

Ministry Roster.				
19th Sunday in Ord Time, 10th August 2025.			20th Sunday in Ord Time, 17th August, 2025.	
Ministry	Vigil	8:30AM.	Vigil	8:30 AM.
Acolyte.	P Piscetelli.	P Doherty.	R Kemmis.	G Verhoeven.
Commentator.	B. Kozlowski.	K Pattenden.	M Kundukulam.	Cathy vn Gelderen.
Reader.	L. Blahut.	M Kundukulam.	K Mahoney/C Au	K Powell.
Flowers.	P Currie.		K Powell (Baptism)	
Cleaning.	P Currie& L Beaman.		L & R Starr	

If you are unable to carry out your rostered ministry, please arrange a swap or call the office on 0418 214 548

Weekend Masses Times in the Mountains.

	Katoomba.	Leura	Wentworth Falls.	Blackheath	Mt Victoria.
Saturday	9:00 AM	5:00 PM		5:00PM.	5:00PM.
Sunday	10:00AM	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	

Weekday Masses in the Mountains.

Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday	Friday
Katoomba 9:00	Leura 9:00	Blackheath 9:00	W/Falls 9:00	Lawson 9:30
Saturday	Katoomba 9:00			

- Liturgical Ministry Course – Starts September 2025.
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- The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.



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Email: [lawson@parracatholic.org](mailto:lawson@parracatholic.org) Parish Website: [www.lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au)  
Parish Priest: Rev John McSweeney. 4782 2804.  
Parish Office Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 PM Thursday & Fridays.  
Weekend Masses: **Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM.**

**WEEKDAY MASS :** Please note new time:9:30 am each Friday only. Funerals: Call the office.  
**BENEDICTION: First Fridays 7:00 PM.** Weddings Call the office & six months notice required.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
The Diocesan Mission Enhancement Team (MET) will soon be assisting us in a discernment process that will result in the establishment of five (5) new Church Community Pastoral Teams (CCPT) for the worshipping communities of ...  
\* Sacred Heart, Blackheath  
(which includes St Paul’s, Mt Victoria and St Joseph’s, Megalong Valley)  
\* St Canice, Katoomba  
\* St Bonaventure, Leura  
\* St Francis Xavier, Wentworth Falls  
\* Our Lady of Nativity, Lawson.

These Church Community Pastoral Teams will be responsible for local church activities, such as the following:

- the celebration of the Liturgy in each church (with the guidance of the soon-to-be established new PARISH Liturgy Team)
- \* the care and basic maintenance of the worshipping community’s church, any other buildings and grounds (with the support of the soon-to-be established new PARISH Maintenance Team, a sub-committee of the PARISH Finance Committee (PFC))
- \* the initial pastoral care and support of members of the worshipping community (with the support of the soon-to-be established new Parish Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Team)
- \* the forwarding of local news and activities to be placed in the soon-to-be established new Bulletin for the whole Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains; this new bulletin will include a section for each Church Community’s news, as well as news and events for the whole Parish, the Mountains Deanery and any Diocesan and other relevant and topical information.

I hope that this process will get underway next month.  
In the meantime I would appreciate any feedback or suggestions.  
Furthermore, if people are interested in any of the above or other ministries, please let me know of your interest. My email: [john.mcsweeney@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.mcsweeney@parracatholic.org)

God Bless you all.  
Fr John



### Recently Deceased: Anniversaries:

**Sick:** Kevin Medlin, Rob Nickl, Lan Franco Matteucci, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennett and all Private Intentions. *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

### First Reading

*Wisdom 18:6-9.* The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 33:1,12,18-22.* Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19.* We will look for the city designed and built by God.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 12:32-48.* You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables remind us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

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**PARISH MONTHLY MORNING TEAS:** I would like to thank everyone for attending this year's morning teas, which have been held in the Santa Maria Hall, and also for being so kind in contributing towards the catering. This is always very much appreciated by myself and all those attending as they sample your wares.

I would also like to sincerely thank those who have assisted me in setting up the hall prior to Mass. Without you I would have found it very difficult indeed.

So, thank you all most sincerely.

As the future plans in full for the Santa Maria Hall are unknown, after the Good Sams Farewell morning tea on 31st August, future monthly morning teas will be put on hold until such time as we have a space to use.

Thank you all once again,  
Paula

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words and phrases:** Stop murmuring, taught by God, the living bread ... from heaven, live forever

**To the point:** Sometimes what we claim to know does not square up with reality. The Jews in the gospel think they know Jesus' origins ("the son of Joseph") and, therefore, what he is and is not capable of doing. He commands them to "stop murmuring"—to stop limiting what they know. Only by opening themselves to be "taught by God" can they come to see who Jesus really is ("the living bread ... from heaven"). Only with this deeper knowledge can they receive the greatest gift he offers—himself, the "living bread" who brings us to "live forever" lives, the "more" they have already been given. He is "the bread of life."

### Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The miraculous provision of bread in the wilderness sustains Elijah's physical life for the journey to Horeb, the mountain of God. Jesus offers to his disciples the food of his teaching as well as his own flesh for the journey to eternal life.

... **to experience:** When we love another, we open ourselves to the mystery of who that person is. In this [Gospel](#), Jesus invites us to love him, to encounter the mystery of who he is: the "living bread" who brings us to "live forever."