columba's at Springwood.

It is with such generous support and the acceptance of the Society as a valuable unit within our parish community that the work of the Society in meeting the needs of the less advantaged of our community is able to be undertaken. Again we stress that all donations of all kinds are utilised within the Mountains community. Thank you all for

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

"I myself am the living Bread come down from Heaven." (John 6:35)

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: DAVID COOK, CHARLIE NAVARRO, ANTON NAVARRO, MARGARET ZARB, GEORGE DALE, NORA HAGAR, RICHARD GALE, HENRY HOGAN, 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 Sarah, 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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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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



ROSTERS for February 17 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEURA	Reader	Maureen and Sharon
	Server	Zelko Livaic
	Sacristans	Pam LeBreton and Natale Assanti.
WENTWORTH FALLS 8am	Reader	Halina
	Reader	Bernard
	Server	Sylvester Simon
KATOOMBA 10am	Sacristans	Bev and Halina
	Reader	Russel Smith
	Reader	Maria Golez
LEURA 5pm	Server	Michael Wood
	Sacristans	Annette, Matthew, Natale.
	Reader	Julie McGregor
Counters	Reader	Gabe Very
	Server	Pam LeBreton
	Counter	Michael Wood
	Counter	Natale Assanti
	Counter	Ben Howard
	Counter	Russell Smith
Cleaners (from February 14)	Counter	Lawrence O'Dell
	Kat Church & Hall	John C. and Ben H. (Hall) Leah (Church)

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.

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

10 FEBRUARY 2019

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSE In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to

me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia**

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

While he was on the mountain with Christ the Lord in company with the two other disciples James and John, the blessed apostle Peter heard a voice from heaven saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." The apostle remembered this and made it known in his letter. "We heard a voice coming from heaven, he said, when we were with him on the holy mountain; and he added: so we have confirmation of what was prophesied. A voice came from heaven, and prophecy was confirmed." How great was Christ's courtesy! This Peter who spoke these words was once a fisherman. Addressing the first Christians the apostle Paul says: Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something. (1 Cor 1:26-28). Christ says: Give me this fisherman, this man without education or experience, this man to whom no senator would deign to speak, not even if he were buying fish. Yes, give me him; once I have taken possession of him, it will be obvious that it is I who am at work in him. Remember this fisherman, then, this holy, just, good, Christ-filled fisherman. In his nets cast throughout the world he has the task of catching this nation as well as all the others. So remember that claim of his: "We have confirmation of what was prophesied".



COMMUNION Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

Weddings: Please call Parish Office for details. (Baptisms: upon request)

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