



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK

**Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles – Year C**  
**First Holy Communion Weekend**  
**29th June 2025**



**Parish Vision**

*Sharing the sacred land of the Dharawal people, the parish of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at Leppington and Oran Park is a family of diverse families.*

*We are sustained by the Sacraments and nurtured in our faith in Jesus Christ.  
We are a parish that embraces everyone with radical hospitality.  
We are a parish that serves with humility.  
We are a parish that nourishes the faith of all.  
We are a parish that responds to the needs of our neighbours, wherever they may be.*

**We are the parish of Mary MacKillop**

**First Reading**

Acts 12:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 33:2-9

The Lord set me free  
from all my fears.

**Second Reading**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 16:18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You are Peter, the rock on which I  
will build my Church; the gates of  
hell will not hold out against it.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Matthew 16:13-19

Last Sunday's celebration of our Parish's tenth anniversary proved that the faith is active and alive in this part of our Diocese. It stems from our humble beginning with a handful of people, to the multitude of vibrant, faithful parishioners. Bishop Brian's impression of this reality urged him, at the start of his powerful homily, to ask thousands sitting inside the hall to turn outside to see more than three hundred standing outside. It was an impressive scene compatible with the gospel reading about the miraculous feeding of the multitude. It was a wonderful celebration conducted in the spirit of Thanksgiving. We give glory to God for his magnificent presence in our parish.

This weekend, our parish celebrates the sacrament of First Holy Communion for almost 300 young children. It is significant as we also celebrate the feast of the two pillars of the Church, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. These influential apostles and leaders of the Church are still remembered today in their powerful apostolic and missionary charism, which drew so many people to the church. We are now the church of the new age with the renewed inspiration to keep Christ at the center of our lives. The sacrament of the Eucharist that our dear young children receive this weekend is the same Christ that St. Peter and St. Paul received in the early Christian period, and the same Christ we receive every day. Therefore, Christo centricity is our call yesterday, today, and forever. **Fr Feleki**

**MASS TIME**

<b>SATURDAYS</b>	<b>Oran Park</b>
<b>5pm</b>	
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	
<b>8am</b>	<b>Oran Park and Leppington</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Oran Park</b>
<b>12pm</b>	<b>Chaldean Mass</b>
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Oran Park</b>

**PARISH CLERGY**

Rev. Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator

Rev. Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

Rev. Sinh Le | Deacon

**CONTACT US**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

9am to 1pm Tuesday to Friday



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



[facebook.com/oranparkparish](https://facebook.com/oranparkparish)

## IN OUR PARISH

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.

**Mirella Zulic, Elizabeth Camilleri, Mary Bonello, Joseph Bonello, Carmen Ebejer, Henk de Roo, Charlie & Gina Navan, Fausto Tumamak Sr, Teresita Tumamak, Concepcion Planes, Antonina Maniacop, Maria & Sam Gauci**

We join in prayer for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers.

We invite you to share the names of those who are sick or in need of extra prayers by emailing the Parish Office

### Monday - 30<sup>th</sup> June

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### Tuesday - 1<sup>st</sup> July

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation, Adoration

6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

8am Mass, Oran Park

### Thursday - 3<sup>rd</sup> July

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

### Friday - 4<sup>th</sup> July

9.30am Mass, Oran Park  
(Anointing Mass)

### Saturday - 5<sup>th</sup> July

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

**We are now inviting parishioners to consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team for 2025/2026 to help support adults exploring the Catholic faith.**

This ministry involves a fortnightly Wednesday evening gathering (7-9pm) during school terms from August 2025 to Easter 2026 at the Oran Park Mass Centre. No special qualifications are needed—just an open heart and willingness to journey with others. If enough people volunteer, team members may only be rostered once a month. **Fr Feleki will be hosting a 'formation session' for the team.** To learn more or express interest, please contact Fr Feleki via the Parish Office.

### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The success of our Parish anniversary celebration last weekend originated from our common spirituality shared in our Parish Vision. We are a family of diverse families; sustained by the sacraments, nurtured by our faith in Jesus Christ, we embrace everyone with radical hospitality, serve with humility, nourish the faith of all, and respond to the needs of neighbours. We absolutely demonstrated these charisms at last Sunday's celebration and consequently made everyone present returned home happily and satisfied.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked hard to make this celebration memorable. If it wasn't the collective effort of all of us, our celebration could have been a disastrous and embarrassing celebration. As your administrator, nothing is more satisfying than seeing everyone united and working together. As the saying goes, one leaf provides inadequate shadow.

The ten-year period of our parish history is marked by the growth in our parish numbers, number of ministries, charitable works, missionary activities, and evangelisation mission. This determines our next chapter. I am confident that we are ready to walk together on our new journey. Let me share this: if I walked in front of you, I may not lead. If I walked behind you, I might not follow.

But if you walked beside me, we could all achieve our new goal.

Thank you very indeed. **Fr. Feleki.**

Our parish is seeking to form an **IT MINISTRY** to help us more effectively use our digital and print media to reach our community and share our faith in Jesus Christ. The IT ministry will use their time and talent to look after our parish website, and social and print media, and we are inviting those who have backgrounds in digital marketing, graphic and website design, film and photography, and multimedia art to **contact the Parish Office and submit an expression of interest in this new ministry opportunity.**

## WOMEN OF THE CROSS

Catholic Women's Group 2025:

May 21st

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

Sept 17th

Oct 15th

Nov 19th

Dec 10th

Wednesday nights - 7pm - Penola Room



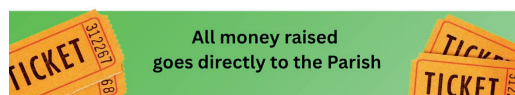
Please join us on **Sunday 6th July for Mass at 8am St Mary Mother of God**, Leppington as we remember and celebrate the life and memory of our parish **benefactor Mrs Lily Tomasovich**. The Mass will be followed by morning tea, all are welcome.



- 1st Prize: Artwork**
- 2nd Prize: Crocheted Church**
- 3rd Prize: Bible and Missal**

Tickets will be sold at the Fiesta and after Masses on weekends of 28/29 June, 5/6 July, 12/13 July, and 19/20 July.

Draw will take place week of 21-25 July. Winners will be announced in the Parish bulletin on 26/27 July.



We ask you to please prayerfully consider joining the **Planned Giving** through Weekly Envelopes; Direct Debit or Credit Card. Or, if you are currently giving through Planned Giving to consider increasing your gift based on your personal circumstances (by a cup of coffee each week). **This is our way of sharing God's gift with others.**

## Northern Mass Centre - Children's Choir

Starting from **next month, July 2025**, we'll have a children's choir during the mass at Leppington Church. They will **serve/sing every 4th Sunday of the month**. If any children would like to join the choir, please see Lani and Rosa after the mass.  
or **Rosa 0433 741 325**

## VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

Donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal can be made at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au), calling 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies shops.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please use this QR code to view the SVDP Media Release.



Speaker  
**Sr. Sheila Francia Barret, CM**  
Councilor - Carmelite Missionaries

**10 JULY 2025 Thursday**  
9:30 am - 2 pm

Morning tea & Lunch provided

Registration fee: donation  
Registration until 8 July 2025

Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall 193 St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566



**CARMEHITE MISSIONARIES**  
Blessed Francisco Palau Community

Registration by text or call.  
Sr. Ines 0468462814  
Sr. Jill 0481373124  
Tere A. 0410185770

## Saint of the week

### St Thomas the Apostle (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

The apostle Thomas is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God.

Nothing is known about Thomas's later career. A well-known apocryphal document called the Acts of Thomas relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India.

Although the document as it stands is not historical evidence (it was written to provide evidence for certain heretical Gnostic teachings), it still bears witness to the likelihood of a tradition that Thomas did go to India. If you are writing something that you intend to use to convince people of a controversial doctrine, you do not invent completely new facts: instead, you weave the existing facts and traditions into something that suits your purpose. Thus the very fact that the heretics used a journey of St Thomas to support their case shows us that, in the third century at least, there would have seemed nothing implausible about such a journey. The journey would have been easy enough - important trade routes lay that way - and if some of the apostles went west, to Rome, the centre of the world, there is no reason why some others should not have chosen to go east, to the edge of the known world.

### The First Martyrs of the See of Rome (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June)

When the city of Rome had been devastated by fire in the year 64, the Emperor Nero launched a persecution against the Christians, who were thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or soaked in tar and used as living torches. Their deaths are documented in the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus and in Pope St Clement's letter to the Corinthians. Their feast was celebrated the day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

### St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271 - 1336) (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July)

She was the daughter of King Peter III of Aragón and was named after her great-aunt, St Elizabeth of Hungary. She was married to King Denis of Portugal, by whom she had two children. She set up hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions, patiently endured her husband's infidelities and provided for the education of his bastards, and acted as peacemaker in the quarrelsome and complicated politics of the time.

On her husband's death in 1325 she retired from public affairs and devoted herself to prayer and the service of the poor. Throughout her life she was faithful and regular in prayer, and daily recited the Liturgy of the Hours.

In 1336 her son, by now King Alfonso IV of Portugal, went to war against King Alfonso XI of Castile. Elizabeth followed the Portuguese army on the field in an effort to bring about peace.

She succeeded, but the effort killed her.

The canonization of royal personages may seem offensive to our modern egalitarian principles; but though it may be hard to attain sanctity in a mediaeval kingdom or its equivalent, a modern corporation, with God nothing is impossible.

## JOIN US IN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

HOSPITALITY

LOGISTIC TEAM

WELCOMERS

LECTORS

KIDSCHURCH

ACOLYTE

ALTAR SERVERS

BAPTISM TEAM

COLLECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

COUNTERS

CATECHIST/SCRIPTURE

MUSIC/CHOIR

EVANGELISATION THROUGH  
PIETY AND CANDLE STANDS

YOUNG ADULTS

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

MACKILLOP YOUTH

IT TEAM

WOMEN OF THE CROSS

SACRAMENTAL TEAM

MEN'S GROUP

**Interested in being part of something  
meaningful?**

*Please contact our parish office for more information*

## AROUND OUR DIOCESE

### Feedback on Bishops Vision and Parish Life

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, 'In the Parish I see', by completing the online activity @ [dow.sh/csgmactivity](https://dow.sh/csgmactivity) The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives.

### Lectio Divina in the Benedictine Tradition Jamberoo Abbey

3:30pm Friday 18 - 1pm Sunday 20 July 2025

Speaker: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Libby Denny (oblate)

Both informative and practical this retreat takes a dive into the Lectio

experience. Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011

Extension 114 or email

[cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au)

### Ageing with Confidence - a CatholicCare initiative Wednesday 23 July 2025 Campbelltown Catholic Club 10 am-1pm

Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity.

To register for this free community event including morning tea, please use the QR code or call  
**02 4227 1122**

For any other information, please contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)



### 2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at

<https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025.

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett  
[helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

### Sanctus Summit Unanderra - Eucharistic Adoration and dinner Wednesday, 16 July 2025, Immaculate Conception

Monthly adoration for youth and young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.

Dinner: Unanderra Hotel

### Ignite Conference Sydney 10 - 13 July 2025

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group of 30 youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price.

If you'd like to be part of the diocesan group or would like more details, please email Arnie Hurdoyal at [arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au) or visit [www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/)

### Hear from Pope Leo XIV

**Sunday Echo** is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains, using the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions.

**Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent**

**Sunday Gospel readings go to**  
<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

### The Journey

#### Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) and we will send it to you each week.

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage commences Monday 1 September 2025

Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan

Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage  
A tiny Croatian village, six children and the faith of millions from all over the world have shed new light on what it means to be a true pilgrim on life's journey. In this hallowed place of Medjugorje, this valley of miracles, the Mother of God beckons us forward.

For full details, itinerary and bookings,  
Visit: [harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje](http://harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje)

### A vocation view

Sts Peter and Paul proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Do we help others know Jesus by the way we live our lives?

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Information Nights

In 2025, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne will host ACYF - a national gathering of young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops, from 30 November to 2 December.

In preparation for this exciting diocesan pilgrimage to the festival, there will be two online information nights on **Wednesday 2nd July & Tuesday 8th July from 7.30 to 8.30pm**. Whether you are a young adult, student, parent, parish leader, these information sessions are designed to answer all your key questions about participating in ACYF with our diocesan group and will cover travel and accommodation plans, key dates, festival & group itineraries, fundraising strategies, etc.

#### Register now:

Wednesday 2nd July: [dow.sh/43TxvLC](https://dow.sh/43TxvLC) or

Tuesday 8th July: [dow.sh/45wozNr](https://dow.sh/45wozNr)

**What's on around the Diocese?** Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop [dow.sh/stayingconnected](https://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see everything that is on around our Diocese!