

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**



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 21 JULY 2019

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSE The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all per-

ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

COMMENT ON THE GOSPEL

Bruno of Segni (d. 1123)

Everything our Savior did was full of sacred teaching. In every situation his actions were meant to point beyond themselves. For example, his outward actions in the hillside village of Bethany are repeated every day in his holy church. Daily the Lord Jesus enters in, not thinking frequent visits beneath his dignity. There he is welcomed by Martha, who takes him into her home. Let us see then what Martha stands for, and what Mary symbolizes. Each of them denotes something important, for these two make up the entire Church. One of them, namely Martha, symbolizes the active life; the other, Mary, the contemplative. That is why scripture says it was Martha, not Mary, who received Christ into her house. Mary, of course, does not own a house, since the contemplative life entails the renunciation of all worldly possessions. All that contemplatives want to do is to sit at the feet of the Lord—to read, pray, and give themselves up to contemplating God is their whole desire. It is enough for them to be always listening to the word of God

and feeding their minds rather than their stomachs. Such as these were the apostles and prophets; such are many others who, leaving everything, flee from the world and cling to the Lord. They seem to possess nothing, yet they have everything. Only good people can live this kind of life, whereas both good and bad alike can lead active lives. Now the reason the active life is so called is because it consists of constant activity, weariness, and toil, so that scarcely a moment's quiet can be found in it. We are not referring here though to that kind of active life that occupies thieves, impels tyrants, tempts misers, stirs up adulterers, and incites all wicked people to commit evil deeds. For just as we speak only of one Martha who was Mary's sister, so we are referring only to that type of active life which is most closely related to the contemplative life, that is, an active life that is pure and blameless. When the apostle preached and baptized, worked with his hands to gain a livelihood, journeyed from city to city, and showed solicitude for all the churches, was he not living the active life? In the same way then our text says of Martha that she was "busy with much serving." In fact, right down to the present day we see prelates in charge of the churches and the other clergy devotedly hurrying to and fro about their work, hot and bothered, sweating over the needs of their brothers and sisters in various ways, so that we may rightly describe them also as "busy with much serving." The contemplative life then is superior to the active because it is free from anxiety and will never end. Nevertheless the active life is so indispensable that in this world the contemplative life itself cannot exist without it. *Sermon 101, 1-3.*



COMMUNION The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEA SUNDAY APPEAL COLLECTION: This Sunday 21 July.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: This Sunday 21 July.

BODINGTON MASS: This Thursday at 10:45am. No Mass at Leura.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP: A special Mass in her honour on the occasion of the 110 years of her death will take place on Thursday, 8 August, 12.00pm at Katoomba. No 5:15pm Mass at Leura.

Peter's Pence Collection 13-14 July: Thank you to all who contributed. The amount raised was \$727.25

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MISSION: On 10-12 August, the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist will give a mission in all three Churches of our parish on Eucharistic Adoration, preaching at all the weekend Masses. On Sunday at 11:00am in St Canice's Church they will give a talk on "How to Adore" followed by guided Adoration ending with Benediction at 12:00pm. On Monday at 6pm in St Canice's Church they will give a guided Holy Hour "Adoration and the Saints".

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: begins Sunday 28th July 2019 in St Canice's Church Hall at 9am. To participate your child has to be 10 years old by 30th June 2019 and have received their First Communion. To enrol please ring the parish office 4782 2804 or come with your child to the first session. *****

FRIENDS OF MARY MACKILLOP: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 23rd July has been postponed.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Barbara Davidson who has received a recognition from the Rotary Club for her outstanding service to the community.

SERVING AT THE ALTAR: Ongoing Formation Day for Adult Servers and Acolytes. Saturday 3 August. 9.30am with registration to conclude at 2.30pm. Held at the Institute for Mission 1-5 Marion St Blacktown RSVP by 29 July to ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org 02 8838 3456 Morning tea/lunch provided.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Could you kindly collect your envelopes after Mass. If you are not part of the planned giving you are welcome to sign up.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed to help clean the church and hall at Katoomba. Our Lord reposes in the tabernacle of the church, so it is a very important job to keep his house of prayer clean and tidy. Please contact the parish if you are able to help. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed who are able to join the buildings maintenance group. Please contact the parish if you are interested.

HOUSE BOUND OR SICK: Please notify the parish office or ring Barbara Davidson 4784 2473 if you are or know of people who are house bound, sick or in hospital and would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST AID: We are inviting volunteers to become first aiders for all three churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish who will pay the full cost of your training.

THE 2019 'FAITH IN MARRIAGE' SEMINAR: Friday 30 August at 7.30pm. Guest Speaker is Catholic American Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. He will speak on the topic of 'Building Strong Marriages'. St. Paul's Catholic College Hall – 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes. Parking available in the Church grounds of Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes. Follow the signs to the Hall. Free entry and light supper. RSVP to lmf@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3460.

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: FRANCIS BEDE MURPHY, DIANNE WOOD, BEN MIKIC, MICHAEL BOURKE, KEVIN JOHN SUTTON, RHONA WELCH, RICHARD WARNER, 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, Wanda Heffernan, 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, Shiela Page, Sr Jeanie Heininger.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First - For the Parish: \$2,152.00
Second - For the Diocese: \$944.10



ROSTERS for July 28 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEURA 5pm	Reader Server Sacristan	Elaine Smith Zelko Livaic Pam + Natale
WENTWORTH FALLS 8am	Reader Server Sacristans	Maureen and Bernard Sylvester Simon Bev and Halina
KATOOMBA 10am	Reader Server Sacristans	Peter Lawlor Patrick Everingham John Czekanowicz Annette, Matthew, Maylin.
LEURA 5pm	Reader Server Sacristan	Jenny Porter Alexander Stilmark Hugh Jones Pam LeBreton
Counters	Counter Counter Counter Counter Counter Counter	Jim Walsh John Grant Peter Marshall
Cleaners (from July 18)	Kat Church & Hall	Ben and John (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

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

Parish Website at: www.marymackillopupperbluemountains.org.au

Parish Facebook at: www.facebook.com/Blue-Mountains-Catholic-567984977037106

Parish School: St Canice's Primary School, Katoomba **Principal:** Mr. Mark Geerligns