



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

Under the Patronage of ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

acknowledges the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our churches are built, and we pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.

CLERGY

Fr. John McSweeney PP VF
Fr. Peter Lamont (AP)
Fr. Jessie Balorio (AP)
Rev. Alan Skofic (Deacon)

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat: 5pm Leura
Sat: 5pm Lawson
Sat: 5pm Mt Victoria
Sun: 8am Wentworth Falls
Sun: 8.30am Lawson
Sun: 9.30am Blackheath
Sun: 10am Katoomba
Sun: 5pm Leura

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 9am Katoomba
Tue: 9am Leura
Wed: 9am Blackheath
Thu: 9am Wentworth Falls
Fri: 9am Lawson
Fri: 12pm Katoomba
Fri: 4pm Megalong Valley
(3rd Fri of the month)
Sat: 9am Katoomba

CONFESSION

Fri: After 12pm Mass Katoomba
Sat: 9:30-9:50am Katoomba
Sat: 4:30-4:50pm Leura
NOTE: Confessions are always available upon request.

Weddings & Church Bookings

For Inquiries:
mmparishubm@gmail.com

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday @ Katoomba 11am
4th Sunday @ Lawson 10:30am
Inquiries: 47822804 or email
mmparishubm@gmail.com

ADORATION CHAPEL

Katoomba Mon 9.30 to Fri 6pm
closed at other times.

Christian Meditation

Tuesdays 10am @ Blackheath



Please mute your mobile at Mass. Let's turn off the technology and turn on to God!

FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST

27TH Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A 4 October 2026

Month of the Holy Rosary

REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The first reading ends with: "Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah the chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress." God called the Hebrews to live in unity with Him and take His love out to the world to bring all of humanity into unity with Him, but they used their relationship to claim exclusivity and justify wars of conquest, murder and pillage under the auspices of superiority. They used status within their own society to oppress, exclude and exploit the vulnerable and less fortunate. In the Gospel Christ tells the parable of how the tenants try to take control of the vineyard by killing and beating the servants, that is the prophets, and then killing the son. That's why the Vineyard was taken from the Hebrews. We are the Israel of God, the people of God who listen to the Word of God and do His will. We must be very careful that we don't do what they did. We cannot claim any superiority or exclusivity. We are human just like the Hebrews and prone to the same failures. The only thing that gives a person ability to rise above one's humanity is the gift of faith, the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have been given these gifts, but if we don't use them by sharing them, we will lose them. We need to fill our minds with "everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise" - through prayer, contemplation and reception of the sacraments to bring about justice, stop bloodshed, become examples of what is truth and answer the cry of distress with compassion and love. These are the grapes God is after.

- Deacon Alan

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear sisters and brothers, I have three things to write to you about this week.

1. The Parish Pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of St Paul" will be held in April next year. If you were intending on joining us for this major event, could I please encourage you to contact Harvest Journeys and pay the deposit. This will help ensure that we have enough pilgrims for this Pilgrimage to go ahead. Thanks so much.

2. With regard to Liturgical matters: the decisions regarding major directions in Liturgy belong to the Parish Liturgy Committee - which consists of the ordained ministers and some parishioners, chaired by me as Parish Priest. The Church Community Pastoral Teams must liaise with the Liturgy Committee with regards to any changes in the celebrations in our churches.

3. With regard to Parish Halls/Meeting Rooms: bookings go through the Parish Office, as this will allow us to coordinate all the differing priorities and activities correctly. Otherwise there will be the possibility of conflicts of interest and competing activities - which I'd prefer not to occur. God Bless you all

- Fr John

Parish Churches

LAWSON: Our Lady of The Nativity, Somers St; **WENTWORTH FALLS:** St. Francis Xavier's, 3 Day St. **LEURA:** St. Bonaventure's, Railway Pde. **KATOOMBA:** St Canice's, 158 Katoomba St. **BLACKHEATH:** Sacred Heart, 165 Wentworth St. **MEGALONG VALLEY:** St Joseph's, Megalong Rd. **MOUNT VICTORIA:** St Paul, 65 Great Western Highway. * Pictures on this bulletin are taken from the website. Copyright infringement is unintended. Acknowledgment is due.

CONTACT US

Parish Office: 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba 2780.
Postal Address: PO Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780.
Phone: (02) 4782 2804.
Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Friday.
After Hours Emergency Number: 0490814284.
Calls only; no texts please.

For all Office matters, call 02 4782 2804.

Parish email address:

upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org

Parish websites:

bluemountainscatholic.org.au

sacredheartblackheath.org.au

lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

K-L-WF Facebook:

facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic

Lawson Facebook: facebook.com/olncclawson

Blackheath Facebook:

facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721

Parish YouTube:

youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic

SUNDAY MASS: Live streaming of the 10am Sunday Mass at St Canice's this week. The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND EXORCISM

Email: deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org;

deliverance.exorcist@parracatholic.org

Phone/ Call: 0472761879 or reach out to the

Receptionist of Office of the Bishop or the Chancery.

Volunteers Needed for Mass livestreaming. All are welcome and training is provided. Contact the Parish Office or email: dmoore@abaxkf.com.au

THE LEGION OF MARY. The Church's largest lay apostolate. We meet every FRIDAY at 6:15 pm in the old adoration chapel at Katoomba. You are most welcome to attend and see what the Legion is all about.

CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATION. "The purpose of meditation is to learn to live our lives as fully as possible in the presence of God." Father John Main OSB. **Every Tuesday 10:00am-10:45am in Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath**

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Canice's Catholic Primary School

Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney.

Phone: (02) 4780 6800.

Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Primary School

Somers Street, Lawson.

Principal: Mr. Matthew Bond.

Phone: 4753 2200.

Email: oln@parra.catholic.edu.au

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

If you or your loved ones are sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson (0417 490 103)

USUAL ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

Sat and Sun: 4:20pm, Leura.

Mon 8.30am before Mass, Katoomba.

Tue: 8.30am before mass, Leura.

Wed: 8.30am before Mass, Blackheath

Thu: 8.30am before Mass, Wentworth Falls

Fri: 11:30am before Mass, Katoomba.

Fri: 5.00pm Divine Mercy Hour, Leura.

First Fri: 7.00pm Benediction Lawson

Sat: 8:30am before Mass and Rosary after, Katoomba.

Notice for Parish Bulletin. If you wish to receive our parish bulletin electronically or via email, please email upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org. If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin, email mmparishubm@gmail.com before Wednesday afternoon.

RCIA. For all enquiries regarding joining or coming back to the Church please contact Deacon Alan via the Parish office.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL. If you would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill-in list, please contact Conor on 0451 461 697 to register your details, or scan the QR code. Hours currently available: Tuesday 1-2pm, 5-6pm, Wednesday Noon-1pm, 6-7pm; Thursday 11am-Noon, 9-10pm, Friday 1-2pm. If you are a regular Adorer, requesting a roster change to your hour or the person replacing you has not arrived. **Please Contact: Catherine on 0420 337 033**

Parish Finance Council Members: Fr. John, Fr. Peter, Fr. Jessie, Deacon Alan, John Tweedie (Chair), Elaine Smith (Deputy Chair), Maylin Corros, Marilyn Rowe, John Grant, Tom Boyd, Jenny Gannon.

Parish Pastoral Council Members: Fr John, Fr Peter, Fr Jessie, Deacon Alan; Russell Smith (Chair), Leura; Pamela Nash (Deputy Chair) Blackheath; Maria Kells, Mt Victoria, Diane Steward (Sub); Julie O'Keeffe (Deanery Pastoral Council Rep) Blackheath; Matthew Brawn, Therese Moore, Katoomba; Paul Gannon, Lawson; Maria Eades (DPC Rep) Leura; John Brell, Wentworth Falls, Roger Bowen (Sub); Maria Dodd Lawson; Ex-officio John Tweedie (Parish Finance Chair).

PARISH CONTRIBUTION

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Since 1 July 2026, we have merged our parish banking arrangements for Parish Contributions. Our parish finances need consistent income. If you could use direct payment, we would be most grateful!

Donations through Bank Transfer:

For second collection (for the support of the Parish) please use **BSB 067 950 Account 000 00594**

Account Name Catholic Diocese of Parramatta.
(Reference your surname and church eg SmithMtVic)

For first collection (for the support our priests)

BSB 067 950: Account 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy. (Reference either the parish Name or the parish code 6038 Parish BPoint).

From the Finance Chair

To all parishioners who contributed via Direct Bank Transfer to account with BSB 067 950 with an account number: 000 00594, we kindly request you include both your surname and church community name (abbreviated if necessary) in the payment reference form. This will assist us in correctly allocating funds to your church community. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish.



PARISH BPOINT

For both 1st and 2nd collection. When choosing 2nd collection please note name. Please follow this link.
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMacKillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

PARISH NEWS

REDISCOVERING THE VALUE OF FAITH. Our next session will be held on Sunday 25 October following Mass in St Canice's Hall, 11am for an 11.30am start. The first presentation and discussion will be **Mary, the Saints and Devotions**, followed by **The Eucharist**. Whether you are deeply rooted in your faith, returning after time away, or simply seeking to grow and understand more... You are most welcome.

Garden Maintenance Assistance for Blackheath Katoomba and Lawson Churches. With the school holidays upon us, we are reaching out to students who may have an hour or two to volunteer some time with tidying up our grounds. A bit of weeding and hedging. Please contact with your availability.

Blackheath Julie O'Keeffe- text 0407248199

Leura Russell Smith-Russell.Smith@vinnies.org.au

Lawson Paul Gannon- 0409592055

Pause - A Retreat for Women in Sydney. A small group retreat for women seeking a time of prayer, guidance, and stillness amidst the natural transitions of life. Come and rest and discover the emerging call of transformation and flourishing that God is inviting you to, God's love, wisdom and wish for you. This popular 3-day weekend retreat has full accommodation and meals, retreat facilitation, prayer, take-home resources, and daily one-on-one spiritual accompaniment. Held in the beautiful grounds of Peter Canisius House, Pymble. Friday 23rd October 10am – Sunday 25th October 4pm. Register by 9 October.
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MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Gerry McInerney, Fr Robert Brogan.

Death Anniversary: Samir Yammine, Bridget Collits, Nola Margaret, Margaret Mary Kozlowski, Peter Nicholas Aboud, Edna Sweeny and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: Breda Seamons, Robyn Bogart, Peter Slough, Vlad, John Barclay, Mildred Taft, Charlie Congreve, Malik, Maureen O'Reilly, George and Laura Boffa, Sarah-Jane Hallett, Les Hayward, Chloe Newton, Kelly Gale, Nathan, Susan Sergeant, Sandy Mowbray, Joella, Doreen Kinsella, Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverly Bateup, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Lan Franco Matteucci, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennet, Richard Kemmis and All Private Intentions.

NB: Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday

Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON

7.00 pm | 7th November 2026



254 Great Western Highway, Lawson, NSW 2783
- Deacon Alan Skofic

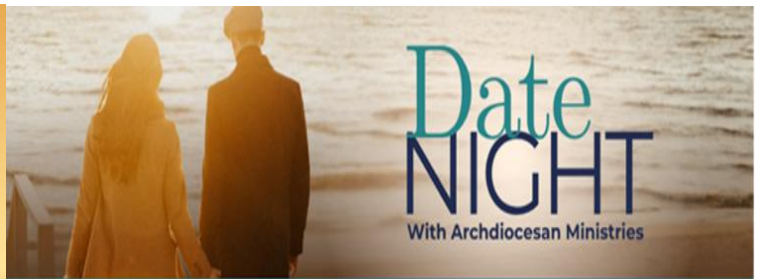
Taste and See

- Psalm 34:8

JOIN US on October 8th & 22nd, and November 12th. 3 sessions 1pm – 3pm. Sacred Heart Hall -167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath for an afternoon with Merlin Hancock. Refreshments provided.

A time to pause.... A time to be still... A time to notice and reflect on the goodness of the Lord in our everyday lives. Through the simple moments, the people we encounter, the beauty that surrounds us, and the blessings we sometimes overlook, may we taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

To book your place, call, text or email Brian Bright. Phone: 0401 768 688. Email: bbright45@bigpond.com



Date NIGHT

With Archdiocesan Ministries

6 DATE NIGHTS to strengthen your relationship

With Smart Loving's Marriage Kit,
hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries

Invest in your relationship through six online sessions designed to strengthen communication, decision-making and connection. Grounded in relationship science and created for real couples, this program offers practical tools to help you build a stronger, more loving marriage.

HOW IT WORKS Enjoy each lesson together as a couple, then join the weekly date night hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries.

BEGINS

Wed 7 Oct 2026
7.30pm Brisbane

FORMAT

Online
6 x 1 hour sessions

COST

\$24.50 per couple
PDF included

RSVP Before Tuesday 6 October via the QR code or visit archdiocesanministries.org.au/date-night/



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

France's Spectacular "Army of Saints".



During Pope Leo XIV's visit to France this week, a spectacular "Army of Saints" celebration took place at a youth prayer vigil at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis.



It was a spectacle that is said to have moved Pope Leo XIV to tears during his meeting with 80,000 young people.



Hundreds of costumed actors and a fireworks display brought France's Christian history to life.



Among this army of saints and blessed were included, St Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, Frederic Ozanam and Rosalie Rendu, all associated with the St Vincent de Paul Society.

For Vincentians it is heartening to see their inclusion along with other French saints better known by us such as; St Bernardette, St Therese of Lisieux or St. Joan of Arc. These Vincentian saints are noted not for miraculous apparitions, or lives devoted to prayer and seclusion, but for responding to Christ's call to serve him in the lost, the little ones, the poor.

It is something members of the Society still strive to do today.

You can see "In the Footsteps of the Saints of France", on YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUW8_downQk

Russell F Smith, St V de Paul Blue Mountains Regional President.

SPIT ROAST DINNER & ELVIS PRESLEY SHOW" OLON

Lawson is holding a 3-course Spit Roast Dinner & Live Elvis Presley show on Saturday 7th at 6pm at St. Canice's Hall, Katoomba with a cost of \$60 per person. Please note that there is a vegetarian option on the menu. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all other churches to join our fun night to help raise the funds needed for Lawson church's ongoing maintenance. There is a lucky door prize on the night, so you may be the lucky winner! Tickets are available for purchase in Blackheath, Katoomba, Leura and Lawson church foyers after each mass and payment can be made by cash or using the Eftpos machine. Alternatively ring the Katoomba office on 4782 2804 to book a ticket. Ticket sales will continue until the last week of October but get in quickly to secure your table!

ACBC Social Justice Statement. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Justice Statement "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" explores recent developments in Australia including the Bondi Beach attack of December 2025 as well as the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism. If you have any questions about the Social Justice Statement or need support with using it in your parish, please reach out to our Peace, Justice & Ecology Team via met@parracatholic.org

Healing and Support Service offered by the Diocese.

Our Diocese offers a Healing and Support Service providing pastoral, therapeutic and spiritual care to anyone who has experienced harm in a Church context. We provide direct support, resources, and pathways to assist individuals in their process of healing and recovery. Our approach is person centered, assisting according to each person's individual needs and circumstances.

If you, a loved one or someone you know have experienced abuse in a Church context, you are welcome to contact our Healing and Support Counsellor lorena.portocarrero@parracatholic.org, or for more information visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support

Encountering Creation Weekend Retreat - Gerroa

NSW. Take some time to nourish and revitalize yourself amidst the beauty of creation staying just steps away from Seven Mile Beach and amidst the beautiful vistas and surrounds of Gerroa. There will be time to walk on the beach, relax, sit quietly, listen, and reflect on your journey with God and share with others. Friday 30 October 4:30pm – Sunday 1 November 3pm, 2026. Registrations close 14 October. https://jisa.org.au/retreat/encountering-creation-weekend-retreat/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Teach%20Me%20Your%20Paths%2C%20%20FIRSTNAME&utm_campaign=Sept%2026%20Retreats%20%2028Copy%29&vgo_ee=1otuGT3My9VLx2iQbeqDKd9ZkANEKbhtHjebYAMVhUrISHoiqll959duDA%3D%3A8Duhk%2BYMKNq2RLq%2B%2FUCKG1nzGhB2wfyZ

CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



SACRED HEART CHURCH

BLACKHEATH

"Yanama Budyari Gumada – Walk with Good Spirit"

Donations: See the Parish Finance section for details

Blackheath Vinnies Support phone number: 0490 709 547

Sacred Heart Care Group Helping parishioners in need: Monica Bright 0420 937 690

WEDNESDAY CUPPAS TOGETHER IN SACRED HEART



HALL! Cuppas has resumed on Wednesdays. For coffee, homemade cakes and a catchup with other locals. All members of the community are welcome to come along. Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm each Wednesday. Location: Sacred Heart

Church Hall - Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at the Sacred Heart Church Community Blackheath every Friday at 4:00 pm– 5:00 pm.

A Quiet Day- Saturday December 5, 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Parishioners and friends are invited to a Quiet Day of Meditations and Reflections based on the writings of Thomas Merton. Guest Speaker will be Linda Chapman. This is a time of spiritual nourishment and renewal and will be held in Sacred Heart Church Hall and grounds. For more information, please contact Marilyn Jones 0401637759.

HOW TO GO TO ADORATION

Pray & Speak to Jesus
Share your thoughts, feelings, and prayers with Him.

Adore in Silence
Sit in silent adoration, simply gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist.

Read Scripture
Reflect on a passage from the Bible and listen for God's voice.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Offer up prayers for God's mercy and for the needs of others.

Pray the Rosary
Meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer prayers to Mary.

Read and Reflect
Read a spiritual book, journal your thoughts and spend time reflecting.

Just Go and Be Present with Jesus
Bring your joys and sorrows to Him.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding at The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains

We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.



OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH LAWSON

SPIT ROAST DINNER AND ELVIS SHOW. OLON, Lawson's next event is a Spit Roast Dinner & Elvis Presley show on Saturday 7th November, 2026 @ St. Canice's Hall at Katoomba and will cost \$60 at 6pm for 6.30pm dinner. Vegetarian option is available. Please bring your own drinks; dancing shoes. Tickets will be available each weekend till the end of October by cash or by the Eftpos machine and written receipt provided. Please look for Jenny Gannon or Kate Powell

OLN MEETING ROOM. To book the meeting room, please see Jenny Gannon or contact the parish office and leave your details.

DRAWN TOGETHER. Our parish group, now known as 'Drawn Together' is planning to commence at the beginning of term 4, 2026. Monday 12 October 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. You only need to bring a couple of drawing pencils (2B and 6B), eraser, sharpener, and A3 drawing Diary. All available at local stores. Even if you have never ventured into art but always longed to, you will fit in perfectly. Please contact Lorraine Phillips at *try hard artist* with any questions you may have and to just let me know that you are interested. Email: lorrainemarv64@gmail.com. Please know that most people say "I can't draw." Well, it's like any skill... You just have to be shown how.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

Lectors and Acolytes. If you are willing to read the Sunday scripture readings as lector and willing to serve as an acolyte, please call the Office and training will be provided.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH MT VICTORIA

Vigil Masses every **Saturday at 5:00 pm.** Address: 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria NSW 2786



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 18th September at 4:00 pm. Address: 1270 Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley NSW 2785. An ideal venue for small and intimate Wedding Celebrations. Book Now ! Call Parish Office.



ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH LEURA



ST BONAVENTURE'S CCPT

Thank you to all who have contacted Barbara with offers of help for our first fundraising project!
It is still not too late if you wish to make a donation of plants or jams and relishes for sale, monetary donations or your time over the weekend.



Details: Open Garden - 3 Easter St, Leura.
10.00 am - 4.00 pm Sat/Sun October 10 - 11th
Garden Tour and Morning or Afternoon Tea - \$10.00
"All you need to know about composting" with Len Blahut
Saturday 10th at 2 p.m.

St Bonaventure, Pray for Us.

CCPT: Barbara Davidson, Maria Eades, Clive Kanes,
Pam LeBreton, Tony Eades, Russell Smith.



ST. CANICE'S CHURCH KATOOMBA



Morning Tea. On Sunday 11th October 2026 after the 10 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

DIOCESE NEWS AND BEYOND

THE MESSENGER

Inspired by St Gabriel's mission, this weekly update brings news for across the Diocese of Parramatta for clergy, parishes and agencies

PUBLIC TALK. *Nurturing an Australian Spirituality: Pre-Colonisation, Colonisation and Walking Together* with Evelyn Parkin. Sunday, 1 November 2026 • 2.00 pm

About the Speaker. Evelyn Parkin is an Australian Aboriginal Quandamooka woman, born and raised on Minjerribah/North Stradbroke Island, Queensland. Evelyn is well known for her exploration of the meeting points between Aboriginal and Christian spirituality, drawing particularly on the importance of silence, connection to Country, the natural world and Christian faith. Her published work has appeared in Liturgy News and other publications. She will invite us to consider what it might mean to develop an authentically Australian spirituality—one that listens to the ancient wisdom of First Nations peoples, acknowledges the realities of our history, and seeks a way forward through respectful listening, encounter and walking together. Mavis Wood Hall, Mid-Mountains Community Centre, 7 New Street, Lawson.

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning. “Jesus’ Humanity - How He Managed the Everyday.”

Christians commonly refer to Jesus of Nazareth by many titles - Preacher, Teacher, Son of God, Miracle Worker, the Christ, Story-Teller, Rabbi, Second Person of the Blessed Trinity; but how did Jesus engage his every day that gave rise to these titles? What cues does he give us today to manage our own lives with confidence, not so much by titles we might acquire, but with a clarity of who we are to each other? Let's take a fresh look at this historical person Christians claim to follow while appreciating our understanding of, and relationship with, this divine person up to this time in our lives.

Date: 17th October 2026

Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Location: Cnr Great Western Highway & Rosedale Ave, Hazelbrook

Guest Speaker: Leonard Blahut, MA



*Journeys of St Paul
& the Cities of the
Book of Revelation*



Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary. From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million

Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register and take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

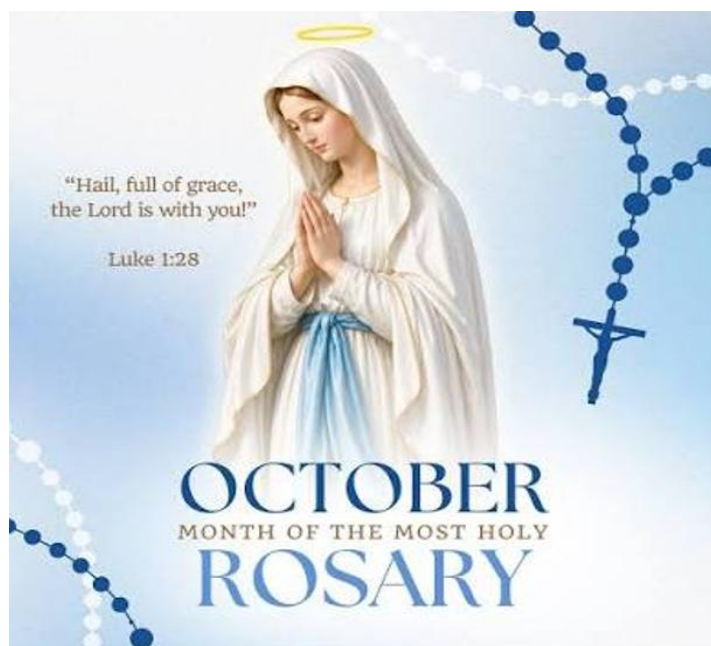
“When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change.” - Saint Padre Pio

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty. For many years we have partnered with parishes to share news of our work in bulletins to let parishioners know about these projects. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



This pilgrimage on the 7th April next year. For more information please contact Harvest Journeys on harvestjourneys.com/pv2601 Free-Call: 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the people of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

