



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

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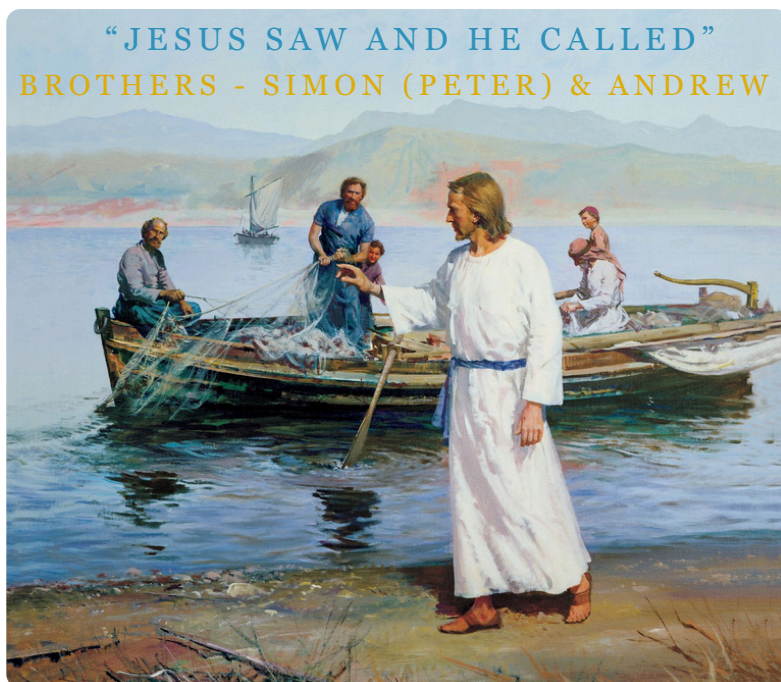
WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

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.

**Miroslav Bogovic, Frank Vella, Anthony Vella,
Mathew Cherian, Adrian O'Sullivan, Ron & Pauline Rice,
Raymond Stubbs, Hermie Jr,
V.I. Issac Vandanath & John Mathew Narithookil**

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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

TAKE ME HOME

1st READING: Is 8:23 – 9:3: In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14 : R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd READING: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia! (Mt 4:23)

GOSPEL: Mt 4:12-23: He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

“Jesus saw and he Called”

In ordinary situations in our lives, our Lord communicates to remind us of his intention to continue to proclaim the good news of God's love. Withdrawn to an isolated place for prayers and meditation was a known practice in the time of Jesus. Faithful to his Father, Jesus consults him through his prayer. Before calling his apostles, he went first to pray. He then calls his first four men; he saw two brothers Simon Peter and Andrew. They were casting their net. Once called, the two brothers left their net and followed him. Going further, he saw another two brothers, John and James the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat with their father. Again, once called they immediately left their fishing boat with their father and followed Jesus.

The key words here are; he saw and called. Jesus' simple words; follow me carries a power which touched the hearts of these men. In the darkest moments of our lives, Jesus sees us clearly. He seems to whisper to us in these words; repent and believe in the good news. Repent includes the change in our ways of life. The change we need to make in our lives starts with opening our hearts to accept his love. In his love we exist, in his love, we find true meaning of our existence, and in his love, we have the assurance and fulfillment of our hopes. Today let us allow his love to melt the hardness of our hearts.

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IN OUR PARISH

Monday 26 January

1pm Rosary, Leppington.

Tuesday 27 January

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions

6pm Reconciliation & Adoration

6:40 Evening Prayer & Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday 28 January

8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday 29 January

9:30 Rosary at Church
(Zoom Available)

10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 30 January

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

Saturday 31 January

6 am Men's ROSARY walk,
Harrington Park Lake

4pm Reconciliation &

5pm Mass, Oran Park

Sunday 1 February

8am Mass, Leppington

8am Mass, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

5pm Mass, Oran Park

Chaldean Holy Mass

12:00noon Sunday

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Can you spare 30 minutes a week

to share God's love with students in our local state schools?



**Our parish is seeking volunteer Catechists
(or Classroom Helpers)**

**to support the faith journey of students
in our local state schools.**

**This is a rewarding opportunity
to live your faith by sharing
God's love with the children.**

WHAT'S REQUIRED ?

30mins per week (on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday,
during school terms only).

No experience needed. Training and support are provided.

For more information please contact

Julie Balan on 0439 464 036 or the Parish Office.

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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 soon.



Rosary

If you would like to pray the Rosary with us from home on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9:30Am. Please use this QR Code or Zoom ID below:



Meeting ID 983 7876 0423

PARISH 10TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Orders are now open for you to purchase your copy of our Parish 10th Anniversary Book for \$30 per copy. Please scan the QR Code or use the link <https://bit.ly/10ANN> to register your order and a member of our Parish Admin. Team will contact you to arrange collection. Cash purchases are now available at Oran Park (Piety Stall) Leppington (Welcome Table).



Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

Currently this program is 5 x one hour sessions, held on Saturday afternoon. The program is for children who are 7 years of age or above, who have not been baptised into the Catholic Faith or who have been baptised in another Christian Faith, and who wish to be initiated/received into the Catholic faith by receiving the sacraments as set down by Liturgical Practice.

Anyone who is interested in being part of the RCIC Program can email any enquires to oranparksacraments@dow.org.au or enroll via the Parish website. Enrolments will be open from 2nd February 2026.

PASTORAL CARE

What is Pastoral Care?

It is offering Spiritual, emotional and practical help. Its foundation is in the idea of a shepherd caring for their flock. Providing a listening ear, a presence and empathy and the sharing of Gods word through prayer and reading of the bible and sharing in the Eucharist. Our Parish need Pastoral care volunteer members. The need is great for Pastoral Care volunteers to visit Parishioners in their homes, nursing homes, hospitals. These Parishioners are unable to come to church for various reasons. *If you feel this is a ministry you could help in with your time, of at least 1hr a week we would love to hear from you.* **Please contact Ken Garland or Carmen Karauda at ken.garland45@gmail.com or ckarauda@gmail.com**

Assistance for Parents in Macarthur for Back-to-School Expenses:



Do you live in the Macarthur region, have kids at school, and could use \$50 per child to help with those expenses? Macarthur Social Justice Network has funds available to be used toward the purchase of shoes, uniforms, winter coats and gloves, books and materials, subscriptions, or other miscellaneous school expenses. Visit www.msjn.org to find out more and submit your request. Available while funds last.

SEEKING PEACE AND HEALING ?

CatholicCare Counselling Can Help

Life's burdens can feel heavy, but you are not alone. CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by the values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief, or personal concerns, our counsellors walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Reach out today and let us walk with you: Call (02) 42549395 or visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

2026 SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

Our Parish 2026 Youth Sacramental Calendar is now available on the Parish Website. Those families wishing to enrol their children in 2026 for RCIC, 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation are asked to visit the website and note when online enrolments will be available.

27 Jan : St. Angela Merici

Saints of the week

St. Timothy & Titus :—two of the most trusted companions and collaborators of St. Paul in the early Christian Church. Their lives exemplify faithful service, quiet leadership, and unwavering commitment to the Gospel—proving that great impact often comes not from fame, but from steadfast dedication

28 Jan : St. Thomas Aquinas Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, Catholic priest, and Doctor of the Church (1225–1274). Thomas is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest theologians and philosophers. Venerated in Catholic Church, Anglican Communion & Lutheranism.

31 Jan: St. John Bosco was an Italian Catholic priest, educator and writer. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.



WOMEN OF THE CROSS 2026

Feb 18th
March 18th
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th
August 19th
Sept 16th
Oct 21st
Nov 18th
Dec 9th

Wednesday nights
- 7pm - Penola
Room



The Journey is our weekly Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Podcast. Presented by the Director of Evangelisation and Renewal – Jude Hennessy, it includes great music, a weekly reflection on the Sunday Gospel, interviews and a variety of awesome weekly inputs from some of the best Catholic presenters in Australia. We have a massive listening audience already each week, with the show going live to air in over 30 Christian Radio Stations around Australia. But there are still plenty of people in our own parishes and schools who don't know about it yet – so get on board!

There are two ways you can listen in any time you like:

1. Listen on [Apple Podcasts](#) and have it automatically downloaded onto your iOS podcast app.
2. Or sign up below if you want us to send it straight to your email inbox each week.

This is such a simple way to embrace faith formation and to be inspired to embrace the walk with Jesus and the Church.

Stouthearted – There is More

Start Date: Monday 2 February, 2026

End Date: Monday 23 March, 2026

Time: 6:30pm–8:30pm

Venue: Xavier Conference Centre (adjacent to the cathedral)

Cost: \$15 per session or \$55 for the full course if paid prior to commencement

Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.
Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven



In a world marked by temptation and challenge, many men carry their struggles alone. *Stouthearted* offers a space where faith, honesty and practical support meet.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

The diocese's weekly television production in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference of Mass for You at Home (MFYAH) broadcasts around the country on Network Ten (6am) and Foxtel's Aurora Channel 173 (10am) each Sunday morning. It is then available to watch on demand on Network Ten's streaming platform 10play.com.au and the new MFYAH website massforyou.com.au where you can also subscribe to the MFYAH YouTube channel.

Contemplative Prayer retreat

Start Date: Friday 13 February, 2026

End Date: Sunday 15 February, 2026

Venue: Jamberoo Abbey

Speaker: Sr Magdalen Mather OSB

Topic: Radical Amazement: A Contemplative Prayer retreat

Cost: \$150 plus accommodation costs

RSVP: 29 January 2026



Awaken to wonder.

In the quiet rhythm of monastic life and the natural beauty of the South Coast, this retreat invites you to rediscover the practice of presence through contemplative prayer.

Rooted in Benedictine wisdom, the weekend offers space to slow down, listen deeply, and learn to see the ordinary with fresh eyes. Through silence, reflection, and gentle guidance, participants are invited to cultivate *radical amazement*—a receptive awe that opens the heart to the sacred in every moment. This is an opportunity to become more fully present to God, to yourself, and to creation.