



# 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 & Church Bookings

For Inquiries:  
mmparishubm@gmail.com

## Baptisms:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Katoomba 11:00am  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. 21 June 2026

### REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Sayings of Jesus that we hear in this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew were treasures that the Christians of Matthew's Church held dear in a time of change and upset, ridicule and persecution. They were the words of Christ that gave Matthew's community both Hope and Strength in times of great change. They gave Hope that God will never abandon His chosen ones, but will vindicate their belief. Indeed, the text from Jeremiah comes to mind - for this much-abused Prophet was willing to lose friends and influence in order to continue preaching God's Word to people who didn't want to hear it! They gave Strength to a church under pressure to continue faithful to God in spite of opposition, never willing to backslide, refusing to go against the Lord - or, indeed, to choose to sin. This reminds us of the Second Reading, where Paul speaks of the consequences of sin for all humanity when one man (Adam) sinned; another man (Jesus) won the victory over sin so that all can gain everlasting life.

The words of Jesus are just as powerful for us today, as we continue to Hope in the midst of the changes (sometimes dramatic) in our world today. These Sayings of the Lord Strengthen our resolve to remain faithful to the Lord and his Words despite the many detractors, who wish to justify their choices by destroying anything opposed to their secular fundamentalism. Let's meditate on these texts in the week ahead, opening ourselves up the Grace that God will gift to his Chosen. God bless. Fr John

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1. PLEASE SUPPORT the major Fundraising Activity of the Church Community of Our Lady of Nativity, Lawson, which is being held in St Canice's Hall this weekend (20-21 June) from 10am-3pm.

2. PLEASE NOTE the date and times of our forthcoming PARISH ASSEMBLY, which will be held in St Canice's Hall on Sunday 19 JUL from 11:15am-12:30pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about the financial situation of our new Parish, as we as future undertakings to facilitate the growth of the Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains.

God Bless you all this week  
Fr John

### PLEASE NOTE:

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES & ENQUIRIES RE: SACRAMENTS

PLEASE EMAIL:

mmparishubm@gmail.com

## 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](mailto:upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org)

**Parish websites:**

[bluemountainscatholic.org.au](http://bluemountainscatholic.org.au)

[sacredheartblackheath.org.au](http://sacredheartblackheath.org.au)

[lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://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>.

[UChTj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ).

## MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND EXORCISM

Email: [deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org](mailto:deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org);

[deliverance.exorcist@parracatholic.org](mailto:deliverance.exorcist@parracatholic.org)

Phone/ Call: 0472761879 or

Reached out to the Receptionist of Office of the Bishop or the Chancery.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:bluemountains@parracatholic.org). If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin, email us on [mmparishubm@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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

“Work commenced 18th of May 2026”



## PARISH NEWS

**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.** The next session will be on Sunday the 14th June, 11:00am @ St Canice's Hall, Katoomba, Topics will be- The Holy Spirit & the Church.

### NEWS FROM ST CANICE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week, St Canice's School congratulated its newly commissioned FIAT (Faith in Action Team) students as they proudly received their badges at the school assembly. The badges were blessed through prayer by Sr Anne Morrison before being presented to the students. FIAT invites students to live out their faith through service, leadership and action, helping them put the Gospel into practice in their daily lives while supporting the spiritual life of the school community.

**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**

### First Communion Celebrations

Two wonderful Masses brought many blessings to everyone, especially to the 42 young people who shared in our Common-union. They received the living bread, Jesus himself, for the very first time at both Katoomba and Lawson.

At our final preparation meeting each First Communicant received a candle to remind them to follow Jesus' teachings about care and love for others.



As a special way of living the message of Jesus, the Sacramental families gathered food and toiletries to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Society which is active in the Upper Blue Mountains Churches. Six large bags of goods were donated. A great way to share in the love of Jesus!  
**Congratulations to all our First Communion families**

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

Mon 22 Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Tue 23 Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop

Wed 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Sat 27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor

**NEXT WEEK:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Condolences to Forbes Family

We share the sad news that James Forbes died on the 8 June. We pray for the Forbes family during this sad time. May James rest peacefully in the loving arms of God. All those who knew James Forbes and some of his journey are invited to attend his funeral service at 11am on Tuesday, 23rd June, in Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath.



### MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS



**Recently Deceased:** Yudit Kayatsky, Lauren Hall, Mary Marsh, Salwa Jabbour, Marie Perrott, Kay Cheevers, Jeannette Rosemary Grimson, John Martin, Veneranda Mifsud, Kevin Gordon, Maria Christina Vera de Penna, Rebecca Etccl, Stephen Mount, Fr David Taylor, Geniveve Ticehurst, Emma & Juliette Verne.

**Death Anniversary:** Diane Wood, Mark Bittner, Lesley Menser, Bernard Glasheen, Hazel Glasheen, Tochillo (Scott) Brown (27.04.2021), members of Kozlowski, La Roche, Brown, Foley, Roome Families, David Powell, Jan, Miecica & Zyguich Slawek, Patricia Ducrest, John Mifsud, Moran William Halliday, Paul Nyssen, Bridget Collits, Stephanie Jean Murphy, Dulcie Elizabeth Nyssen, Lenna & Elizabeth, Barbara Connolly, Max Dodd and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

**Pray for the Sick and their Carers:** 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 Sergent, Sandy Mobray, Joella, Doreen Kinsella, Bern McPhee, Maria Cora, Josephine Burdett, Beverly 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.**

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr John McSweeney– Parish priest  
As well as Fr Jessie, Fr Peter, Deacon Alan  
Russell Smith (Leura) CHAIR  
Pamela Nash (Blackheath) DEPUTY CHAIR  
Maria Kells (Mt Victoria) (Sub: Diane Stewart)  
Julie O’Keeffe (Blackheath) ( DPC Rep)  
Therese Moore (Katoomba)  
Matthew Brawn (Katoomba)  
Maria Eades (Leura) ( Deanery Pastoral council Rep)  
John Brell (Wentworth Falls) (Sub Roger Bowen)  
Paul Gannon (Lawson)  
Maria Dodd (Lawson)  
Ex-Officio: John Tweedie (PFC)

Thanks to all these generous members of our new parish for your generosity in serving our church communities as the PPC

## FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LAWSON MEETING ROOM.

We are running the sale of the Art, Cakes and Plants on both days over the **weekend of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and also Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 11am** until all is sold. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR LAWSON CHURCH COMMUNITY to raise funds for our much needed church hall. A cuppa and a cookie will be provided on each of the days. Saturday 20th June at St Canice’s hall at 11am - Set up is to be on this day, if anyone one wishes to help, please call Jenny on 0428 057 753 or Kate 0420 545 275. Anyone that can provide cakes or biscuits on either of those days would be much appreciated. All are welcomed



### Feasting Fasting and the Mystics

Payment of \$15 for this event is needed to secure your booking to attend this event. This payment can be made directly to Julie O’Keeffe or Brian Bright at Blackheath Parish. You can also drop this into the Parish office, 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba.

## FEASTING, FASTING & THE MYSTICS | The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains



### A feather on the breath of God

Mystics experience a deep personal engagement with the Divine and after such engagement, their lives are turned totally toward God. They focus on stillness, and a deep awareness of God’s love and presence.

Join us for a morning of transformative faith, inspired by attributes of each mystic and their relational experience of being with God. The insights of each of these mystics is like light refracted through a prism – there is only one light source.



### BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Phone: Brian Bright - 0401 768 688 Julie O’Keeffe - 0413 119 649  
Email - [bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com) [julesongodson@bigpond.com](mailto:julesongodson@bigpond.com)

### Christian Contemplation

Meditation takes us to the depths of our being, to our true self and to the pure experience of God in the ground of our being.

The World Community for Christian Meditation draws from the wisdom of the Gospel’s teaching.

In the light of this wisdom we see that the teaching of Jesus on prayer is a contemplative teaching. **Every Tuesday 10:00am-10:45am in the Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath**

### Social Bible Study Group starting - interested?

If you would like to read & discuss the Bible in greater depth, please contact Emma

email: [emgwynnejones@gmail.com](mailto:emgwynnejones@gmail.com) or mes-

sage 0458505703 with your name, preferred contact details and why you are interested.

Hope to hear from you Emma Wynne-Jones.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

**Thank you!**

Thank you to parishioners in all our churches for your generous response to our Winter 2026 Appeal. Through your generosity we raised much needed funds and stocks for our shelves.

A special thank you also to those most generous of you who make regular donations to the 'Poor Box' or who are leaving ongoing donations of food in the Katoomba and Leura Donation Bins at the Church entrances. These donations help us manage between Appeals.

Poor Boxes and our bins are at the church doors should you wish to donate between our Appeals.

Our continued prayers for you and your families.



### **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2026.**

Sr. Mary Louise from the Office of Worship will present 2 modules of the Liturgical Ministry course. **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Communion to the Sick and Dying** on **SATURDAY 25TH JULY AT 11am in ST. CANICE'S HALL.** Other courses in the 2026 program such as Minister of the Word and Ministers at the Altar will be held at the Bede Heather centre Blacktown, commencing on Monday 7th September .

If you are interested please contact the parish Office.

### **Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Good Works Appeal.**

Because of your compassion, our parish has raised over **\$1,012.10** (excluding church community of Blackheath) through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, supporting Holy Spirit Seminary and helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity helps provide education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all Diocesan ministries supported through this Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

**The Sacred Heart Church Community Pastoral Team.** Your team members are **Frances Huckstep, Julie O'Keeffe, Marilyn Jones, Pamela Nash, Jennifer Harvey** and **Paul Harris.** Please see any of these people if you would like a matter raised.

## 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>

[CATHOLICPARISHOFSACREDHEARTBLACKHEATH](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay)

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.



#### **VISIT TO MOUNT VICTORIA AND BLACKHEATH BY NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE AUSTRALIA**

Next weekend, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June, Fr Brett O'Neill SJ will be leading our Celebration of Eucharist at St Paul's Mount Victoria (Saturday Vigil) and at Sacred Heart Blackheath (Sunday 9:30 am).

Fr Brett is the National Director of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia - he is keen to acknowledge his appreciation of the generous support our small communities have given to the JRS Lenten and Advent Food Bank Appeals over many years.

#### **125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Sacred Heart Church Blackheath will reach its 125 year anniversary in 2027. This will be a special year and we look forward to celebrating this milestone together. It's not too early to start planning for some special events for 2027. Parishioners, who would like to join a working group to coordinate anniversary activities for 2027, are invited to contact a member of the Blackheath Church Community Pastoral Team.



## 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**

### Artwork Event

If anyone has any art easels that we can borrow for this event please let us know, thank you Jenny.

Any enquiries please call Kate 0420 545 275 or Jenny 0428 057 753. Your assistance would be appreciated on either of the days.

We are running the sale of the Art, Cakes and Plants on both days over the weekend of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and also Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 11am until all is sold. **PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR LAWSON CHURCH COMMUNITY** to raise funds for our much needed church hall. A cuppa and a cookie will be provided on each of the days.

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### FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LAWSON MEETING ROOM

**ART, PLANT & CAKE SALE. SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> &  
SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2026 11AM – 3PM.**



**ST. CANICE'S HALL KATOOMBA**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

**DONATIONS:** Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow the link from St Canice's Katoomba. Please follow this link.

<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

**DONATIONS:** Until our parish finances are unified, please continue to follow the link from St Canice's Katoomba. Please follow this link.

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



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 19th of June at 4:00 pm. Address: 1270 Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley NSW 2785



## ST. PAUL CHURCH MT VICTORIA

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

**Please note: time will change to 5.00pm for June, July and August**

### The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains is a CHILD SAFE ZONE

The Care and Protection of Children is everyone's responsibility. Help us to care and protect your children by always knowing what your child is doing, where he/she is and who he/she is with. Parents / Guardians Always Keep and Eye on your Children.



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**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**

## 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.

**DEANERY CLUSTER MEETING for the MOUNTAINS AND NEPEAN.** We will be holding the Deanery Cluster Meetings for the Parish Admin Staff on 24th June 2026 @ Edmund Rice Centre Mulgoa.

### **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition**

*As part of our preparation for Eucharist28, visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and discover extraordinary accounts of Christ's presence in the Eucharist from around the world. Learn more about these remarkable miracles and seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis.*

**14-28 June Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**  
Viewing: 9:00am-6:00pm daily  
(Tuesdays until 8:00pm)

**Special Eucharistic Talk – FrGerard Kelly**  
**Saturday 27 June 4:00pm arrival for a 4:30pm start.**

*A reflection on the Eucharist followed by the opportunity to attend the Vigil Mass. All are lcome.*



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



**An update on the Journey of St Paul & the Cities of the Book of Revelation pilgrimage.** Due to the situation in the Middle East this pilgrimage has been postponed until 7 April next year. For those who have already paid for this or for more information please contact Harvest Journeys on [harvestjourneys.com/pv2601](http://harvestjourneys.com/pv2601) Free-Call: 1800 819 156 or [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

**Eucharist28 Update – Renewal has begun!** The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org)



**“We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!”  
St Augustine, Sermon 243**

**Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June.** Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via [parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses](http://parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses) to reserve your spot. **For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.**

You are invited to join

### 100 DAYS OF PEACE

an initiative for peace supported by the Focolare Movement

**13 June to 21 September 2026**  
**9 - 9:15pm AEST**



**15 mins for peace everyday:**

**3-mins contemplative contribution:**

- each day a different person from a community, faith, civic or cultural life shares a 3-min reflection on peace

**10 mins collective silent meditation:**

- accompanied by gentle visual and subtle music

All welcome  
Free  
No Registration  
Come once or come every night,  
it's up to you.  
Simply join at 9 pm each evening on this link:  
[tiny.cc/100Days2026](http://tiny.cc/100Days2026)

## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

### FIRST READING (Jeremiah 20:10-13)

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me,  
“Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
“Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!”  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil ones.’

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### SECOND READING (Romans 5:12-15)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me,  
says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL (Matthew 10:26-33)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if any declare themselves for me in the presence of others, I will declare myself for them in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of others, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

