

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			

Nicene Creed.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things
were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day.
in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Register youth for ACYF 2025 before 1 October

We invite the youth of our parish to encourage and support one or two young
people (up to 25 years old) to join our Diocesan pilgrimage to Melbourne for the
Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) from 30 November to 2 December
2025. Please register your parish youth pilgrims via the [online form](#) by
Wednesday 1 October.



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Parish Priest: Rev John McSweeney.

Office Hours: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday to Friday.

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

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

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

Baptisms; Second Sunday at St Canice' s & 4th Sunday at OLN both at 11:00 AM.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (Voice only no text.) 0490 814 284.

A Truly Human Life.

There are three images in this liturgy.

The first is the image of the rich, “stretched comfortably on their couches and dressed
in purple and linen and feasting splendidly every day.”

The second is the image of the “beggar named Lazarus who was covered with sores”
which the dogs came and licked. “Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the
rich man’s table.”

The third is the image of God, who supports, lifts up, heals, protects and feeds the op-
pressed, the hungry, captives, the blind, strangers, the fatherless and the widow.

The rich man ended up in eternal misery, separated from God. In ignoring the needs of
the beggar, he had made himself un-Godlike. He had made a statement about the
poor, and in so doing he had cut himself off from the God who protects the poor.

There is only one God to spend eternity with, the God who “secures justice for the op-
pressed, gives food to the hungry.” The rich man attached himself to another god, and
in the process he lost eternity.

Meanwhile, the poor man gained eternal life. He had suffered enough, God said.

It is not simply a question of eliminating hunger and reducing poverty. It is not
enough to combat destitution, urgent and necessary as this is. The point at issue is the
establishment of a human society in which everyone, regardless of race, religion, or na-
tionality, can live a truly human life free from bondage imposed by men and the forces
of nature not sufficiently mastered, a society in which freedom is not an empty word,
and where Lazarus the poor man can sit at the same table as the rich man.

Pope Paul VI, *Populorum Progressio*,

1967:47

Gerald Darring

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:** . Susan Backhouse & Valda Martinsons.

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

Amos 6:1,4-7
God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7-10
Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16
Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31
Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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Ministry Roster.

26th Sunday in Ord Time, 28th September 2025. **27th Sunday in Ord Time, 5th October, 2025.**

Ministry	Vigil	8:30AM.	Vigil	8:30 AM.
<u>Acolyte.</u>	Pat P.	P Doherty.	R Kemmis.	G Verhoeven.
<u>Commentator.</u>	T Burghheim.	K Pattenden.	J McInerney	L Blahut.
<u>Reader.</u>	M Dodd.	S Sheean.	K Mahoney/C Au.	M Kundukulam.
<u>Flowers.</u>	J West.	J Gannon.	M Dodd.	
<u>Cleaning.</u>	R Verhoeven.		Y Griffiths & G Hitchen.	

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

First Reconciliation (Confession) Preparation Program starts soon at Lawson. Families are welcome to apply to enrol their children who are in year 2 or above in our First Reconciliation program.

Below are the dates for the upcoming program

Parent Evening 7.30pm Thurs 23rd Oct with speaker Laurie Woods In [Our Lady of Nativity Catholic Church](#)

Family group Sessions 3.45pm or 9.45am, For a total of 3 weekends of the : 25th or 26th Oct, 1st or 2nd Nov & 8th & 9th Nov

The 4th Family Session will be combined with Rehearsal Wednesday 12th Nov 6pm In St Canice's Church Katoomba

The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be celebrated at St Canice's Church Katoomba on Wednesday 19th November times TBA

Please contact the coordinator Maureen Ryan for further information olon254@gmail.com

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will ensure that the children can be enrolled in the First Communion program in 2026.

LOST PROPERTY FROM GOOD SAM'S FARWELL:

There are still a number of catering plates that have not been claimed. After this weekend, these will be kept in our storeroom.

For collection, please see one of the Acolytes.

Thank you again everyone for your contributions towards the morning tea.