



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK

## PARISH BULLETIN

The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

**24 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

**1<sup>st</sup> READING** Isaiah 66:18-21 (JB)

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 116 (JB)

*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (JB)

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 14:6 (JB)

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Luke 13:22-30 (JB)

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

### 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 Pamos, Francisco Pamos,  
Brigitte Bobillier, James Muscat, Sebastiano  
Crestani, Silvia Aguilar, Gloria Galiluyo, Luis  
Galiluyo, Gladys Kontista**

*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*

Our Gospel this weekend takes place during a time of travel and teaching for Jesus. He would travel from place to place, teaching the people as he had the opportunity. And while he's doing that, someone in one of the crowds asks him a question, "**Lord, are only a few going to be saved?**"

*We're not really given any indication why this man is asking the question.*

*Jesus is telling us to pay attention to the GPS. But he's not talking about a road trip. He says we need to be focused on our goal of eternal life and the path to get there. If we're not really plugged in and paying attention, it's incredibly easy to take a wrong turn or try to get there by the wrong route. But, by God's grace, we will stay focused, striving all of our life to enter through the narrow door.*

*In response to the earlier question from someone in the crowd, Jesus responds with the metaphor of the narrow door which is a reminder that salvation is not about taking the broad, comfortable path where there are no demands or challenges. It's about making deliberate choices to follow Christ, sometimes against the grain of societal pressures, personal desires, or temptations. It requires a genuine, personal relationship and commitment to living out God's will.*

*The passage challenges us to examine our own faith, calling us to a deeper, more authentic discipleship, and to broaden our understanding of God's kingdom, which transcends human expectations and limitations.*

*It reminds us that salvation isn't just a matter of privilege but of sincere devotion to God's will.*

**Deacon Sam**

# IN OUR PARISH

**Monday 25 August**  
1pm Rosary, Leppington  
(7pm Men's Ministry Meet)

**Tuesday 26 August**  
9:30am Rosary on Zoom  
5pm Devotions, Oran Park  
6pm Reconciliation,  
Adoration  
6:40pm Evening Prayer,  
Benediction  
7pm Mass, Oran Park

**Wednesday 27 August**  
8am Mass, Oran Park

**Thursday 28 August**  
9.30am Rosary  
10am Mass, Oran Park

**Friday 29 August**  
9.30am Mass, Oran Park

**Saturday 30 August**  
4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park.  
5pm Mass, Oran Park  
(6am Men's Rosary Walk at  
Harrington Park Lake)

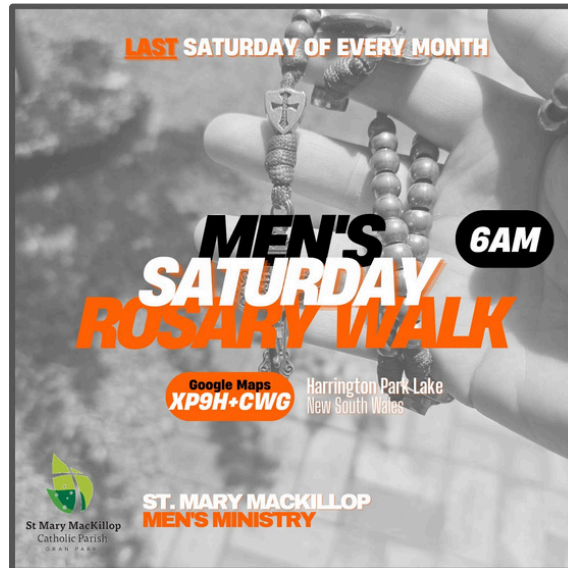
**Sunday 31 August**  
8am Mass, Leppington  
8am Mass, Oran Park  
10am Mass, Oran Park  
5pm Mass, Oran Park

**Chaldean Holy Mass**  
Sunday 12:00noon

## CLERGY

Fr. Feleki Tautunu | Parish Admin  
Dn. Sam Gennaoui | Parish Deacon  
Dn. Sinh Le | Parish Deacon

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## INVITING ALL MEN

WHERE : HARRINGTON PARK LAKE  
WHAT : MENS ROSARY WALK  
WHEN : SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 6AM

CONTACT : IVAN : 0404 842 974  
FRANK : 0449 986 579

## MACKILLOP CRAFT GROUP

will be holding their  
**Fathers Day Raffles**  
after mass on  
August 30 & 31.

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 !!

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Within the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong,  
an Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

has been developed to oversee, manage and minimise the likelihood and  
impact of an emergency by assisting the safety and physical/spiritual  
wellbeing of clergy, staff, parishioners and visitors during an  
emergency incident.

In light of this, we are calling for anyone who would be interested in  
joining a first response team who would be rostered for our Masses at  
both Oran Park and Leppington.

If you would like to be contacted to join this team, please sign up at  
the Welcome Table and a member of our Admin. Team will be in touch.

In addition, it will be great if you have a medical or nursing  
background, or experience as a first responder.



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.

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

(email /call parish office for the link)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMBE1TZ8ZD2lgl9rGuauywaH\\_VrdYbbepNX\\_u2khfqOv8DXqA/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMBE1TZ8ZD2lgl9rGuauywaH_VrdYbbepNX_u2khfqOv8DXqA/viewform?pli=1)

## Saints of the week

25 AUGUST :

Saint Joseph Calasanz  
Saint Louis

26 August :

Saint Monica

28 August :

Saint Augustine

29 August :

**The Passion of Saint John  
the Baptist**

## 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**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

**31 AUG 2025**

The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time.

The term "social justice" embraces the seven principles of Catholic social teaching:

- 1.Dignity of the human person
- 2.Call to community & participation
- 3.Option for the poor
- 4.Solidarity with our neighbour.
- 5.Rights and responsibilities
- 6.Dignity of work
- 7.Care for God's creation

Solemnity of the assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated along with India's 78 years of independence at Oran Park Parish  
on 15 Aug 2025





## Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth ?



### What is The BIBLE ?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 105 ) states that :  
'God is the author of Sacred Scripture. The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of the Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.'



Bible, comes from the Greek word "biblia" meaning "books" or "scrolls".

Written in **3 languages** - Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek over a period of approximately **1,500 years**.

#### Contains 73 books

Old Testament: 46 Books. New Testament: 27 Books

#### Church approved Catholic translations include :

New Revised Standard Version - Catholic Edition

Revised Standard Version - Second Catholic Edition

New American Bible, Revised Edition

Jerusalem Bible (JB)

New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)

**OTHER:** approved by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops / USCBC:-

Dhouey Rheims

(oldest translation from Latin Vulgate to English)

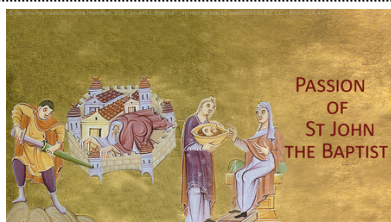
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#### ACROSS

- "Keep me as the \_\_\_ of your eye." (Ps 17:8)
- "...with the \_\_\_ of his garment filling the temple." (Is 6:1)
- "I loved Jacob, but \_\_\_ Esau." (Rom 9:13)
- Beginnig of some dedicated poem titles
- Ben, in English

#### DOWN

- St. Peter of Mt, \_\_\_, hermit (d.734, f.6-12)
- Home to many Velasquez works
- Eucharistic plate
- Deceive
- "For Christ is the \_\_\_ the law for the justification of everyone who has faith." (Rom 10:4)



### The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

( 29 August Friday) complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite.

## Being at home in the Universe Story

with Sr Mechtilde Crawford OSB

### ABOUT

This will be a gentle retreat expanding our minds and hearts to the unfolding mystery of the universe and seeing our place as human beings in this sacred unfolding. There will be times for listening and learning, and times for personal reflection and creativity.

### COST

A \$150 guided retreat payment is asked in addition to the accommodation cost. Discounts or other reductions, according to need, are available.

### CONTACT

Register & Pay by ringing  
02 4236 0011 Ext 114

OR

Email: [cottageretreats@jamerooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamerooabbey.org.au)

Weekend Retreat  
September 5 - 7

### DETAILS

The first gathering will be at 4.00 p.m. on Friday 5th September in the cottage conference room. The retreat will conclude after Middle Hour Sunday at 1.00 p.m. Arrival: Friday, September 5th between 3.00 and 4.00 p.m. Departure: Sunday, September 7th. There is the option of staying on for private reflection on Sunday afternoon and evening. Rooms must be vacated by 9.00 am Monday, September 8th.

### JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE - 30 AUGUST

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

### CATECHIST CREATIVE STORYTELLING AND CRAFT MORNING IN-SERVICE

Build up your confidence in storytelling and create anticipation in your lessons using simple visual items and techniques. We will draw from the spirit of Advent and our upcoming Saints as role-models to guide us.

**ROSEMEADOW: Friday 5 Sept 10am-1:30**

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Meeting Room, Register: <https://dow.sh/45ne1hV>

Enq: Sue Clark 0457 427 583

### "BUSH" FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

(organised by Bishops Office, Diocese of Wollongong)

**12 September to 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.

**REGISTER NOW :**

[dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend](https://dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend)

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

RSVP: Friday 8 September 2025

### URGENT

### Gaza Emergency Appeal



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](https://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

### GROWING GOOD MEN

is an experientially-based program that encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for **fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 17 years** (school years between 7 and 11).

Don't miss this! Spots are limited for this unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with the experienced menALIVE team.

### Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend

Start: 6:30pm on **Friday 5 December**

Ends: 1:30pm on **Sunday 7 December**

Venue: The Tops Conference Centre

Address: 51 Bendena Gardens, **Stanwell Tops NSW**

Cost: \$500 per father and son pair (\$250 each), includes accommodation, all meals, activities and resource

RSVP Date: 1 December 2025

Enquiries: [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403





## WILL POPE LEO XIV COME TO AUSTRALIA ?

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese met with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican in May 2025, extending a formal invitation for the pontiff to visit Sydney for the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress.

(Sydney was announced as the host city, making the 2028 Congress the first to be held in Australia since Melbourne in 1973)

## CHURCH GROUPS CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DESPITE US FUNDING CUTS

Despite deep cuts to the United States' foreign aid funding, Catholic aid organizations are working to continue providing humanitarian aid to communities in need throughout the Middle East.

## POPE CALLS OBLATES TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF ST FRANCESCA ROMANA

In a message to the Oblates of St Francesca Romana on the sixth centenary of her solemn oblation, Pope Leo XIV recalls their foundress' zeal for evangelization, her docility to the angels and devotion to the saints, and her commitment to the unity of the Church.

## INDIA'S MARCH FOR LIFE UNITES FAITHS TO DEFEND VOICELESS LIVES OF THE UNBORN

The 4th National March for Life brought people from across India and from different faith traditions together in Bangalore to affirm the value of human life at every stage.

## 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.

## POPE LEO: MARY'S SONG, THE MAGNIFICAT, STRENGTHENS OUR HOPE

During Mass in Castel Gandolfo for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Leo XIV marvels how Mary's 'yes' gives hope to us today, saying we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which changed the course of history.

## CANONISATION - 7 SEPTEMBER

Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, The two young men from northern Italy will be canonized together by Pope Leo XIV; as the first saints of the new pontificate.  
**One served the poor of post-war Turin; the other evangelized from a laptop in Milan**

## KUWAIT: OUR LADY OF ARABIA ELEVATED TO MINOR BASILICA

The Church of Our Lady of Arabia in Kuwait has been elevated to the status of a Minor Basilica, with Bishop Aldo Berardi calling it "the first of its kind on the Arabian Peninsula".

## SPAIN CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION

To mark the 75th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, the Brotherhood of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Most Holy Rosary of Cantillana, in Seville, Spain, hold traditional religious events in honor of their Patroness from 14-23 August.

## PATRIARCH PIZZABALLA: BLOOD OF EVERY INNOCENT IN GAZA AND THE WORLD IS NOT FORGOTTEN

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, celebrates Mass on the feast of the Assumption at the Benedictine monastery of Abu Gosh, saying the Christian's task is to sow life while remaining under God's protective mantle so that evil does not have the final word.

## POPE LEO XIV TO HOLD HIS FIRST DIGITAL ENCOUNTER WITH YOUNG US CATHOLICS

Pope Leo XIV will hold his first digital encounter with some 15,000 young people during the National Catholic Youth Conference, who hail from Catholic youth movements across the United States, and engage directly with them during a 45-minute live dialogue