



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)
Fr. Peter Lamont (AP)
Fr. Jessie Balorio (AP)
Rev. Alan Skofic (Deacon)

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat: 5pm Leura
Sat: 5pm Lawson
Sat: 6pm Mt Victoria
Sun: 8am Wentworth Falls
Sun: 8.30am Lawson
Sun: 9.30am Blackheath
Sun: 10am Katoomba
Sun: 5pm Leura

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 9am Katoomba
Tue: 9am Leura
Wed: 9am Blackheath
Thu: 9am Wentworth Falls
Fri: 9am Lawson
Fri: 12pm Katoomba
Fri: 4pm Megalong Valley
(3rd Fri of the month)
Sat: 9am Katoomba

CONFESSION

Fri: After 12pm Mass Katoomba
Sat: 9:30-9:50am Katoomba
Sat: 4:30-4:50pm Leura
NOTE: Confessions are always available upon request.

Weddings: Inquire @the Office

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday @ Katoomba
4th Sunday @ OLN Lawson
Inquiries: 47822804
Email: bluemountains@parracatholic.org

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Christian Meditation

Tuesdays-10am
@Sacred Heart



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

FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN THE MIST

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

01 March 2026

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to draw your attention to these two lines from the second reading; "This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News."



We should take note that the grace of Christ has been given to us from "before the beginning of time". Christ opens the door to immortality, an existence not bound by linear time, in fact not bound by time at all. That's what the Gospel is showing us. Jesus is transfigured foretelling of His Resurrection. Notice what Christ says at the end of the Gospel reading. But This transfiguration was for the Apostles to strengthen them for the difficult times to come. Likewise, for us, it is meant to show

us our destiny so that we are strengthened to leave our "country", our way of life and go into another form of existence knowing God loves us and we will live with Him for ever. This means we need not be afraid to forgive, even if we are humiliated or insulted again, for we look to God for our justification which will come. We do not need to be anxious about our security for though things can get tough, God will ultimately see us through. We need to look at Christ and not our selves so that we do not become oppressors through our efforts to fulfill our innate desires for recognition and acceptance. We are already accepted.

--- Deacon Alan Skofic

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Last act of the Interim Parish Pastoral Council was to recommend that we choose a Patron for our new Parish as soon as possible. I had hoped to do this sooner rather than later, but it has become obvious to me that this is going to be more difficult than I had thought. Many have said to me that they would like our first (and hopefully not only) Australian Saint, St Mary of the Cross, to be the Patron. However others feel that a totally new Patron is needed. If no consensus can be reached, I will have no choice but to refer the matter to our Bishop.

To the Members of the Church Communities of St Canice, St Bonaventure, and St Francis Xavier: There is a meeting for all members of these three Church Community Pastoral Teams chosen at the Parish Assembly on Saturday March 07 2026 in St Canice Hall at 11am.

This meeting is to discuss a suggestion that there may be a need to have two (or even one) Church Community Pastoral Team (s) for the Former Mary Mackillop Parish. Any other interested members of these communities are more than welcome to attend. At this meeting we will finalise both Teams and Membership.

--- Fr John

Parish
Churches

LAWSON: Our Lady of The Nativity, Somers St; **WENTWORTH FALLS:** St. Francis Xavier's, 3 Day St. **LEURA:** St. Bonaventure's, Railway Pde. **KATOOMBA:** St Canice's, 158 Katoomba St. **BLACKHEATH:** Sacred Heart, 165 Wentworth St. **MEGALONG VALLEY:** St Joseph's, Megalong Rd. **MOUNT VICTORIA:** St Paul, 65 Great Western Highway. * Pictures on this bulletin are taken from the website. Copyright infringement is unintended. Acknowledgment is due.

CONTACT US

Parish Office: 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba 2780.
Postal Address: PO Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780.
Phone: (02) 4782 2804.
Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Friday.
After Hours Emergency Number: 0490814284.
Calls only; no texts please.

Parish email address:
upperbluemountains@parracatholic.org

Parish websites:
bluemountainscatholic.org.au
sacredheartblkheath.org.au
lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au

Facebook: facebook.com/bluemountainscatholic
Lawson Facebook: facebook.com/olncclawson
Blackheath Facebook: facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076756208721
Parish YouTube: [@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic](https://youtube.com/@UpperBlueMountainsCatholic)

SUNDAY MASS: Live streaming of the 10am Sunday Mass at St Canice's this week. The live feed will be via our parish YouTube page as per usual.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHtj55risvGDQqCDN7mldNQ>.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba Street, Katoomba.
Principal: Ms. Miriam Meaney.
Phone: (02) 4780 6800.
Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Primary School
Somers Street, Lawson.
Principal: Mr. Matthew Bond.
Phone: (02) 4753 2200.
Email: oln@parra.catholic.edu.au

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

If you or your loved ones are sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish office or Barbara Davidson (0417 490 103)

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

"This is what the Lord asks of you... to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)."
For info: parracatholic.org/safeguarding
For Training: parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/

Notice for Parish Bulletin

If you wish to receive electronically or via email our parish bulletin, please email us on bluemountains@parracatholic.org
If you also want to include any items for the weeks' parish bulletin, email us on or before Wednesday afternoon

Weddings & Church Bookings

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

To the Interim Parish Pastoral Council Members

The interim Parish Council has concluded. My thanks on behalf of you all to Peter Lawlor and all the members of the Interim Parish Council for all their work for our new parish. They have now finished up; and we await the choosing of the new Parish Pastoral Team that will be chosen from among the various Church Community Pastoral Teams. Church Communities who have not yet finalised their Pastoral Teams may need to have a brief meeting after mass to discern and choose your representatives.

- - - Many Thanks from Fr John

Parish Finance Council Members

Fr John
Fr Peter
Fr Jessie
Dec Alan

John Tweedie (Chair)
Elaine Smith (Deputy Chair)
John Grant
Tom Boyd

Maylin Corros
Marilyn Rowe



MASS OFFERING INTENTIONS



Recently deceased: Maria Christina Vera de Penna, Rebecca Etccl, Stephen Mount, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Marshall, Joan Marie Gracie, Robert Nickl

Deceased and anniversary: Lenna & Elizabeth, Sis Helena Hill, Jahja Soetanto, Kenneth Soewandi, Lucy Yonatan, Paul Le Breton, La Roche, Brown, Foley, Rome Families, Tochillo(Scott)Brown, Wlodek Kozlowski, Vicky Todarello, Dr John Howard Casey, Dr Vale Jeane Lennane; Ted and Lislott Cocksedge and all forgotten souls in purgatory.

Pray for the Sick and their Carers: George and Laura Boffa, Sarah-Jane Hallett, Les Hayward, Chloe Newton, Kevin Gordon, 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.*

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.

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

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Church's largest lay apostolate. We meet every FRIDAY at 6:15 pm in the old adoration chapel at Katoomba. You are most welcome to attend and see what the Legion is all about.

REDISCOVERING THE VALUE OF FAITH. every 1st Sunday of the month 11:30am@ St Canice's Hall, Katoomba. Come along, bring a friend, and take part in a welcoming conversation grounded in **Catholic tradition, shared faith, and community.**

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK / SAFEGUARDING

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

BMERT– Blue Mountains Education and Research Trust established by Fr Eugene Stockton is now selling his Book and they are available . Please check their website.

Parish Registration/Survey Card

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

ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNDAY DAWN EVENT. on **Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026.** We are inviting support from our parish communities with the following: **Musicians** with portable instruments to support the event (note there is no power at the site). Please contact Merrill (Leura Uniting Church) on 0423 067 442 by the 15th March. **Donations** (financial and/or quality raffle items) to contribute towards costs of printing, and advertising and other event costs. Please contact Barbara Davidson (St Bonaventure, Leura) on 0417 490 103.

Catholic Care Parramatta. Volunteer Cook Wanted for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program is seeking a volunteer cook to lead simple, hands-on cooking sessions for a small group of women once a month. Sessions run on a Friday from 10am to 12midday, with all ingredients provided, and conclude with participants sharing the meal together. All required screening and training will be supported. For more information or to express interest, please email or call on (02) 8843 2500.

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2026 Kick-Off | 26 February
Young people from across the Diocese are invited to an evening of celebration as we begin 2026 together. Hear testimonies from local leaders, take part in prayer, connect with others, and discover the vision for Catholic Youth Parramatta in the year ahead. Join us on Thursday 26 February from 7pm to 9.30pm at Holy Family Primary School, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Please register.

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings | 26 February
Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what's currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. You are invited to join online on Thursday 26 February 2026, 6:30-7:30pm. Visit our website for more details.

Diocesan Lenten Scripture Night | 3 March . Guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ the Diocesan Lenten Scripture Night is an experiential, reflective evening, where participants are guided by an expert in Scripture to integrate life and faith practice, particularly within the context of Lent. Join us on Tuesday 3 March from 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Call Greystanes Parish

Our Commitment to Safeguarding At 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.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains officially participates in the Commencement of **Eucharist2028** by inviting everyone to spend an hour in our Adoration Chapel on Sunday 01 March 2026 to pray for this blessing for the Church in Australia.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies 2026

ST CANICE
KATOOMBA

ST BONAVENTURE
LEURA

ST FRANCIS XAVIER
WENTWORTH FALLS

OUR LADY OF NATIVITY
LAWSON

SACRED HEART
BLACKHEATH



Mass of the
Lord's Supper

Maundy Thursday 2 April, 2026

Combined Parish Celebration @ St Canice Katoomba @ 7:00 pm



Stations of
the Cross

Lord's
Passion

10:00 am

9:30 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

10:00 am

3:00 pm

NONE

NONE

3:00 pm

3:00 pm

Good Friday 3 April, 2026



7:00 pm

NONE

NONE

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 4 April, 2026

Easter Sunday 5 April, 2026



10:00 am

8:30 am

8:00 am

8:30 am

9:30 am

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS

First Friday Adoration and Benediction

OUR LADY
OF NATIVITY
CHURCH,
LAWSON

7.00 pm | 06 March 2026



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

PROJECT COMPASSION Boxes are available this week
in the pews please donate generously this Lent 2026.



Project Compassion Sunday
14-15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty*
through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas
Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable
communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the
donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR
code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing
with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



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>

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. Or join the newly formed group for a game of Mahjong. Beginners are welcome to join. 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.



Lenten Group Sacred Heart parishioners are invited to join a Lenten group in preparation for Easter. The Lenten booklet, *Compassio*, will be used (on sale after Mass). Time: Thurs 2pm OR Wed 7pm. Date: Commencing 12 February & each Thursday in Lent. Location: 3 Easter St Leura. Leader: Barbara Davidson. We thank Barbara for her hospitality.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026 - INVITATION - World Day of Prayer is a Christian ecumenical prayer movement developed as a creative response to issues of concern around the world. This year's World Day of Prayer service in Blackheath is jointly coordinated by all the churches in Blackheath and will be hosted by the Anglican Church. **Date:** Friday 6 March 2026 Time: 10.30am followed by morning tea. **Location:** St Aidan's Anglican Church, Blackheath (corner GWH & Hathill Rd).

Television Screen Wanted for Sacred Heart Hall: Are you upgrading your TV? Would you like to upcycle it for our Church Hall for use in meetings and seminars? A large (65inch/165cm+) flat screen TV is wanted, ideally one that can be wall mounted and must in good working condition. Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

EASTER CAKE STALL AND PLUM JAM NOTICE. Our community is having an Easter Cake Stall as well as if anyone has a plum tree with fruit can they please contact Frances Huckstepp as she will make some plum jam.

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

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE LENTEN FOODBANK

APPEAL Our Sacred Heart Community has been a long time and very generous supporter of the JRS Lenten Foodbank Appeal. **These struggling families desperately need our support! Item below is being sought this week. If you would prefer to support JRS by donating a Gift Card, please check out the Gift Card Flyer or speak with David Buckley (47875105 or 0400208707).**

With Courage and Quiet Strength

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

**Sat. 21 March
9:00am**

**Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre**
33Barina DownsRd
Norwest NSW 2153

**\$20 per person
RSVP by 17 March**

02 9634 2317

In honour of the Feast of St Joseph and the legacy of Mary MacKillop, we invite women of all walks of life to gather for a morning of reflection, nourishment and connection.

Come share breakfast, hear from Sr Virginia Bourke rsj, and rediscover the strength that flows from faith, community and courageous love.

REGISTER NOW

To register:
scan QR code

or head to
<https://tinyurl.com/4pcjv9ef>



JRS AUSTRALIA

FOODBANK

**A SMALL GIFT MAKES
A BIG DIFFERENCE**

Supermarket Gift Cards also enable families
to choose the items they need most

Email foodbank@jrs.org.au for more information

Week 2

**Dishwashing
Liquid**



OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY CHURCH LAWSON

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING

Everyone is invited to attend the OLN Church Community Financial Situation Meeting after the Mass on the 8th March at 9:45 am. This is an important opportunity for all to know the state of the Church's community finances. Please save any questions until the meeting as they may be answered in the presentation on the day.

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

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

2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's **Mid Mountains World Day of Prayer** service to be hosted by the **Baptist Church, Cnr Orient Street & Great Western Highway, Lawson**, from 10.30am on Friday, **6th March**, followed by morning tea provided by their community. If you would like to attend can you please **add your name to the list in the church foyer** or alternately, phone **Paula Currie** on 0416 185 651 prior to Thursday, 5th March.

Lawson Lenten Group. Join us on: Wednesdays: 10am at 48 Alexander Ave. Hazelbrook commencing on the 25th February and on Thursdays 7:00pm at 17 Bonnie Ave. Hazelbrook commencing on the 18th February. Lenten Programme Books can be purchased at the meetings for \$7.00 each. Thanks - Kate Powell

Community Morning Tea

Sunday Morning teas and Saturday night suppers will begin on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st of March on the lawn outside our church. If you wish to help on the day or donate food please call Jenny Gannon on 0428 057 753 or Kate Powell on 0420 545 275.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH WENTWORTH FALLS

IMPORTANT

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER'S MEETING

There will be a meeting for all those who volunteered at the combined parish assembly for Wentworth falls on **SATURDAY, 7TH OF MARCH 11:00 AM** at the Parish Hall Katoomba

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

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



ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH LEURA

IMPORTANT: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER'S MEETING

There will be a meeting for all those who volunteered at the combined parish assembly for Leura on **SATURDAY, 7TH OF MARCH 11:00 AM** at the Parish Hall Katoomba

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

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

ACOLYTE AND ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED If you are able to serve at this Mass, we are happy to welcome you as part of our team. Training will be provided. Call the Office.

PASTORAL CARE We are in need of some Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for Age Care and Hospitals. Please contact the Parish office.

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ST. CANICE'S CHURCH
KATOOMBA

IMPORTANT
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER'S MEETING

There will be a meeting for all those who volunteered at the combined parish assembly for Katoomba on SATURDAY, 7TH OF MARCH 11:00 AM at the Parish Hall 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**

LENTEN GROUPS There are two groups: Afternoon 2pm and evenings 7pm **Location:** 3 Easter St, Leura **Group facilitator:** Barbara Davidson **Start date:** Thursday 12 February 2026 **Contact:** Barbara on 0417 490 103 Lenten programme participant books are available for purchase \$7 each.

PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL: Our parish is blessed to have an Adoration Chapel located on the side of Katoomba Church that runs Monday through Friday. A sign-up weekend will be held at the Sunday Masses on 21—22 February or alternatively please call Catherine on 0420 337 033 to enquire regarding signing up for a rostered weekly Holy Hour in the Adoration chapel.



Baptisms are held at both **Katoomba**, usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month and at **Lawson**, usually on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Baptism Preparation is held every first Sunday of the Month. As preparation for the parents is part of the process a few weeks notice is needed. Please contact the Office for Maureen and Barbara who are members of our Baptismal Preparation Team

Parish Registration/Survey Card

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

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
MEGALONG VALLEY

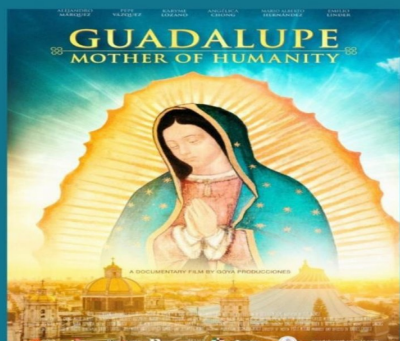
Our next mass at the Valley will be on Friday 20th of March at 4:00 pm. Address: 1270 Megalong Rd, Megalong Valley NSW 2785

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ST. PAUL CHURCH
MT VICTORIA

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

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING!



In 1531, on a quiet hill near Mexico City, a heavenly apparition changed the course of history. Based on true events, 'Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity' examines the miraculous image that defies time, science, and logic; as well as the extraordinary events that have followed.

Because some miracles refuse to fade!

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - CLOISTER HALL
1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA, NSW
FRIDAY MARCH 20 - 7 P.M.
ALL TICKETS \$10



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

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

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING (Genesis 12:1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace.

This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL (Matthew 17:1-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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