

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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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 5 MAY 2019

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

RESPONSE I will praise you Lord for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a

belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

But wishing to show us how we should demonstrate our love for him, Christ the Lord made it plain that it is by our concern for his sheep. "Do you love me?" he asked. "I do love you." "Then feed my sheep." Once, twice, and a third time the same dialogue was repeated. To the Lord's one and only question, Peter had no other answer than "I do love you." And each time the Lord gave Peter the same command: "Feed my sheep." Let us love one another then, and by so doing we shall be loving Christ. Christ, the eternal God, was born in time as man. A true member of the human race, he appeared as one of us; but as God in human form he performed many wonderful signs. As a human being, he suffered much from other human beings; but as God in human form he rose from the dead. For forty days he lived on earth as one of us; then, before the eyes of his disciples, he ascended to heaven, where, as God in human form, he is now seated at the right hand of the Father. We believe all these things, though we have never seen them; we are commanded to love Christ the Lord, whom we have never seen. And we all cry out and say that we love Christ. But listen to John's words: "If you do not love the brother that you can see, how can you love the God you cannot see?" It is by loving the sheep that you show your love for the shepherd, for the sheep are the members of the shepherd. Indeed, it was to make the sheep into members of his own body that the Lord became one of them himself, that he allowed himself to be led like a lamb to the slaughter, and that he allowed the Baptist to point him out and say to him: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Surely a crushing burden for a lamb! But that lamb possessed tremendous strength. Do you wish to know how much strength was in this lamb? Because the lamb was crucified, the lion was overcome. If he could vanquish the devil by his own death, think with what power he is able to rule the world! May nothing, then, ever be dearer to us than Christ the Lord; let us love him with all our hearts.

Sermon 229N, 1

COMMUNION Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them. Alleluia.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

This Friday 6:30pm in the presbytery.

FIRST COMMUNION 2019: Classes begin next Sunday 12 May 8:30-9:30am in St Canice's Parish Hall for six weeks. If your child/children have made their First Confession and would like to enrol please bring them along to this first session. Further enquires please ring parish office 4782 2804. First Communion will be the Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday 23 June at the 10am Mass.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL: To be held 1-2 June to raise funds for the Holy Spirit Seminary.

NEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: to be regularly updated. www.facebook.com/Blue-Mountains-Catholic-567984977037106

SRI LANKA ATTACKS: Dear Parish Friends, You would now be aware of the tragic situation that unfolded in Sri Lanka on Easter morning. The horror of the suicide bomb attacks has ricocheted across the globe. We are aware that many of the Australian Catholic people wish to reach out to their Sri Lankan brothers and sisters at this time. Any offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka can be made online: www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The Katoomba conference will be conducting its Winter appeal at each Parish church after masses on the weekend of 16-17 June. Vinnies thank you for your generous support of its annual appeal. All funds raised are directed to the needs of the disadvantaged members of our mountain community. In the lead up to the winter appeal, we are seeking your additional support for the donation of non perishable food items to restock our food bank supplies. Donation boxes are at the read of our churches. Please assist us if at all possible. Thank you for your continued support of the Society and our Katoomba Conference.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Thank-you to those who prepared and participated in this wonderful event.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: We have a new batch of envelopes coming soon. Would you kindly consider being part of this regular giving to the Parish if not already.

DAILY ADORATION: During Lent we have had a daily hour of Eucharistic Adoration. From now on and until further notice we will continue to have one hour of Adoration on Mondays after the 8.30am Mass, and on Fridays half an hour after the 12.00pm Mass. **THE 8:30AM MASS:** will continue Monday through Thursday after Lent.

PAINTING: Painting the St. Canice's church doors + windows. Volunteers needed.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Could you kindly return your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible. You may return them to the sacristy after Mass or drop them into the presbytery during office hours. We thank you for your support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe. (John 20:29)."

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

PARISH OFFICE: 158 Katoomba Street, Katoomba 2780
Postal Address: P.O. Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780
Phone: (02) 4782 2804 **Hours:** 10am-3pm Tuesday-Friday.

DECEASED and ANNIVERSARIES: ANTHONY WALL, ANN RYAN, JOHN GRAHAM HANDS, VICKIE BASS, KATHY GRANT, ANTHONY WALL, LORRAINE BOWERMAN, SUSIE BLANK, CARMEL MAISY MAHONY BROWN, and ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR WHOM YOU REQUESTED PRAYERS AND MASSES AND THE FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY. **SICK LIST:** Evelyn Maw, 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 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, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heining.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

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



ROSTERS for May 12 (4th Sunday of Easter)

LEURA 5pm	Reader Maureen and Sharron	Server Zelko Livaic	Sacristan Pam + Natale
WENTWORTH FALLS 8am	Reader Bernard and Ann	Server Sylvester Simon	Sacristans Bev and Halina
KATOOMBA 10am	Reader Louise and Marleah	Server Gabe Very	Sacristans Annette, Matthew, Natale.
LEURA 5pm	Reader Julie McGregor	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 May 9)	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

Weddings: Please call Parish Office for details. (Baptisms: upon request)
Parish Website at: www.marymackillopupperbluemountains.org.au
Parish Facebook: www.facebook.com/Blue-Mountains-Catholic-567984977037106
Parish School: St Canice's Primary School, Katoomba **Principal:** Mr. Mark Geerligns



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Patroness of our Parish

How can St Mary help us
to know more deeply the love in the Heart of Jesus;
to trust in our 'good God';
to find strength and courage in our difficulties?

How can we know her better
and live with her spirit in our daily lives?

Do you have any suggestions as to how we can get to know St Mary a little better and how we can be encouraged to live with 'our Good God' as she did? If so, would you please put your ideas into the SUGGESTION BOX at the back of one of our churches.

On Tuesday the 21st May, you may wish to choose ONE of the following gatherings when we will look at these suggestions and decide: 'Where to from here?'

Times will be 10am and 6.30pm. Choose whichever is most convenient.

The venue will be: The Presbytery.

Please complete this form as you wish and put it in the Suggestion Box.

ATTENDING ONE OF THE GATHERINGS: (Please tick)

NAME:

I will be attending the gathering at 10am on Tuesday 21st May.

I will be attending the gathering at 6.30pm on 21st May.

SUGGESTIONS: (PLEASE USE BACK OF SHEET IF NEEDED)