



# 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

## FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST 6th Sunday of Easter Year A. 10 May 2026

### REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
With this Sunday's Gospel about the Holy Spirit, under the title of Helper, we enter the last weeks of Eastertide.

As 'another Advocate', the Spirit or Paraclete (Helper, Friend at Court) supports us in our daily lives in these 'in-between times' from the First to the Second Coming of Jesus.

Indeed, the Spirit is our Help in all circumstances: when times get rough; when we are accused wrongly on account of our Faith; when we are persecuted because of our Hope; when we are ridiculed because of our Love of God and of each other. Despite the difficulties that life throws our way, the Spirit's presence allows us to proclaim with the Psalmist: 'Let all the earth cry out to God with joy'!

### ON SAFEGUARDING

Although I personally consider it 'overkill', the State government demands that every volunteer do the basic Safeguarding modules. These can be done online.

However, in order to make it easier for all of us, the Diocese's Safeguarding Officer, Maria Kerven, will offer a concise presentation for all our volunteers/ministers on 23 May in St Canice's Hall for 2-2.5 hours from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

At present, ALL WHO VOLUNTEER in our parish will need to do this Training (although I hope this will change in the future, so that only those who may be in contact with children or vulnerable adults will need to do the modules!) If you can't attend on 23/5, St Finbar's (Glenbrook) is offering a similar programme on Saturday 20th June commencing at 10:00 am, St Finbar's Parish Hall; and you can always choose to do them online with this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/course/understanding-safeguarding-and-css>

As the Diocese and 20 of our Parishes will be undergoing 2 external Audits concerning Safeguarding this year (June and September), we need to fulfil our responsibilities as best we can. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. God Bless you all!

- Fr John



**THE NATIONAL COUNT  
ATTENDANCE WILL  
CONTINUE FOR WHOLE  
MONTH OF MAY**

**FOR BULLETIN NOTICES &  
ENQUIRIES RE: SACRAMENTS  
PLEASE EMAIL:  
mmparishubm@gmail.com**

**Please note that Fr Jessie is away on annual leave. Let's keep him in our prayers for a peaceful and renewing time away.**

## 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>.

## OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL MINISTRY OF 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 or 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 will commence soon...”



## 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.

**Pre-Appeal (9-10 May) and Appeal (16-17 May) Weekends. Bishop's Good Works Appeal .**

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



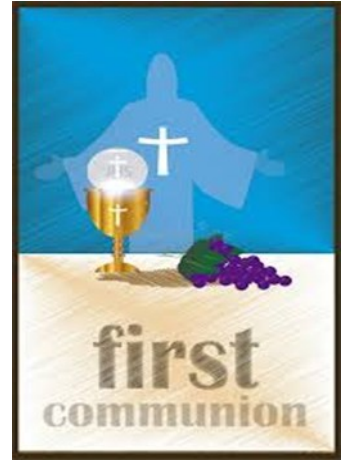
**TRANSPORT NEEDED:** Claire Rodgers living in Woodford is requesting for anyone near her to give her a lift to attend Sunday's Mass. If there is some one kind and generous please call the Parish Office.

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA INVITATION.** The combined Churches of Blackheath & Mt Victoria invite the community to a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser in an effort to support the essential work of Cancer Research. Donation of \$20 entry. Cash & electronic options available . Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026; Where: RSL sub-branch Hall, Blackheath (Station St) Time: 10am-12.30 pm. Come for all or some of the time.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Our First Communion Preparation**

has commenced with an evening for parents to reflect and discuss various aspects of the Mass. We were blessed at the Katoomba parent evening with Brian and Monica Bright who shared some

enriching experiences of celebrating and living the Eucharist and living the Eucharist. At the Lawson meeting, Mark Sattler challenged and encouraged us to consider the implications of being the Body of Christ.



**The Fellowship of the Believers (Acts 2: 46-47) or An Early Form of Mass?** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Please pray for these parents as they lead their children into a deeper understanding of Jesus as the centre of our Church 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 0451461697 to register your details or scan the QR code. Hours currently available: Tuesday 1-2pm, 5-6pm; Wednesday Noon-1pm; Thursday 11am-Noon; Friday 9-10am, 4-5pm



**VOTE OF THANKS FROM MARJORIE BROWN**

"I would like to thank all the Parishioners who prayed for my recovery; gave me transport to Church and other activities. What a wonderful parish we have. Thank God"



### MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS



**Recently Deceased:** John Martin, Veneranda Mifsud, Kevin Gordon, Maria Christina Vera de Penna, Rebecca Etccl, Stephen Mount, Fr David Taylor, Genieve Ticehurst

**Death Anniversary:** Tochillo (Scott) Brown (27.04.2021), members of Kozlowski, La Roche, Brown, Foley, Roome Families, David Powell, Jan, Miecia & Zyguch 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:** 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 Mobray, Joella, Doreen Kinsella & George Commens, 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.**

# Who is our Patron Saint?

## THE SEARCH IS ON .... CAST YOUR VOTE!

Four weekends ago, we began giving a brief overview of the 5 options for our parish Patron – which will be voted on during all Pentecost Masses. Please pray about each of the suggestions that have come from many different people and groups. The original 13 names have been reduced to the 5 majority options. This week we look at having no patron and a mere geographical name:

## “CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS”

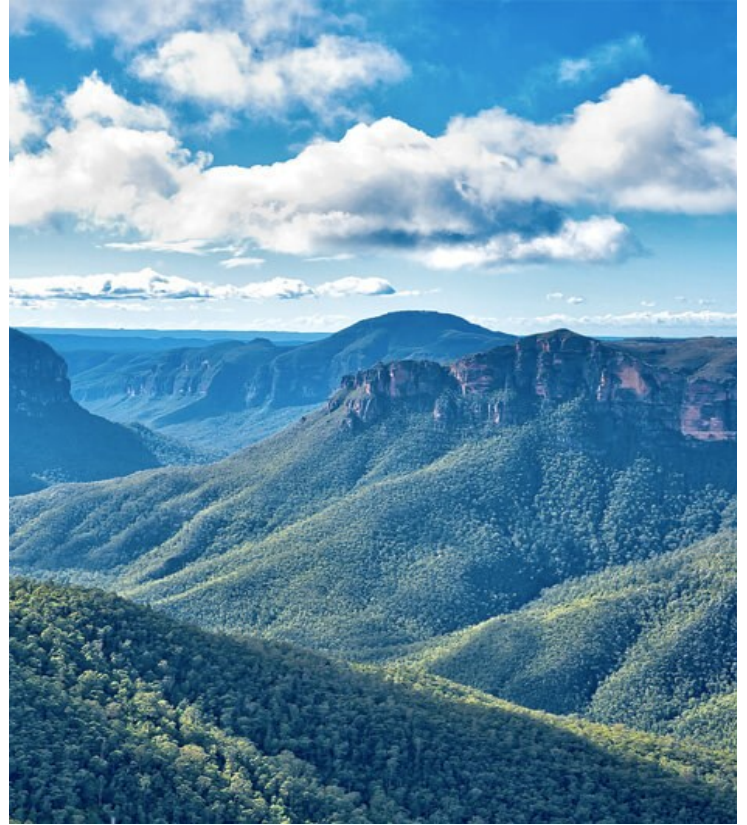
### NO PATRON

In lieu of having a specific Saint as our patron, one of the suggestions has been to have no patron at all.

This may highlight the fact that each church community within the parish already has its own distinct patronage, spirituality, and history, giving the parish a rich tapestry of saints rather than one focal figure.

Thus, instead of narrowing its identity to a single heavenly patron, the parish can celebrate the diversity of its existing dedications, allowing each community to draw strength from its own patron while contributing to a shared mission. This approach highlights unity through variety and honours the heritage of each community.

Others, however, say we can still draw on this tapestry and honour the heritage of each community while having a unifying patron for the new parish.



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

## Upper Mountains Conferences.

### Seeking Members!

St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic Organisation that aspires to live the Gospel by serving Christ in the poor, with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our St Vincent de Paul Conferences need members to continue reaching out to meet the needs of struggling families and individuals in the Upper Blue Mountains.

Your commitment would only be for ONE morning once a fortnight or month, as well as meeting with fellow members for an hour once a month. You would always be working alongside another member.

Membership in the St Vincent de Paul Society offers a means to put your faith into action in serving Christ's poor.

“It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.”

Pope Francis

If interested, or to find out more:

**Lawson Conference - contact Paul Gannon**  
[Paul.Gannon@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Paul.Gannon@vinnies.org.au) or text 0409 592 055  
**Katoomba Conference - contact Russell Smith**  
[russell.smith@vinnies.org.au](mailto:russell.smith@vinnies.org.au) or text 0439 604 916  
**Blackheath Conference - contact John Tweedie**  
[john.tweedie@vinnies.org.au](mailto:john.tweedie@vinnies.org.au) or text 0407 288 957



CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

# First Friday Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY  
OF NATIVITY  
CHURCH,  
LAWSON

7.00 pm | 05 June 2026



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



## CATENIANS

Men of the Upper Blue Mountains  
To join us for our inauguration at  
Gaels Club, 75 Richmond Road,  
Kingswood 6.45 pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
May, Enquiries and RSVP by 5th May. Email: M  
chael.tan@parracatholic.org  
Phone: 0419279743. Catholic Men's Association: Faith

**PLEASE JOIN THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY.** Each evening at 5pm, wherever you are to pause, light a candle, and share Pope Leo's Peace Prayer:

### POPE LEO XIV PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace. May the madness of war cease, and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life. Hear us, Lord of life!*

**PEACE JUSTICE ECOLOGY.** Sacred Heart Church Community supports a number of community outreach initiatives under this banner. We have our Cuppas Together morning, our Jesuit Refugee Services and Caritas Projects, our Organic Kitchen Garden activities, our Ecumenical/Spirituality events and other ecological initiatives such as recycling. In the future we would like to make our site more accessible to those less mobile and those wanting to enjoy the environment our grounds offer. We appreciate all the support that the Parish and parishioners give to the Parish PJE efforts in various ways through the year. A grant from Katoomba Food Co-op for \$450 and a Federal Volunteers grants for \$1,400 for our benefits.

**LAUDATO SI WEEK: 17-24 May 2026.** Laudato Si Week is a global Catholic celebration inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. It's a time to join with Catholics around the world to commit to care for each other and our common home. This year's theme is Hope into Action. We are all invited to take one meaningful action to care for others and our common home during this year's Laudato Si week. **One Week. One Concrete Action. One Global Response .**

### 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.



## INVITATION ALL ARE WELCOME!

## 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.parracatholic.org/parishofblackheath)

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.



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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PARISH TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CONCERT IN BLACKHEATH.** ART IN HARMONY - WITH HARMONI CHAMBER CHOIR 3pm Saturday 9 May 2026 Phillips Hall Blackheath Tickets \$20 . Tickets available at: [ART IN HARMONI](#) Further details on Flyer on Church Notice Board

#### CONTACT DETAILS



### MINISTRY TEAM

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[deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org](mailto:deliverus.caseofficer@parracatholic.org);  
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DP-OSHDE CENTER  
63 Allawah Street, Blacktown  
NSW 2148



## 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**

**Citrus Fruit Donations.** Anyone with citrus fruit trees that are bearing surplus fruits and would like to donate to our church community fundraising events would be most welcomed. Would you kindly bring any donations to Saturday or Sunday masses over the next two weekends. Kate Powell or Jenny will be in the foyer after each mass to gratefully accept your offerings. Any enquiries please call Kate 0420 545 275 or Jenny 0428 057 753.

**Artwork Event.** We are continuing to receive paintings or prints (thankyou) of which will be sold in an art sale to raise funds towards the building of our Meeting room. If you have any artwork that you wish to still donate please see Kate or Jenny in the foyer of each mass over the next two weekends or call Kate on 0420 545 275 or Jenny 0428 057 753. If anyone has any art easels that we can borrow for this event please let us know, thankyou Jenny

**Free Copy of Way of the Cross.** Please grab a copy of our Scriptural Church Way of the Cross as depicted on our Church Wall. Collect your copy as you leave the Church today.

**BEING PENTECOSTS PEOPLE.** The Feast of Pentecost, when the Church began, is coming up and the present-day Church needs us to be Pentecost People, if it is to grow in the way that Jesus intended. So, what does it mean to be Pentecost Person? You are invited to join in a reflection morning of the experience of...

### "BEING PENTECOST PEOPLE"

May 16 2026, 9:30 am until Noon

Presented by, **Br Barry Donaghue cfm** at Hazelbrook Uniting Church, corner of Great Western Highway & Rosedale Ave, Hazelbrook. [If you can't stay for the whole time, come for the session up to the Morning Tea]

**Happy Mother's Day.** Your love is the quiet strength that holds everything together, the light that never dims, and the comfort that always feels like home. We are grateful for you today and every day.

## 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.



## 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.

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## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 15th of May 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.

### NOTICE FOR ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

**For Compliance and Professional Standards Audit  
2026**

**WHAT:** Face to face training day with Safeguarding and Professional Standard Office.

**WHEN:** Saturday, 23rd May 2026 at 10:00 pm  
(approx. 2 hrs and 15 mins with Morning Tea)

**Everyone serving in our Parish is required to do the Mandatory training and ongoing refresher modules while serving in the Parish.**

**For inquiries, please** contact the Parish Office or RSVP as soon as possible.



abaxkf.com.au 1300 300 369

PO Box 7250 1 Cowpasture PI, Wetherill Park NSW 2164



†  
**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.

**SAFEGUARDING AUDIT ON APRIL-JUNE 2026.** In preparation for the first audit that will take place this year. A member of the Safeguarding Audit team will be in touch and answer any questions you may have. You can also email the team any time at: [safeguardingaudit@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingaudit@parracatholic.org)

**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.

**Diocese of Parramatta@40 years.** A special Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration of 40 years of our Diocese will take place on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, Sunday 31st of May at St Patrick's Cathedral, 2:00 pm.

**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.**

## 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 sometime 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**



## SPENCER'S 10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

**ON 17TH MAY 2026 @  
St Canice's Parish Hall  
after the 10:00 am  
Sunday Mass.**

## Winter Appeal: Knitted & Crochet Donations



During Term 2, Our Lady of Nativity Primary School is seeking donations of knitted or crocheted squares (approximately 25cm x 25cm), wool, knitting needles or crochet hooks to support St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

If you are able to contribute squares or materials, please bring them to the Church of Our Lady of Nativity in Lawson, where a basket will be available for donations at the back of the church or bring them into the school office at Our Lady of Nativity Lawson.

Thank you for your support.

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# 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## FIRST READING (Acts 8:5-8. 14-17)

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

## SECOND READING (1 Peter 3:15-18)

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

## 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!



## GOSPEL (John 14:15-21)

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments

and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my

Father,

and I shall love them and show myself to them.’

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments,

says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father

and he will send you another Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

