



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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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

30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A 25 October 2026

Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

What does it mean to love? It means that we want the very best for the other. If we love God, we want what is best for God. That is, we want His will to be done in our lives and in the lives of all people so that His Kingdom is established.

God's Kingdom is a Kingdom where sound attitudes and motivations rule people's hearts such that everything is in right relation to each other. People with people, people with animals, people with plants, people with the earth. Where there is connectedness based on respect for the inherent dignity of all. This is what the Holy Spirit establishes. That's why love of neighbour and love of God are related. To love God with all our hearts, with all our minds and with all our souls is to long from the depths of our beings that God's will be done. We longingly search to discover His will for our lives, and we earnestly try to make it happen. To love the person standing next to you is likewise to want the very best for them. Love is not a warm fuzzy feeling. It is treating others as we treat ourselves. We don't always like ourselves, sometimes we cringe at the things we do, often we wish we were someone else: but we always look after ourselves. We clothe ourselves, we feed ourselves, we protect ourselves and we try to get others to respect us. We need to do the same for others. Neither love of God nor love of neighbor comes naturally. We need to pray and contemplate and put in a good deal of effort. We need to become present to the way we act, talk and think. This is so we can be aware of how we treat others. This is so we can treat others in the way we would like to be treated. If we start to notice how we have talked to someone, how we have acted with someone, what tone of voice we used, then we can start to see our behavior from their perspective. And if it's not the way we would like to be treated, we can change the way we talk and act.

Let's pray that we can be present to ourselves. Let's pray that we can really treat others as we want to be treated. Let's pray that we can relate to our neighbour, the one who stands near us, either physically or over the phone or on the TV and feel what they feel - and internalize this so we can be one with them, pray for them and make them feel loved.

- Deacon Alan

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MASS OFFERINGS

Our Catholic Tradition includes asking for the priest's prayers for an intention during Mass. It is important that there be a hard copy of such requests for the priest's personal record. Given this, we ask that you use the Mass Intention Envelopes when asking for this specific prayer. Any donation given is optional.

Please refrain from asking for Mass intentions via email. Nevertheless, for general prayers for the sick, an email for the bulletin is sufficient.

- 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 Wednesday at 4:15 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.



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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 **Happiness and the Christian Moral Life, followed by Law and the Ten Commandments**. 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, LEURA 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 - 0409592055

MORNING TEA AND SUPPER AT OUR LADY OF THE NATIVIT, LAWSON.

We welcome all our parishioners to join us for Supper on Saturday November 21st and Morning tea Sunday November 22nd after mass. It is a good opportunity to have a chat and get to know other parishioners. You will receive a warm welcome and also some yummy treats will be available for you to try.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2026. A daily reflection for everyone who wants to spiritually prepare for Advent through Christmas. There are two sessions: Wednesday at 2pm and 7pm. The program will start on the 25th November 2026. The cost of the Advent Book is \$5.00. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara on 0417490103, or if you cannot attend but would like an advent book, please contact the office or Barabara.

MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Vincent Ducrest, Gerry McInerney, Fr. Robert Brogan.

Death Anniversary: Endora Au, Sister Helena Hill, Marguerite Rigby, Craig Lynyard and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: Pat McAuley, 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

JOIN US

*On Thursday afternoon 22nd October and 12th November
1pm - 3pm for these two sessions with Marilyn Hancock.
Choose either one or both sessions. There will be different
material presented at each session.*

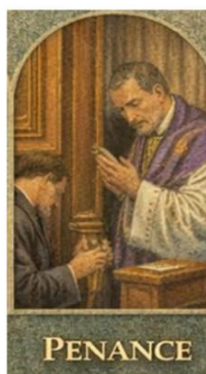
*Sacred Heart Hall -165 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.
Refreshments provided... A time to pause.... A time to be
still... A time to notice and reflect on the goodness of
the Lord in our everyday lives. Through the simple
moments, the people we encounter, the beauty that
surrounds us and the blessings we sometimes overlook,
may we taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34:8)*

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

SACRAMENTS 2026

RECONCILIATION



Katoomba @ St Canice's School
For years 3 and above

Parent Session

Wednesday Evening 21st October 6.30pm

Family Group Sessions 6pm

Wednesday PM 28th October

4th November

11th November

18th November & Rehearsal

Celebration of the Sacrament is @6:00 pm
25th November

Lawson @ Our Lady of the Nativity Church
For years 3 and above



Parent Session

Thursday Evening 22nd October 7.30pm

Family Group Sessions 6pm

Sat 3.45pm or Sun 9.45am 31st Oct & 1st Nov

Sat 3.45pm or Sun 9.45am 7th Nov & 8th Nov

Sat 3.45pm or Sun 9.45 am 14th Nov & 15th Nov

Wed 6.00pm Session 4 & Rehearsal @ St
Canice's Church

Celebration of the Sacrament is @6:00 pm 25th
November

Nota Bene

Enrollment is open!
Participation in the first
Reconciliation program
will ensure enrollment in
the First Holy Communion
Program that starts in
February next year.

All enquiries to Maureen Ryan,
Sacramental Coordinator
olon254@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Frederic Ozanam and St Francis of Assisi

Frederic Ozanam died on September 8, 1853, at the age of forty. He studied law and literature, writing a dissertation on Dante's philosophy. He taught and wrote with a passion. But he also had the sense that faith needed to be related to daily life, especially responding to the poor.

Even though his initial response to the poverty around him in France was charity, he also saw the need to change the social systems that keep people poor and create massive inequality. He supported the aims of the 1848 uprising in France, even though he abhorred the violence.

A year before his death, in a book on Franciscan poetry, Blessed Frederic Ozanam wrote, about the genius of St. Francis of Assisi in this regard:

By making himself poor, by founding a new order of poor like him, he honored poverty, which is the most disdained and most common of human conditions. He showed that one can find peace, charity, and happiness therein. He thereby brought calm to the resentments of the indigent classes; he reconciled them with the rich, whom they learned to envy no longer. He eased that old conflict between those who do not own against those who do own and strengthened the bonds already loose within Christian society.

Let us today honor the poor, treat them as our equals, and work for a society where people are reconciled with God and with all others, sharing with those in need.

Reprinted from John Donaghy,

*Walk the Way, Reflections on events and witnesses of faith and justice.
With thanks to Peter Hines. Russell F Smith, Regional President St V. de P.*

SPIT ROAST DINNER & ELVIS PRESLEY SHOW. HURRAY UP AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TO OUR 7th NOVEMBER FUN FILLED NIGHT - WE ONLY HAVE 3 WEEKENDS TO GO FOR TICKETS. Our Spit Roast Dinner and Live show is now just around the corner, on Saturday 6pm at St. Canice's Hall, Katoomba. A caterer will be serving a delicious dinner consisting of 3 meats, 5 salads and desert. We are also catering for vegetarian & gluten free options on the night. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our parishioners from all churches as well as their friends and family members. Please consider joining us for an enjoyable night. You may call the office for tickets on 4782 2804 if you do not have a person in your church foyer after mass.

Parish Peace Justice and Ecology Meeting - Wednesday, 4th November, 1pm - 2.15 pm at Sacred Heart Hall. The Australian Bishops Conference and the Parramatta Diocese have expanded the area formerly titled 'Social Justice' to include this wider umbrella of Peace, Justice and Ecology. As our seven church communities come together, we look forward to sharing planning and activities in this area of ministry across all seven Communities. If you are interested in finding out more or in being more involved in PJE parish ministry initiatives, you are invited to this planning meeting.

Peace, Justice and Ecology News. One of our parish PJE initiatives is the Blackheath Community Kitchen Garden. An organic gardening activity, using no pesticides, our garden is involved in recycling waste and growing food to share with our local community. Gardening can also be a great healthy, social activity building connection with members of the parish and wider community and providing a quiet space to appreciate the beauty of creation.

On Saturday, 14th November, between 10am and 4pm, the garden will be open as part of the 2026 Blue Mountains **EDIBLE GARDEN TRAIL** We are holding a stall at the garden as part of this open day to raise funds for the garden through the sale of produce and plants. If you can help with the stall on the day and donations of plants, and produce such as jams or relishes please let Brian know on 0401 768 688.

Further information on the trail is available on the Blue Mountains Food Co-op website. <https://bmfoodcoop.org.au/>

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 : 0490 709 547

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

WEDNESDAY CUPPA'S AT SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL BLACKHEATH 9:30-12:00 NOON. Join us at the craft-making table from 10am-11am for the next four Wednesdays, creating Christmas napkins and Christmas stockings. Materials for the Christmas craft are provided. Everyone is welcome to share in the sewing fun! All members of our parish are warmly invited to come along on a Wednesday morning for a coffee, conversation and the opportunity to meet new people. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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.

**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.



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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 with written receipt provided. Please look for Jenny Gannon or Kate Powell

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

DRAWN TOGETHER. Our parish group commences now. Please contact Lorraine Phillips at *try hard artist* with any questions you may have and to just let me know. If you are interested. Email: lorrainemary64@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.

OLN SENIOR'S SOCIAL GROUP recently visited the **Penrith Printing Museum** situated in the Penrith Showground. We then wandered over to the Penrith Leagues Club for the very delicious lunch. Our next get-together will be on **Wednesday, 28th October, in the OLN Meeting Rooms commencing at 10am with morning tea supplied.** If you would like to find out more about our Church Community's Senior's group, please leave your contact details with our Parish Office in Katoomba.



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 20th November 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. 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. CANICE'S CHURCH KATOOMBA

"No one eats of this flesh without having first adored it... and not only do we not sin in thus adoring it, but we would be sinning if we did not do so." The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it." Pope St. Paul VI.

ALL HALLOWTIDE begins with All Hallows (Saints) Eve, followed by All Hallows (Saints) Day and then All Souls Day. On All Saints, we remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home while on All Souls we pray for all the faithful departed still in Purgatory. In medieval times, Christians went house to house during All Hallowtide offering prayers for the dead in exchange for soul cakes. Soul cakes are small, round, lightly sweetened breads often marked with a cross and flavored with spices.

MORNING TEA is on the 1st of November St Canice's Hall after the 10:00 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.



ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH LEURA



ST BONAVENTURE'S CCPT

St Bonaventure's has been entrusted to our care.

From the Parish Pastoral Council.

Formation of a Parish Peace, Justice and Ecology Ministry. Such a group exists at Diocesan level, and we would like to establish a group within the Parish with representatives from each church community.

Anyone interested in being a member from St Bonaventure's is asked to contact either Julie O'Keefe at Sacred Heart, Blackheath or the parish office.

**St Bonaventure, Pray for Us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Pray for Us.**

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

DIOCESE NEWS AND BEYOND

THE MESSENGER

Inspired by St Gabriel's mission, this weekly update brings news from 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 at 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. Mavis Wood Hall, Mid-Mountains Community Centre, 7 New Street, Lawson.



Holy Trinity Anglican Church is organising the 2026 Remembrance Day Service at Wentworth Falls on behalf of the Wentworth Falls Chamber of Commerce and Community. I am coordinating the Laying of the Wreaths on behalf of our senior minister Reverend Zac Miles. We would like to invite you to attend if you are available, or to send a representative from your congregation at Wentworth Falls to lay a wreath or other tribute at the service. The details of the service are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 11th November 2026

Time: 10:15am for a 10:30am start.

Place: Coronation Park, Station Street, Wentworth Falls.

If you are able to attend or send a representative, we would greatly appreciate receiving your response by Friday 30th October, if possible, so that the name of the delegate can be included in the service booklet.

Lynda Brown, Administrator | Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls

Office Hours: Mon & Thurs 11am - 5pm **W:** htwf.org.au

P: 02 4757 1516 **E:** office@htwf.org.au

SAINTS OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT (1673-1716)

A French priest and missionary known for his deep devotion to Mary and the Rosary. He wrote extensively about the power of the Rosary and the importance of Marian devotion in the spiritual life.



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



MULTIFAITH GATHERING - "Unarmed and Disarming Peace." You are warmly invited to join Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta's Interfaith Commission for a special Multifaith Gathering marking the 40th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's historic World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. People from diverse traditions will come together in a spirit of unity, prayer and dialogue. The evening will include sacred faith performances, interfaith dialogue and light refreshments. Tuesday 27 October 2026, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Avenue, Parramatta. Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/multifaith-gathering-world-day-of-prayer-for-peace-in-assisii>

GENUINE DIALOGUE: A PATH TO PEACE. In a world that cries out for cohesion across our diverse communities, the Jubilee Year of St Francis deepens our Gospel call to be people of peace and fraternity. St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook is hosting Fr Patrick McNerney and members of the diocesan Interfaith Commission to share insights and reflections with us. Tuesday 3rd November 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Centre, 46 Levy St Glenbrook. Fr Patrick is the Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Consultor with the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious dialogue. Please register your interest via secretary@stfinbars.org.au. An opportunity not to be missed! All welcome.

Bishop Vincent warmly invites you to join
The Diocese of Parramatta's

MULTIFAITH GATHERING

"UNARMED AND DISARMING PEACE"

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's
"World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi".

Faith performances | Interfaith dialogue
Light refreshments provided

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2026 | 6:30PM – 9PM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CLOISTER HALL
1 MARIST AVENUE, PARRAMATTA

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

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.

We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



Notice from the Office

November is the month we remember, pray and celebrates mass for our beloved faithful departed, members of our families and friends. Envelopes are in the pews and names will be recorded in our Book of Remembrance which will be on display for the whole month. Masses will be celebrated for them. Please place your envelop in the second collection.

Thank you!

-Office Admin