



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN
Twenty Ninth Sunday
Ordinary Time–Year C
19th Oct 2025

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

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

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

**Carmelo Vella, Maureen Paine,
Salvadore Mondragon, Maria Corolla,
Doris Gauce, Giovanna & Frank Vella**

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

TAKE ME HOME

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING Exodus 17:8–13

As long as Moses kept his arm raised, Israel had the advantage

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 120(121)

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2nd READING 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:1–8

The parable of the unjust judge



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who continuously pleads for justice from an unjust judge. Her relentless approach, despite the judge's indifference, eventually moves him to act, not because of his own compassion, but because of her unwavering persistence. This passage teaches us about the power of persistence in prayer, the importance of trust in God's justice, and the need to remain faithful even when the answers are delayed.

The widow's persistence mirrors how we are called to approach God. Like her, we often pray for justice, healing, or guidance and may feel discouraged when we don't immediately see results. But Jesus encourages us to be persistent in our prayers, trusting that God hears us even when the answer is not immediate. Our faith is refined through the waiting, and God's timing is always perfect, even when we don't understand it.

The judge, described as neither fearing God nor caring for people, contrasts sharply with the heart of God, who is always just and merciful. This reinforces a core teaching of the Gospel: God is not distant or indifferent. He is a loving Father who delights in answering our prayers and delivering justice to His children.

The parable reminds us that persistence in prayer is key. It teaches us that, unlike the unjust judge, God is always ready to respond to our needs. Even when we feel as if He is silent, our faith and trust in His goodness must remain steadfast. He will answer us, not always in our time, but in His, and in the way that is best for us. Let us, be persistent like the widow, knowing that our prayers are never in vain.

This passage also invites us to examine our own faith: Do we trust in God's goodness even when answers seem delayed? Do we persist in prayer, not out of desperation but out of faith in His ultimate plan for us? The message is clear: God honours persistent faith, and He will bring justice, but it will come in His perfect timing.

Deacon Sam

IN OUR PARISH

Monday 20th Oct

1pm Rosary, Leppington

Tuesday 21st Oct

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Adoration

6:40pm Evening Prayer,
Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday 22nd Oct

8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday 23rd Oct

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 24th Oct

9:30am Mass, Oran Park

Saturday 25th Oct

10 am Mass for Infant Loss

4pm Reconciliation, Oran P.

5pm Mass, Oran Park

Sunday 26th Oct

8am Mass, Leppington

8am Mass, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

5pm Mass, Oran Park

Chaldean Holy Mass

Sunday 12:00noon

Thank You for Your Support

Greetings to all our parishioners – the one big family of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Oran Park and Leppington. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who reached out to offer condolences and prayers following the passing of my beloved brother, Ilalio Tautunu. Your kind messages, comforting words, and prayerful support have meant so much to my family and me during this time of loss. Your spiritual support has not gone unnoticed, nor will it go unrewarded by God, who is the source of all life and blessings. May He continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Fr. Feleki Tautunu

thanksgiving



St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish
94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park NSW
Presided by: Fr Feleki Tautunu



For further information contact team@griefcare.com.au



All Souls Day

If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the All Souls Day Remembrance Book which will be displayed in our Oran Park Church for the month of November, please collect a November Mass envelope from the Welcome Table, write your loved ones' names on the back of the envelope and add them to one of the collections during Mass.

Kids' Church is a special time during Mass where our youngest parish members take part in their own mini service. Children sing songs, listen to the Gospel, and complete a simple activity sheet together. It's open to children from the year before school up to Year 2 or 3 (around ages 4–8). Younger children are welcome if an adult stays with them.



Please remember to register your child before Mass at the sign-in table near the Parish Office. This helps our volunteers prepare and ensures sessions run smoothly. It's also important for your children to know where you're seated before they go to Kids' Church so they can easily find you when they return.

We're always looking for new volunteers to help this ministry continue. Volunteers must be 18 or older with a current (free) Working With Children Check. If interested, please contact the parish office at oranpark@dow.org.au

2015 – 2025 the 10th Anniversary of our Parish

Earlier this year we mentioned that we would be preparing a book for the 10th Anniversary of our parish.

Thanks to the contributions of many parishioners, a book has now been prepared showing the 1st 10 years of the parish. A sample copy will be available for viewing on the welcome table.

After some fine tuning we will be looking to finally go to print using the diocese printing company. We will need a minimum order of 200 copies and then in increments of 50.

The pricing will be between \$25 and \$30, dependent on the size of the print run.

A signup sheet will be available where you can write your details and how many copies you would like to purchase.

Once we determine how many copies we need to print, it will be the only print run, so this book will be a 1st and last edition.

"**MACKILLOP YOUTH (MY)** IS LOOKING FOR COMMITTED YOUNG ADULTS WHO COULD SUPPORT OUR YR 7-12 YOUTH GROUP ONCE A FORTNIGHT OR EVEN ONCE A MONTH ON A FRIDAY EVENING. TO ASSIST IN THIS MINISTRY YOU WILL NEED A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CERTIFICATE. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD PUT THEIR NAMES DOWN ON THE SHEET ON THE WELCOME TABLE OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

PRAISE & WORSHIP WITH ADORATION

FIRST FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

6.30pm to 7.30pm

St. Mary MacKillop
Parish, Oran Park



Friday, 7 Nov

JOIN US FOR

MACKILLOP YOUTH

TERM 4 2025



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

Friday Nights

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

Friday 31st October

Friday 14th November

Friday 28 November

Friday 12th December



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



Annual Mackillop Youth Pilgrimage

Combined (Years 7-12)

Saturday 18th October

Further details to be provided
closer to the event

NEW to our Parish ?

Whether you are here for the very first time, or have been here for a while, we would love to connect with you. Please scan the QR Code and a member of our Welcome Ministry will be in touch



MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE
among all peoples



In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Our Parish Young Adults at the Diocesan event Last Tuesday



Christmas Raffle

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
LEPPINGTON

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

\$2000 + WORTH OF PRIZES

HAMPERS, WINE, GIFT VOUCHERS AND MUCH MORE!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

\$2.00 EACH

\$50 FOR A BOOK OF 25 TICKETS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS TO BE DRAWN ON
SUNDAY - 21 DECEMBER, 2025 FOLLOWING
SUNDAY MASS AND CHRISTMAS PICNIC DAY
AT LEPPINGTON CHURCH GROUNDS

NOTE: ALL PURCHASED TICKET BUTTS MUST BE
RETURNED BY NO LATER THAN 20/12/25

TICKET PURCHASE: CONTACT DOMENIC - 0400 588 248