



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

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: 6pm 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: Inquire @the Office

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday @ Katoomba 11:00am
4th Sunday @ OLN Lawson 10:30am
Inquiries: 47822804
Email: bluemountains@parracatholic.org

ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Canice's, Katoomba
Mon 9.30am to Fri 6pm
closed at other times.

Christian Meditation

Tuesdays-10am
@Sacred Heart



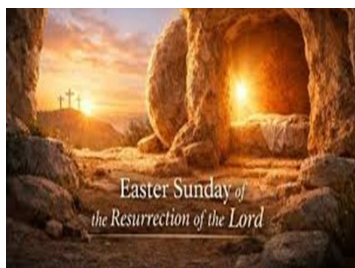
Please mute your mobile at Mass. Let's turn off the technology and turn on to God!

FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A 05 April 2026

From the Parish Priest's Desk

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

As we celebrate this great Feast of Resurrection, we are once again invited to join with the Lord in living our New Life in Christ to the fullest. Despite our occasional failures to walk in



the footsteps of the Master, we are, nevertheless, called to come back to the right path over and over again. We are encouraged to receive the proffered reconciliation and justification that the Lord's Death and Resurrection brings to all in the world, so that our lives are lived in union with the Son. Let us do all that we can to be faithful to the Gospel in all that we do and say. Let us invite others to share in the New Life of Easter, so that all may know the unconditional Love that God has for all His creation.

And let's pray for peace and justice for all, especially in those troubled regions of our world where our sisters and brothers in Christ face persecution and condemnation. May the agony of the Cross never be the end of the story; may Resurrection and Eternal Life be the future that awaits everyone on this planet of ours. A Blessed Easter to everyone. With the whole Parish Team (Fr Peter, Fr Jessie, Deacon Alan, Christine, Chrissy and Joy), I pray you will be renewed in body, mind and spirit during the days ahead. God Bless!

- Fr. John

Bishop Vincent's Easter Message 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you! In this Easter season of 2026, we are all living in very troubled, wounded times. With so much conflict, violence and entrenched hatred, we might even be tempted to occasionally lament: Where is our God? In such chaotic times it is good to be reminded of a wonderful story about St Teresa of Avila. One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus? Teresa replied: "You didn't have any wounds – Christ has wounds!" One of the most striking elements of our Gospel's Resurrection stories is that Jesus is still wounded in all of them. The crucifixion wounds do not disappear. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. It is not until the disciples see the wounds of Christ that they recognise Jesus for who he is. Our Catholic faith, however, refuses to gloss over our own personal wounds - the wounds of our brothers and sisters, and those of our suffering planet, with hollow positive thinking. Instead, our Holy Father Pope Leo urges us to move beyond passivity. Leo challenges us to become peacemakers! And we can all become peacemakers in very simple ways. If only we had the eyes of faith we would notice that peacemaking is all around us. To name only a few examples: In the quiet, tender care of our nurses and care-givers in our hospitals, especially to the elderly and the dying; In the patient and professional care of our Catholic teachers who generously serve our young people; In the quiet heroism of parent as they sacrifice themselves for the good of their children; In the outreach of our social services like Catholic Care who help the needy; In the lives of ordinary people who refuse to become resentful and instead choose to forgive and love their enemies. Yes, the wounds of such peacemakers do not embitter them but become fountains of peace and hope for others. This Easter let us allow the risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts. May we banish all violence from our lives. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all. For "By His wounds we are healed." A Blessed Easter to you all.

- Bishop Vincent Long, D.D., OFM Conv.

**NO EVENING MASS ON
EASTER SUNDAY**

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.

Parish email address:

upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org

Parish websites:

bluemountainscatholic.org.au

sacredheartblackheath.org.au

lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

Facebook: [facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

[bluemountainscatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic)

Lawson Facebook: [facebook.com/olncclawson](https://www.facebook.com/olncclawson)

Blackheath Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721)

Parish YouTube:

[youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic](https://www.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>.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



If you would like a rostered holy hour each week or to be on the temporary fill in list, please contact Catherine on 0420 337 033 to register your details or scan the QR code.

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: (02) 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)

Weddings & Church Bookings

For Inquiries and Church Bookings of your choice, please call the office.

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 Cenacle Rosary after, Katoomba.

Notice for Parish Bulletin

If you wish to receive electronically or via email our parish bulletin, please email us on

bluemountains@parracatholic.org

If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin, email us on or before Wednesday afternoon.

Parish Finance Council Members

Fr John	John Tweedie (Chair)	Maylin Corros
Fr Peter	Elaine Smith (Deputy Chair)	Marilyn Rowe
Fr Jessie	John Grant	
Dec Alan	Tom Boyd	

--- FINANCE NEWS ---

Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson Meeting Room Rebuild

Restoring the meeting room is seen a priority issue

We are calling on parishioners to assist in raising funds for this project.

We need to raise \$20,000

Donation Rebuild Meeting Room

Account name: Lawson Our Lady of the Nativity

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000164

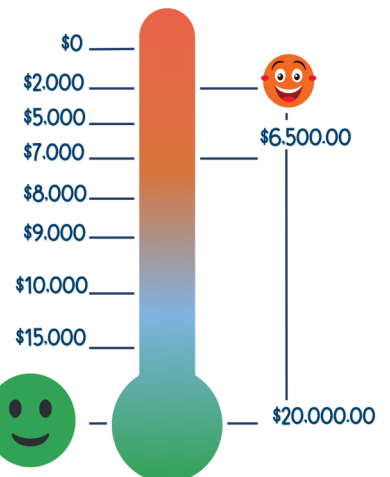
Reference: Donation Rebuild Meeting Room

- Fr John McSweeney and John Tweedie, Chair of the Finance Com

"Your generosity flows like a quiet blessing, touching hearts and lighting the way forward. Thank you for giving with such kindness."

*** Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains

DONATION Meter



Parish Registration/Survey Card If you are a new parishioner or visitor and if you haven't completed one of our New Parishioner Card, we encourage you to register with us and be part of our Parish Community. Our Parishioner cards are available in the foyer.

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

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.

REDISCOVERING THE VALUE OF FAITH every 4th Sunday of the month 11:30am @ St Canice's Hall, Katoomba, until November. Come along, bring a friend, and take part in a welcoming conversation grounded in **Catholic tradition, shared faith, and community**.
Next meeting **26th April**.

SAINT THIS WEEK

Sun 5 Easter Sunday

Octave of Easter

NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Mercy Sunday

PROJECT COMPASSION. Please return your boxes/donation in the next two weeks. Thank you.

Adult Confirmations 2026. The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

A QUIET DAY OF REFLECTION. Parishioners and friends are invited to a Quiet Reflection Day to be held at Sacred Heart Hall, Blackheath, on Saturday May 2 from 10am-3pm. The meditation is based on Father John Main and Father Laurence Freeman's practice, both Benedictine priests. This will be a time for spiritual nourishment, growth, and renewal. BYO lunch. Morning tea provided. Entry by donation. All are welcome to this day.

RSVP to Marilyn Jones: 0401637 759

marlyn.jones5@bigpond.com for more details.

The Sacred Heart Church Community Pastoral Team met last Sunday and discussed the following items: Easter events, our continued Ecumenical relationship with Blackheath Uniting Church, the 125th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church in 2027 and Church fund raising projects. Your team members are **Frances Huckstep, Julie O'Keefe, Marilyn Jones, Graham Beale and Paul Harris**. Please see any of these people if you would like a matter raised.

Morning Prayer of Landscapes @Blackheath.

Join us for this special spirituality session guided by Merilyn Hancock, Parramatta Diocesan Consultant on the powerful symbols in Christian spirituality- mountains are places of encounter, revelation, silence and transformation. **Sunday 19th April 2026- 11:30 am- 1:30 am, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall. RSVP on 12th April. Call Julie O'Keefe 0413119649 or Brian Bright 0401768688.**



MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS



Recently Deceased: Veneranda Mifsud, Kevin Gordon, Maria Christina Vera de Penna, Rebecca Etccl, Stephen Mount

Death Anniversary: John Mifsud, Moran William Halliday, Paul Nyssen, Bridget Collits, Stephanie Jean Murphy, Dulcie Elizabeth Nyssen, Lenna & Elizabeth, Barbara Connolly, and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: Maureen O'Reilly, George and Laura Boffa, Sarah-Jane Hallett, Les Hayward, Chloe Newton, Kelly Gale, Nathan, Susan Sergeant, Sandy Mobra, Joella, Doreen Kinsella & George Commens, Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverely Bateup, Anne Farindon, John Crowley, Maria Johnson, Trennah Portelli, Kevin Medlin, Lan Franco Matteucci. Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennet 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.

POPE LEO XIV INTENTION: For Priests, especially those facing a crisis of any sort. "Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and companion on the journey, this month, we place in your hands all priests, especially those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope."

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2nd Sunday of Easter

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All is welcome @ St Bonaventure Church, LEURA

3:00 PM

Exposition and Adoration
Chaplet and the Hour of Mercy

Confession

Silent Prayer

BENEDICTION

MASS AT 5:00 PM

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday *Adoration and* *Benediction*

**OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON**

7.00 pm | 01 MAY 2026



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

SACRED HEART CHURCH COMMUNITY
BLACKHEATH

Landscapes of Prayer

WITH MERILYN HANCOCK,
PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CONSULTANT

*Mountains in Christian
Spirituality*

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026 11:00 AM MORNING TEA
11:30 AM- 1:30 PM

RSVP 12 APRIL '26
JULIE O'KEEFFE - 0413119649
BRIAN BRIGHT - 0401768688

Sacred Heart Catholic
Church Hall, Blackheath
167 Wentworth Street
Blackheath



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



SACRED HEART CHURCH COMMUNITY BLACKHEATH

"Yanama Budyari Gumada– Walk with Good Spirit"

DONATIONS

Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow the link below and make your choice of option. You will be asked to show your name and mobile phone number:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay>

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As an alternative to following the link, please use the attach QR Code.



Blackheath Vinnies Support phone number:

0490 709 547

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

WEDNESDAY CUPPA'S TOGETHER IN SACRED HEART HALL! Cuppas

" has resumed on Wednesdays. Come for coffee, home made 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.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 17th of April at 4:00 pm. Address: 1270 Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley NSW 2785



ST. PAUL CHURCH MT VICTORIA

Summer Vigil Masses for Sunday occurs every Saturdays at 6:00 pm. Address– 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria NSW 2786.



ST. CANICE'S CHURCH KATOOMBA

PARISH B. POINT: We have introduced a new and easy way of contribution for both 1st and 2nd collections. When choosing 2nd collection please note name and envelop No. Please follow this link.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

Our parish finances need a consistent income. If you could consider using Direct/credit card Debit, we would be grateful. There is also the opportunity to use Bpoint.



FINANCES: If you would like to contribute to the 2nd Collection for the parish:

Bank Transfer: BSB 067 950

Account 000 00594

Name: Mary MacKillop Parish Reference

Surname and envelope number or Parish Donation (with or without surname if preferred).

If parishioners would like to contribute to the **First Collection for the clergy of the diocese:**

BSB 067 950

Account No 00004265

Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference either the Parish Name or the parish code 6038

A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: 23 April 2026- In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us for an hour-long conversation on zoom at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 April to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. If you would like to participate in this conversation, please register by Wednesday 1 April: <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>

PROPAGATION OF FAITH APPEAL. Tel 02 9919 7841

Email dcarson@catholicmission.org.au

PO Box 1668, North Sydney NSW 2059

Free call: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK / SAFEGUARDING

We are asking those involved to please update or obtain a Working With Children Check and once obtained send details to the Parish Office Email: upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org so that we may notify the Diocese. Thank you to all those who give their time and talent for the benefit of our Parish here in the beautiful Blue Mountains.

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

DONATIONS: Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow. Donations can be made to Our Lady of Nativity via direct deposit to the bank account below.

Account name: Lawson Our Lady of the Nativity
BSB: 067-950 Account Number: 00000164

USED STAMPS: Thank you to those who have left their used stamps in the STAMP BOX in the church foyer. These stamps are forwarded to **MacKillop International Foundation** in North Sydney during the year contributing to their fundraising. Used stamps are worth \$\$ so definitely worth recycling for the benefit of the needy. Paula Currie

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED Calling anyone who is willing to help take care of the OLN Church grounds - mainly mowing, occasionally trimming hedges, weeding, etc We are hoping to create a roster of volunteers to keep our Church grounds tidy and presentable. All helpers welcome. Please contact **PAUL GANNON on 0409592055**

RENOVATION DONATIONS. We have raised roughly \$6,500.00

Laughter is the Best Medicine with Dr Laurie Woods.

Maurice went to his friend's birthday celebration and had more than a few drinks. When he returned home, his wife confronted him in the hallway. 'How much have you had to drink?' she asked angrily. 'not much,' Maurice said, leaning against the wall. 'This is the third time this week you've had too much to drink!' She shouted. 'it's either me or the drink. Which one is it?' Maurice paused and thought for a moment before triumphantly declaring, 'it's definitely you. I can tell by the voice.'

*Be a Priest!
Be the Heart of Jesus
in the Diocese!*

PARRAMATTA'S
4 STEP ADMISSION

- 1. INQUIRY**
Call the Vocation Director or reach out to your Parish Priest/Parish Office
- 2. DISCERNMENT**
VOCAION STORY
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM
INTERVIEW
ACCEPTANCE
SEMINARIAN
- 3. ASPIRANCY**
PHILOSOPHY
THEOLOGY
- 4. PASTORAL YEAR CANDIDACY**
TRANSITIONAL DEACONATE
PRIESTHOOD

REV FR GALBERT ALBINO
VOCAION DIRECTOR
email: Galbert.Albino@parracatholic.org
mobile:(02)47734321



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

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<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/MaryMackillopParishUpperBlueMountains>

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY @ ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH Inviting those music enthusiasts and musically incline to form a choir for St Francis Xavier Church Community Mass every Sunday at 8:30 am. Please call the office or let the sacristan know. Practice will be announced as soon as we have you.



ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH LEURA

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MUSIC MINISTRY IN LEURA If you are able to sing at 5:00 pm Sunday Mass in St Bonaventure Church, we would like to invite you to be part of the Choir with **Sarah Nyssen (0488203267)**, or call the parish office. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR. Children who are able to come to the 8.30am Easter Sunday Mass at St Bonaventure's Church, Leura, are invited to be part of a children's choir. Please contact Colleen Bourke on 0415329048 or cbourke5@parra.catholic.edu.au

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Devotion will start at 3:00 pm with Confessions and Benediction from 4:00pm to 4:20 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.
-Pam

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests and religious. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly and religious life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for their work of redemption.

Mother Mary, pray for your priests...
St Therese, pray for all the religious men and women,
Padre Pio, pray for your brother priests and religious,
All the Angels and Saints in Heaven, pray for holy priests of the Lord. Amen.

DIOCESE NEWS & 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.

National Count of Attendance for 2026 . The NCA2026 will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing on the weekend of 2-3 May 2026. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal. Thank you once again for your incredible support of Project Compassion 2026. Your compassion and generosity will make an incredible impact in the year ahead. Please continue to bank your donations by May 30. If you have any questions, please email: projectcompassion@caritas.org.au or phone (02) 7254 5120.



MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV,
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

TO THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF

Mr. Thien Quoc Huynh (Luke)

SATURDAY 11 APRIL AT 6:00 PM
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
CNR RANDLE ST AND, 47 BENNALONG ST
GRANVILLE NSW 2142

Position Vacant: Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. More details at parracatholic.org/jobs

CATALYST for Renewal Reflection Morning *“Reading the Bible for Contemplation”*

Presented by: Dr. Laurie Woods

Dr Laurie is a specialist in biblical studies having taught in that field for 30 years at ACU

Date: April 18, 2026.

Time and Place: 9:30am-12:30pm at Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Gt. Western Highway & Rosedale Ave, Hazelbrook

Parking: Hazelbrook Shopping Centre.

Tea/Coffee Provided: Entry by donation

Enquiries: carol.len.thankyou@icloud.com

Program also on Catalyst for Renewal website
www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

This is a discussion about reading the Bible for spiritual insight and deeper engagement.



MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV,
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA
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TO THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF

Mr. Truong Tho Tran (Paul)

SATURDAY 25 APRIL AT 6:00 PM
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA
326 HIGH ST
PENRITH NSW 2750



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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Time: The Fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter. An alternative refrain to the Responsorial Psalm for the entire Easter season is "Alleluia!"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
alleluia.

FIRST READING (Acts 10:34, 37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet

lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there at-testing; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 28:1-10)

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

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Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

