

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody’s butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, ‘I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.’
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around
you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by
your new mind. This is the only way to discover the
will of God and know what is good, what it is that
God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia! alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven

preserve you, Lord;’ he said ‘this must not happen to
you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because
the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to
be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and
take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who
wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will
a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his
life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his
life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of
his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he
will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
That you keep for those who fear you.



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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 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 Blackheath



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

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.

FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. 30rd August 2026

REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In the first reading we hear of Jeremiah lamenting that he has become a
social outcast because he feels compelled to relay God’s message.

In the second reading St Paul urges the Romans saying: “I beg you, in a way
that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour
of the world around you”



In the Gospel reading, St Peter who
was riding high last week and
correctly identifying Jesus as the
Christ, the Son of the living God,
and who was appointed by Christ
to lead the Church is being
rebuked and referred to as Satan.

Why? for thinking along human
lines instead of listening to the
voice of God that revealed Jesus’
true identity to him in last week’s
reading. These are very clear

messages to us. We need to discern between the way of God and the way
pointed to by human logic, emotions, and social norms. In the Gospel
reading we see that Satan has used wholesome human emotions to create
an obstacle for Christ. By using Peter’s emotional attachment for Christ
Satan uses Peter to tempt Christ. There are many influences in our lives.
Media, our friends, our work colleagues, members of our family. We too are
also an influence in the lives of many people.

We need to discern those influences that lead us to live out the will of God
in our lives and also discern in ourselves those voices that are not based on
God’s guidance but come from self-interest, the bad influence of others,
emotional scars and injured psyche. But to know what we should do, we
need to hear the voice of God. This itself involves two crosses we need to
pick up.

The first to spend time in prayer and solitude with God. The second to
actively educate ourselves in the teachings of the Church and the writings
of the Popes, Church Fathers and Saints. Not hearsay, but what was
actually written.

Deacon Alan

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lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

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

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND EXORCISM
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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

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)

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 electronically or via email our parish bulletin, please email us on upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org. If you also want to include any items for the weeks’ parish bulletin, email us on mmparishubm@gmail.com before Wednesday afternoon.

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

Volunteer’s Needed for Sunday’s Mass livestreaming . All are welcome and training provided. Contact the Parish Office or email: dmoore@abaxkf.con.au

Parish Finance Council Members		
Fr John	John Tweedie (Chair)	Maylin Corros
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Fr Jessie	John Grant	Tom Boyd
Dec Alan	Jenny Gannon	
Parish Pastoral Council Members		
Fr John	Russell Smith (Chair), Leura	
Fr Peter	Pamela Nash (Deputy Chair), Blackheath	
Fr Jessie	Maria Kells, Mt Victoria	Diane Steward (Sub)
Deacon Alan	Julie O’Keeffe (Deanery Pastoral Council Rep), Blackheath	
Matthew Brawn, Katoomba	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)	

Thanks to all these generous members of our new Parish for your generosity in serving our Church communities as the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Council (PFC) Members

DIOCESE NEWS & BEYOND

THE MESSENGER

Inspired by St Gabriel's Mission, this weekly update brings news, fire across the Diocese of Parramatta for clergy, parishes and agencies

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING. National Child Protection Week is held from 6-12 September. This year’s theme is: “Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action” The resources from NAPCAN are now out. You can find information, posters and email tiles here: <https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2026/>

Married Couples’ Retreat – Reflect, Renew & Reconnect: 5 September. Married couples are invited to a special retreat day, *Reflect, Renew & Reconnect*, on Saturday 5 September 2026 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown. The day runs from 8:30am–4.30pm and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch. Couples will explore topics including Expressions of Love, Living Your Vocation of Marriage, 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work, Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit, and a Couple Prayer and Commitment Ceremony. Cost is \$45 per couple. Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential. Register now at parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/.

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Centenary Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt.

Date: Sunday 13th September
Time: Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start.

The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3pm. The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm. To RSVP and for more information scan the QR-Code or visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au

The Bishops Father’s Day Appeal for the Clergy Support Foundation will run across four weekends, from 29—30 August to 19—20 September 2026. Envelopes are available in your pews.

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

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

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines. In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject
Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.

Peace Justice News. Join the mountain parishioners and friends for a morning of prayer, discussion and reflection in this Season of Creation. Discover the message of Pope Francis and be inspired by his insights to care for our world on Sunday 13th September after mass at 11.00am – 1.00pm. There will also be organically grown veggies and jams on sale at our produce stall for the Community Kitchen Garden on this morning to celebrate the Season of Creation and to raise funds for the garden.

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International Volunteering

Simplicity September

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

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OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH
LAWSON



BBQ SPIT ROAST 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 and written receipt provided. Please look for Jenny Gannon or Kate Powell

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH
WENTWORTH FALLS

Music Ministry Needed. We thank Mary for playing the violin everyday Sunday but we badly need to support her by organizing a choir and a music ministry for Wenty Church.

Lectors and Acolytes. If you are willing to read the Sunday's scripture readings as lector and willing to serve as an Acolyte. Please call the Office and trainings will be provided.

Altar Servers. If your kids are willing to serve at the Altar, boys and girls preferably year 4 to 6 who usually attends this mass are welcome. Please call the Office for Inquiries and for future trainings.

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ST. PAUL CHURCH
MT VICTORIA

Vigil Masses every **Saturdays at 5:00 pm** . Address– 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria NSW 2786

Lectors and Acolytes. If you are willing to read the Sunday's scripture readings as lector and willing to serve as an Acolyte. Please call the Office and trainings will be provided.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
MEGALONG VALLEY

Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 18th September 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.

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ST BONAVENTURE
LEURA

ST BONAVENTURE'S CCPT

After identifying the works we outlined in last week's bulletin, we now need to consider funding. Some projects the parish maintenance budget does not cover. We hope to organise some fundraising initiatives. **We would love to hear from anyone who would like to work with us in the area of fundraising. /**



The first event will be an open garden at the home of Barbara Davidson on the weekend of 5/6 October. Barbara needs assistance with organising and running this.

Barbara is also organising a whole parish Christmas Party on the feast of St Nicholas, December 6. She needs a representative from St Bonaventure's to join a committee with the other churches to organise this.



CAN YOU HELP?
Contact:

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

Lectors and Acolytes. If you are willing to read the Sunday's scripture readings as lector and willing to serve as an Acolyte. Please call the Office and trainings will be provided.

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ST. CANICE'S CHURCH
KATOOMBA

Morning Tea on Sunday 6th of August 2026 after the 10 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Volunteer Needed for Morning Tea. We are still in need of helpers for the monthly Morning Tea. Please contact the Parish Office with your details and we will pass these on to Tess who has generously agreed to be the morning tea Coordinator.

Finance News
PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the 1st of July 2026, we have merged our Parish Banking arrangements for Parish Contributions. Our parish finances need a consistent income. If you consider using Direct payment, we would be most grateful!

Donations thru Bank Transfer:

For 2nd collection (for the support of the Parish) please use **BSB 067 950 Account 000 00594 Name: Catholic Parish of Upper Blue Mountains (Ref: your surname and church eg SmithMtVic)**

For 1st collection (for the support our priests) **BSB 067 950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference either the parish Name or the parish code 6038**

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 to include both of your surname and church community name (abbreviated if necessary) in the payment reference .

This will assist us in correctly allocating funds to your church community. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish.

Parish BPoint. For both 1st and 2nd collations. 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 fifth session will be held on Sunday 27th September following Mass in St Canice's Hall, 11am for an 11.30am start. The first presentation and discussion will be **Mary, the Saints and Devotions**, followed by **The Eucharist**. Whether you are deeply rooted in your faith, returning after time away, or simply seeking to grow and understand more... **You are most welcome.**

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, 6-7p; 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**



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.



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 the Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath



MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS



Recently Deceased: , Kevin Medlin, Erika Najjar, Fr Eugene Stockton, Ray Wood, Zac Giles, Terence Teodori, Yudit Kayatsky, Lauren Hall, Mary Marsh, Salwa Jabbour, Marie Perrott,

Death Anniversary: Edna Sweeny, Luke William O'Connor, Andrew Krawczyk, Aiyana, Diane Wood, Mark Bittner, Tochillo (Scott) Brown, Wtodek Kozlowski, deceased members of Kozlowski, Foley, Roome Families 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 Sergeant, Sandy Mobray, 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.



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BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL

The annual Bishop Father's Day appeal for the Clergy will run across for four weekends, from 29-30 August to 19 -20 September 2026 will take place. This year's focus will be on Fr John O'Neill, recently retired Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, Doonside. This appeal supports all the retired priests of the Diocese, and your donations are very much appreciated. Full information will be provided next week, but if you wish to get in early, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation>.

Envelopes are available on the Pews



About the Society ... Growing Up Green!

Vinnies is proud that as a result of the creation of Vinnies Finds: 53 tonnes of clothing and accessories didn't go to landfill.

Every item that has been sold on Vinnies Finds has been a garment given a second life, in a country where fashion waste remains a significant environmental challenge, that's a huge feat.

53 tonnes is about the same weight as an Airbus 220-300!



From: St V de Paul 'Vision' Magazine, Winter 2026 edition.
Russell F Smith, St V de Paul Blue Mountains Regional President.

Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains



The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely.

SEASON OF CREATION

(1 September to 4 October)

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL ... ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY
INTERCONNECTION OF HUMAN WELL-BEING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALING

There is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail,
in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face

Join the mountain parishioners and friends for a morning of prayer, discussion and reflection in this Season of Creation. Discover the message of Pope Francis and be inspired by his insights to care for our world.

Date: 13th September

Morning Tea: 10.30am

Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Church Hall,
165 Wentworth St, Blackheath

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON

7.00 pm | 04 SEPT 2026



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

Social Justice Statements and Social Justice Sunday

In a tradition dating back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

Recent Social Justice Statements August 2026

"Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division"
February 2026

"The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good"

Both statements can be read at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

is August 30.

The Alpha Everyone Everywhere Tour: Sydney is an Alpha Australia leadership and ministry event aimed at parishes and ministry teams that are either currently running Alpha, have previously run Alpha, or are interested in running Alpha. The focus is on helping churches and ministries explore how Alpha can support evangelisation and faith formation.

Everyone Everywhere Tour - Alpha Australia

When: Wednesday 2nd September, 9:30am - 3pm

Where: Hillsong Campus Waterloo | 188 Young St, Waterloo NSW 2017. Tickets: \$50 (includes meals)

Please forward this to your Alpha teams or anyone who might be interested in learning more about evangelisation in the context of Alpha.

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.



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



SACRED HEART CHURCH COMMUNITY BLACKHEATH

"Yanama Budyari Gumada- Walk with Good Spirit"

DONATIONS: Please see the Parish Finance section for details

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ The Sacred Heart Church Community Blackheath every Friday at 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm.

World day of Prayer. Save the date: Tuesday September 1 at 11:00am. To celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. An Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday September 1 at 11am at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath. This year's theme is Living Water-Immersion in Living Water Ezekiel 47:9,12 Please bring a small glass or metal container filled with water for the Living Water prayer. A light brunch will be held in the hall following the prayer service. Everyone is welcome!

ACBC Social Justice Statement. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Social Justice Statement Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division explores recent developments in Australia including the Bondi Beach attack of December 2025 as well as the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism. If you have any questions about the Social Justice Statement or need support with using it in your parish, please reach out to our Peace, Justice & Ecology Team via met@parracatholic.org

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.

