



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

17 August, 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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (JB)

*You bore me to be a man of strife for
the whole world.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2-4, 18 Lord, come to my aid!

2nd READING

Hebrews 12:1-4 (JB)

*Let us bear patiently the struggle
placed upon us.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27 (JB). Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; I know them, and they follow
me. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49-53 (JB) I have come not to
give peace, but discord.*



Liturgical memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Queen of Heaven (Latin: **REGINA CAELI**) is a title given by the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodoxy,

to Mary, mother of Jesus, Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King.

In 1954 Pope Pius XII, having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that "the Immaculate Mother of God ... was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," then established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, **August 22**

"The Fire of God's Passionate love"

Today our dear Lord challenges us to enter deeply to his life and teachings. This helps us to fully understand him and grow to a personal relationship with him. The more you know the person, the more you appreciate and attract to the person. Your knowledge of Jesus inspires you in your act of worship. This is the true wealth that he was talking about in the gospels of the last couple of weeks.

As the author of Christianity, Christ insists on letting him at the center of our lives.

Christianity is a way of life. This way of life is not about comfort but rather commitment, faithfulness, and endurance. Jesus employs the word fire in his teachings in a symbolic way. The fire symbolizes dangerous, destruction, light, purification, and warmth. As a child, I was taught not to play with fire as I will get burnt or killed from it. It is the same fire that provides light in the dark night when there was no electricity. The purest of gold is also tested in the fire. During winter it is the fire that brings warmth and comfort in a home.

In scripture, the word fire represents God's presence, love, and judgement. In today's gospel, the fire he brings is the passionate love of God. This passionate love of God manifested in Jesus' life and ministry which caused conflict and division among the Jewish community and families. The baptism of fire he must undergo was his passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus' commitment, faithfulness, and endurance of his sacrifice on the cross and resurrection brings this passionate love of God Christianity into fruition. Let this fire of God's love burn into our hearts as we gather to celebrate the eucharist today and every day ~ **Fr Feleki Tautunu | Parish Administrator**

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IN OUR PARISH



10 Year Anniversary family TRIVIA NIGHT

Organise your team and register now!



TAKE ME HOME

Date: Saturday 23rd August

Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start

Location: St Justin's / St Benedict's School Hall, Oran Park

Tickets: \$15 per person (+ booking fee)

Kids in Year 4 and under: FREE!

Tables: Max 10 people per table

Please organise your team ahead of time and make one booking per table

Please note all Under 18's must attend with a parent / guardian

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

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

Carmelo Galea, Carlo Muscatello, Jan Macri, James Vella, Sam Camilleri, Venancio Soares, Maryanne Saliba, Angel Mangahas Sr, Terence Vayani, Angelica Palmos, Francisco Palmos, Brigitte Bobillier, James Muscat, Sebastiano Crestani, Silvia Aguilar, Gloria Galiluyo & Luis Galiluyo

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 18 August

1pm Rosary, Leppington
(7pm Men's Ministry Meet)

Tuesday 19 August

9:30am Rosary on Zoom
5pm Devotions, Oran Park
6pm Reconciliation, Adoration
6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction
7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday 20 August

8am Mass, Oran Park
(7pm Women's Ministry Meet)

Thursday 21 August

9.30am Rosary
10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 22 August

9.30am Mass, Oran Park
(6:30 pm Mackillop Youth Meet)

Saturday 23 August

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park.
5pm Mass, Oran Park
(6:45pm Trivia Night at hall)

Sunday 24 August

8am Mass, Leppington
8am Mass, Oran Park
10am Mass, Oran Park
5pm Mass, Oran Park

Chaldean Holy Mass
Sunday 12:00noon

JOIN US FOR MACKILLOP YOUTH TERM 3 2025



Friday Nights

Juniors (Years 7-9)
Seniors (Years 10-12)

Friday 8th August (Week 3)

Friday 22nd August (Week 5)

Friday 5th September (Week 7)

Friday 19th September (Week 9)



Annual Mackillop Youth Pilgrimage

Combined (Years 7-12)

Saturday 18th October

Further details to be provided closer to the event

PLEASE JOIN US FROM
6:30PM - 8:30PM IN THE
PENOLA ROOM



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 - St Justin's School Library



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ASSISTANCE FOR PARENT IN MACARTHUR FOR CHILD SCHOOL EXPENSES

Do you know any families in the Macarthur region that have kids at school and could use \$50 to help with those expenses?

Macarthur Social Justice Network has 200 x \$50 cheques available (one per child) to be used to help with the purchase of shoes, uniforms, winter coats and gloves, books and materials, subscriptions, or other miscellaneous school expenses.

Requirements:

- Items purchased in 2025 calendar year
- Can provide a copy of Receipt(s) for the item(s) purchased

Email Sean at secretary@msjn.org to email us with your details to express interest and we will get back to you.

MACKILLOP CRAFT GROUP
will be holding their
Fathers Day Raffles
after mass over the last 2
weekends of August.
23/24 Aug and 30/31 Aug.

Proceeds will go to
Wheelchairs for Kids
an organization which sends
wheelchairs to children in
need all over the world
<https://wheelchairsforkids.org>

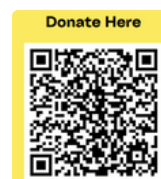
3 SUPER PRIZES
what any Dad would love!! Come
and support this wonderful
charity which is run mainly by
volunteers !!

**Together
We walk
for Fr David**



In order to ensure this event
is a safe and enjoyable
experience, we will need a
team of **volunteers** to assist on
the day (first aid, checkpoint
markers and walkers who can
monitor as the walk
progresses). If you are
available to join this team,
please contact the Parish
Office and we will forward
your details to the organisers.

Sunday 19
October 2025
after 10:00 Mass



MINISTRY OF THE TRIBUNAL

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her."

The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an **Office in the Diocese of Wollongong**, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area.

The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on **4222 2409** or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au

Diocesan Launch of
Catholic Mission Month 2025

MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE
among all peoples



Most Rev Brian MascordDD
Bishop of Wollongong
Invites
Clergy and Parish representatives
to the
Diocesan Launch of
Catholic Mission Month
Thursday 11 September 2025
10am - 12noon
Magdalene Catholic College
101 Smeaton Grange Rd, Narellan
9:30am arrival, followed by light refreshments
at conclusion of the Launch



RSVP [here](#) by Monday 1 September 2025

Diocesan Catholic Mission Month Launch

Catholic Mission Launch 2025 Invitation – Clergy & Parish. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Please rsvp at the below link, by 1 September 2025 (or email /call parish office for the link)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMBE1TZ8ZD2lgl9rGuauywaHVrdYbbepNX_u2khfqOv8DXqA/viewform?pli=1

Hallelujah
הללויה

"HALLELUJAH"

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT
ABOUT WHAT IT REALLY MEANS
?



Prayer for Children

**ANGEL OF GOD /
GUARDIAN ANGEL
PRAYER**

O Angel of God,
My guardian dear
to whom God's love
commits me here.
Ever this day / night
be at my side
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen



23 August

St. Rose of Lima has been designated as a co-patroness of the Philippines, primary patroness of Peru and of the local people of Latin America. Her image was formerly featured on the highest denomination **banknote** of Peru.

She took
St. Catherine
of Sienna as
her model

Hallelujah is a Hebrew word,
incorporated into the English language.
The word "Hallelujah" is actually two individual
Hebrew words put together:
"Hallelu" & "Yah".

"Hallelu" is an exhortation to a group people
to praise someone or something.
The old English translation of "Praise, ye"
is, therefore, a very accurate translation.

"Yah" is a version of "YHVH" - an English
transliteration of the covenant name of God.

Jewish belief holds that this name is too holy to be
pronounced at all. In fact, no one really knows how to
pronounce it correctly. Ancient Hebrew did not use
vowels, but only consonants. In translating "YHVH",
both Jewish and Christian translators substituted the
word "Lord" - a rough translation of another Hebrew
name for God - Adonai. To signify that "YHVH" was the
original Hebrew word used in the text - it was printed
in "all capitals," (**LORD** and not simply "Lord")
in English translations.

"I am too nervous to think properly!"
Don't worry, **LEARN A BIBLE VERSE TODAY**
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
John 14: 27

"A BURNING LAMP" CAN YOU DECRYPT THE BELOW ?

OS	MTN	LN B	DSAWZ	CNV	ZN
OS	AWB	CNV	MHII	QSZ	ZTS
MNUIB	NW	YHUS			
XAZTSUHS	NY	QHSWA			

AROUND OUR WOLLONGONG DIOCESE & SYDNEY DIOCESE



CARITAS Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza. The situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, safe drinking water, and emergency shelter.

Gaza is the **most dangerous place in the world for children**. Caritas is calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace. Amen.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

URGENT

Gaza Emergency Appeal

SANCTUS SUMMIT

Monthly adoration for **youth and young adults** of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 20 August at

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, **Rosemeadow**.

Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30–7.30pm, followed by

Dinner at Ambarvale Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

UOW Catholic Society invites all UOW students, staff, and friends to our start of semester BBQ! This is a great way to connect with other Catholics on campus and become involved with the many activities CathSoc hosts.

Date: 12.30pm Sat 23 August

Location: Stuart Park. Cost: FREE

Register now: <http://tiny.cc/CathSocBBQ>

Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass,
24 August at 2pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral,
Wollongong with Bishop Brian

Jubilee Pilgrimage

St Joseph's Catholic Church, **Kangaroo Valley** - Bishop Brian will attend this diocesan pilgrimage site on **Saturday, 30 August**, to impart the papal blessing.

Summit Night- an evening with Dr Edward Sri

Young adults of the diocese (18+) are invited to the third Summit Night—an inspiring evening of truth, formation, and community featuring world-renowned Catholic speaker and theologian Dr Edward Sri.

Join us on **Saturday 30 August**, 6:30pm–9:00pm at the Xavier Conference

Centre (next to Wollongong Cathedral) for The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love.

"BUSH" FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

(organised by Bishops Office, Diocese of Wollongong)

Start Date: Friday 12 September, 2025

End Date: Sunday 14 September, 2025

Venue: Guntawang - Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility
(40 minutes drive from Oran Park)

These weekends bring Catholic families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents and grandparents, together to celebrate the incredible gift of family life.

Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together.

To secure your spot, **REGISTER NOW** :
dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend

Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family

RSVP: Friday 8 September 2025

Ordination to the Diaconate – Darren McDowell

Date: Saturday 23 August 2025

Venue: St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Time: 10.00am

RSVP: <https://dow.sh/dmrsvp> by 14 August 2025 – please email rsvp@dow.org.au with any question

A VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal.(Luke 12)
If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



ST JOSEPH CAMINO WALK FOR MEN

Join men from around our Diocese for an overnight St Joseph walk praying for the needs of the Church, our families and the world.

The Camino begins on **Friday 5 September** with 8pm Mass at St Joseph's, Como, concluding with 7am Mass at St Aloysius on Saturday 6 September and then hot breakfast and drinks. Overnight walk will see us visit 6 churches, with Catechesis and Adoration.

Cost \$35 and booking via: trybooking.com

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US CATHOLICS LOOK TO ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE IN EFFORTS TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY

As the Catholic Church marks the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Executive Director of the Catholic Mobilizing Network shares her hopes for the future abolition of the death penalty in the United States.

VIETNAM'S MAJOR SEMINARIES SET SIGHTS ON UNIFIED, CHRIST-CENTERED TRAINING MODEL

Nearly 70 seminary educators from across Vietnam meet in Sam Son parish, Thanh Hoa diocese, for the 2025 Conference of Major Seminaries.

POPE: STOP WAR IN UKRAINE AND HUNGER IN GAZA, MAY HOSTAGES BE FREED

As he arrived at the Villa Barberini in Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV spoke about ceasefire talks for Ukraine, a resolution of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and the release of Israeli hostages.

INDONESIAN BISHOPS URGE FIRM ACTION TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The Catholic Bishops of Indonesia urge the government in Jakarta to act firmly against all forms of intolerance, especially when accompanied by violence, following a series of recent attacks on Christian places of worship and institutions.

BENEDICTINE NUNS IN SWEDEN OFFER 'A PLACE OF PRAYER AND SILENCE'

Religious sisters of the Benedictine Order have offered a place of prayer and silence at the Sacred Heart Convent in Omberg, Sweden, since 1997, welcoming anyone searching for a way to draw near to God.

POPE LEO HAILS ARMENIA-AZERBAIJAN PEACE DEAL

At the Sunday Angelus, the Pope makes a heartfelt appeal to international decision-makers to take responsibility for seeking solutions to conflicts. He expresses satisfaction over the new peace deal between Armenia and Azerbaijan, but also deep sorrow for the violence that continues to devastate Haiti.

CHURCH NETWORK IN INDIA RALLIES AGAINST 'INVISIBLE CHAINS' OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Religious sisters in Goa gathered on August 13 for a regional assembly tackling trafficking, focusing on prevention, protection, and restoring dignity

ISLAND BISHOPS GATHER TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF CHURCH IN THE PACIFIC

Bishops from around the Pacific gather in American Samoa for a week of prayer and discussion, and ask: Where is God calling the Church in the Pacific?

OS MTN LNB DSAWZ CNV ZN
BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO

OS AWB CNV MHII QSZ ZTS
BE AND YOU WILL SET THE

MNUIB NW YHUS
WORLD ON FIRE

XAZTSUHS NY QHSWA
CATHERINE OF SIENA

SOUTH AFRICAN PILGRIMS MAKE HISTORIC MISSION IN THE HEART OF ROME

In a stirring display of faith and evangelization, South African pilgrims, this past week were in the Eternal City. As part of a larger international mission, pilgrims from South Africa led a powerful procession and public testimony event in the very heart of Rome—culminating in a never-before-seen moment on the iconic Spanish Steps.

HOLY SEE OUTLINES PEACEBUILDING ROLE AT CHILEAN CONGRESS

Cardinal George Koovakad, Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, addresses a conference in Chile on peacebuilding, highlighting the Holy See's efforts throughout the years to promote a culture of peace and encounter.



Pope at Angelus: Invest the treasure of your life in love and mercy

SINCERE SORROW CAN OPEN DOOR TO CONVERSION AND JOY

Pope Leo XIV urges the faithful to recall that we are God's beloved children embraced by His forgiving love, explaining that sincerely seeking conversion helps us journey toward salvation despite our fragility. In his remarks to Polish pilgrims, the Holy Father says, "Implore God for peace for all nations experiencing the tragedy of war.