

Ministry Roster.

18th Sunday in Ord Time, 3rd August 2025. 19th Sunday in Ord Time, 10th August, 2025.

Ministry	Vigil	8:30AM.	Vigil	8:30 AM.
<u>Acolyte.</u>	R Kemmis.	G Verhoeven.	P Piscetelli.	P Doherty.
<u>Commentator.</u>	T Burgheim.	L Blahut.	B. Kozlowski.	K Pattenden.
<u>Reader.</u>	B Kozlowski.	C van Gelderen.	L Blahut.	M Kundukulam.
<u>Flowers.</u>	M Dodd.		P Currie.	
<u>Cleaning.</u>	L Blahut & M Kundukulam.		P Currie & L Beaman.	

If you are unable to carry out your rostered ministry, please arrange a swap or call the office on 0418 214 548

Weekend Masses Times in the Mountains.

	Katoomba.	Leura	Wentworth Falls.	Blackheath	Mt Victoria.
Saturday	9:00 AM	5:00 PM		5:00PM.	5:00PM.
Sunday	10:00AM	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	

Weekday Masses in the Mountains.

Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday	Friday
Katoomba 9:00	Leura 9:00	Blackheath 9:00	W/Falls 9:00	Lawson 9:30
Saturday Katoomba 9:00				

- Liturgical Ministry Course – Starts September 2025**

- The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

The Lawson Vinnies Conference team members would like to acknowledge the generosity of OLON Primary School, Hazelbrook Public School and OLON Parish for their support of our 2025 Vinnies Winter Appeal. We distributed food and warm apparel donated from the schools along with additional food Vouchers to our clients. The Parish congregation also generously supported our Appeal with **\$5572.50** in donations. This will go a long way in helping us continue our service to those in need in our community. This year we have already assisted over 50 people also we had 6 new clients which related to over 300 interactions.

PS: We continue to look for new members to join our team. Just 2 hours a month would be a great help.

Thanks, **The Lawson Vinnies Team**



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Parish Priest: Rev John McSweeney. **4782 2804.**

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 PM Thursday & Fridays.

Weekend Masses: **Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM.**

WEEKDAY MASS : Please note new time: 9:30 am each Friday only. Funerals: Call the office.

BENEDICTION: First Fridays 7:00 PM. Weddings Call the office & six months notice required.

Our Other Desires.

Today's liturgy contains a very strong message to those who have much and to those who want more: "Avoid greed in all its forms." We are to avoid the mistake of the rich fool, who saved up a fortune, only to die and have it left to others.

"That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God." Christians are challenged to be "intent on things above rather than on things of earth"; anything else "is vanity and a great misfortune."

Our society, based on the civil religion of capitalism, perceives greed as good and desirable, for it fuels the drive to improve ourselves. "Greed is not a bad word," said a prominent American economist and erstwhile Secretary of Treasury.

But in the Christian scheme of things, greed is a bad word, and money does not save: God is "the only one who helps (us) and sets (us) free."

The Eucharist is a sign of the Christian commitment to satisfying basic human needs such as food; all our other desires should prompt us to fall on our knees with the prayer: "Forgive our sins and restore us to life."

Neither individuals nor nations should regard the possession of more and more goods as the ultimate objective. ... The exclusive pursuit of material possessions prevents man's growth as a human being and stands in opposition to his true grandeur. Avarice, in individuals and in nations, is the most obvious form of stultified moral development.

Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio, 1967:19

Gerald Darring sj.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Darug and Gundugarra People and their elders - the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather.



Recently Deceased:
Anniversaries:

Sick: Kevin Medlin, Rob Nickl, Lan Franco Matteucci, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennett and all Private Intentions. *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consists of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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**SANTA MARIA
CONFERENCE CENTRE**

Available for meetings,
functions and
conferences. Phone
Sr Veronica on 4759 1116.

Our **MONTHLY MORNING TEA** is being held after the Sunday Mass this weekend in the Santa Maria Hall. Why not come and enjoy meeting and chatting with other parishioners. If it is possible, a contribution of a small plate of food towards the morning tea would be greatly appreciated.

GOOD SAMARITAN CONGREGATION FAREWELL MORNING TEA – Sunday, 31st August. If you will be attending the morning tea, please add your name to the list, which can be found in the Church foyer. Also, we are asking, if those attending could offer a small plate of food (optional) to assist with the catering. Your choice of food can be selected on the attendance sheet. We are looking at between 100-150 people attending. If possible, **contributions towards the morning tea to be taken over to the Santa Maria Centre prior to the 8.30am Mass.** *In appreciation, Farewell Committee*

REFLECTIONS AND TRIBUTES BOOK covering the presence of the **Good Samaritan Sisters in the Mountains Parish Communities during the past years** is being compiled by our very own generous parishioner, Allan Walsh, who has extended the **deadline date for inclusive stories to 10th August** (allan.walsh@exemail.com.au). **The book will then be printed in readiness for purchase at the Farewell Morning Tea.** Your story of your connection with the Good Sams can be left in the Church foyer marked "Allan Walsh". We are hopeful of the proceeds from the sale of this book fully covering the cost involved in having this amazing book published. Price of the book to be advised after printing and prior to 31st August.

