

15th June 2025, TRINITY SUNDAY - Year C

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 Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading

Roman 5:1-5

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 8 O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name Alleluia! in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Gospel John 16:12-15

Holy Trinity Sunday

Following last week's celebration of the feast of the Pentecost, today we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity. This is the heart of our Catholic faith. All prayers we do start with the acknowledgement of our faith in the Trinity by making the sign of the cross. Weather we are aware of or not, the sign of the cross is the shortest and most powerful prayer. At the holy mass, the Priest says the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Nevertheless, at mass we profess our faith in the trinity every Sunday. The church teaches us the Trinity is one in essence but three in persons.

The catechism of the Catholic church states that God reveals himself to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, not as three Gods, but one. In this sense Trinity is union, is communion, and is relationship. When we celebrate the trinity, we enter into God's life manifested to us through Jesus Christ who is the Emanuel, and the Holy Spirit, who is the Paraclete. I still remember what I was told when studying the Holy Trinity at the Seminary. I asked a lot of critical questions and the professor was impatient with me said, Feleki you rather seek not to understand in order to believe, but believe in order to understand. The Holy Trinity is deeply experienced within your family; when dad loves mum, and mum loves dad, the fruit of their love are their children, this love culminates in their undivided unity. Fr Feleki



MASS TIME

SATURDAYS 5pm	oran Park	
SUNDAYS 8am	Oran Park and Leppington	
12pm	Chaldean Mass	
5pm	Oran Park	
PARISH CLERGY		

Rev. Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator Rev. Sam Gennaoui | Deacon Rev. Sinh Le | Deacon

> CONTACT US (02) 4648 2226 oranpark@dow.org.au OFFICE HOUR 9am to 1pm Tuesday to Friday



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. Euridice Crestani, Louise Clancy, Bernard Bugden, Elsie Bugeja, Elizabeth Camilleri, Mary Bonello, Joseph Bonello, Carmen Ebaian Hank de Dec Charlie & Gine

Ebejer, Henk de Roo, Charlie & Gina Navan.

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 - 16 June

1pm Rosary, Leppington Tuesday - 17 June **Devotions**, Oran Park 5pm Reconciliation, Adoration 6pm 6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction 7pm Mass, Oran Park Wednesday - 18 June Communion Service, 8am Oran Park Thursday - 19 June 9.30am Rosary 10am Communion Service, Oran Park Friday - 20 June Mass, Oran Park 9.30am Saturday - 21 June **Reconciliation**, Oran Park 4pm

We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a Catholic-Christian to take part in our **Parish RCIA program**, which will begin in August 2025 and go through to the Easter Vigil 2026.

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about RCIA, please contact the Parish Office

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2025 ONLINE ENROLMENTS OPEN MONDAY, 9 JUNE

Families wishing to prepare their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 are asked to complete the online enrolment form which will be available from Monday, 9 June, on the 'Youth Sacraments' page of our Parish website.

Online enrolments will CLOSE on Friday, 27 June, at 5pm

NO LATE ENROLMENTS ARE ABLE TO BE ACCEPTED

Those children who are in Year 6 and above and are baptised Catholic and have made their 1^{st} Reconciliation and 1^{st} Holy Communion, are able to enrol.

To complete the online enrolment form, families will be required to upload a copy of their receipt for the 'Sacramental Offering' (payment to be made through the 'Your Parish Giving' tab on the Parish website) and a copy of their child's Baptism Certificate.

All enquiries should be directed to oranparksacraments@dow.org.au

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with children's activities - basketball free throw challenge, soccer goal kicking, jumping castle and egg and spoon races as part of the St Mary Mackillop Oran Park 10 Year Anniversary Fiesta on Sunday 22nd June!

If you're friendly, reliable, and have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC), we'd love to have you on board.

Please email Jess (**fleggj02@dow.catholic.edu.au**) with your name, contact number, WWCC number and the activity you would like to assist with.

Join us in creating a safe, joyful, and memorable experience for everyone involved!

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.

Families will be notified of the outcome of their child's application to **St Justin's Kindergarten** during the week commencing **Monday**, **23rd June**. The school sincerely appreciates the strong interest parents have shown in enrolling their children at St Justin's.

St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park complies with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles when collecting personal information, including sensitive information, to enable the Parish to provide religious services to its community including administering the sacraments, and pastoral care to the faithful, including to children of the faithful. For more information about how the Parish collects and handles your personal information, see our privacy policy available at the Parish website.

1st HOLY COMMUNION

We would like to invite any family members or guests, who are currently registered to support the Parish in one of the following ministries to serve at one of these special Masses: Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Collectors, Readers.

If you would like to accept this invitation, please contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience and provide your details and the Mass you will be attending.

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

Donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal can be made at <u>www.vinnies.org.au</u>, 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.



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**. Absence from Our Parish Fr. Feleki will be away on personal leave for three days, beginning after the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary Mother of God, Leppington, on Sunday, 15th June. He will return on Wednesday, 18th June. During Fr. Feleki's absence:

- The Carmelites will celebrate Reconciliation and Mass on Tuesday, 17th June from 6:00-7:00 PM.
- On Wednesday morning, Rev. Deacon Sam Gennaoui will lead a Communion Service at 8:00 AM.
- On Thursday morning, Rev. Deacon Sinh Le will lead a Communion Service at 10:00 AM.
 Regular weekday Masses will resume on Friday.

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.

Saints of the week

THURSDAY 19/06/2025 St Romuald (c.951 - 1027)

He joined a Benedictine monastery but made himself unpopular there by trying to get the lax monks to mend their ways and so, with the permission of his abbot, became a wandering hermit. In a constant fight against the degenerate monasteries of the day, he founded hermitages and monasteries where a life of prayerful solitude could be truly lived. The monastery at Camaldoli, which he founded and where he remained as abbot for a number of years, became the first house of an order of hermits which still exists. But Romuald took to his wanderings once more, and died in a monastery he himself had founded at Val di Castro - as he wished, alone in his cell.

SATURDAY 21/06/2025 St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568 - 1591)

St Aloysius was the eldest son of a Mantuan nobleman, and was intended by his father to be a soldier. Aloysius, on the other hand, had determined to be a missionary, and even to die for his faith. He renounced his birthright in favour of his brother and at the age of 16 became a Jesuit novice in Rome, living the same life of severe austerity and penance that he had followed even when serving in the courts of dukes and princes. In 1591 an epidemic of plague broke out in Rome, and the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, still a novice, worked hard in the hospital until he himself caught the plague. He did not recover; but, his determination to die for the faith having been fulfilled, died at midnight on the 20th of June with the name of Jesus on his lips.



We are looking for donations of SAUSAGES, BREAD ROLLS and CAKES / SLICES to sell during our Family Trivia Night on Saturday 26th July.

WANT TO SHARE THE JOY WITHOUT THE GUILT OF RE-GIFTING?



We are also looking for donations of BRAND NEW ITEMS or VOUCHERS which can be used as raffle prizes during our Family Trivia Night on Saturday 26th July.

If you can assist us with a donation please leave your details with the Parish Office so a member of the Social Activities Committee can contact you.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH!

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES - 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Over the weekend of our 10 Year Anniversary (21/22 June 2025) The following changes will apply to Mass Times at Oran Park and Leppington Churches:

<u>Saturday, 21 June</u>

5pm Vigil Mass, Oran Park <u>Sunday, 22 June</u>

8am Mass, Leppington - NO MASS 8am Mass, Oran Park - NO MASS 10am Mass, School Hall - Bishop Brian celebrant 5pm Mass, Oran Park - NO MASS



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Multicultural Food Stalls - 10th Anniversary IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST, PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWING COORDINATORS Filipino - Anabelle 0431 638 729 or Celeste 0422 126 921 Indonesia - Inez 0424 824 848 Indian - Susan 0406 323 368 Italian & Multicultural Cake Stall Maree 0424 090 558 or Maria 0402 359 309 Kenyan, South Africa - Rosemary 0403 316 586 & Mauritius - Gilda 0414 423 148 Samoan, South Sea Islands - Maria 0475 847 660

AROUND OUR DIOCESE

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/mediaresources/faith-circles/ to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

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



Sanctus Summit Monthly adoration for youth and young adults of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 18 June 2025, 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- and bring a friend with you!

A vocation view

The love of God is being poured forth into our hearts. Open yourself to receive and share that love. Be open to God calling you to spread love through a Church vocation. (Romans 5:1-5) If you want to talk about your vocation,

please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at

vocations@dow.org.au

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 or visit www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-igniteconference-2025/ **Catholic Business Connections**

June Luncheon Guest Speaker





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** 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

Understanding the Mass

Seeking a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the origins of the Mass or want to deepen your faith? Join us for the Corpus Christi Event! You will never celebrate Mass again the same way! Sunday 22 June (10am to 3:30pm) at OLHC Hall - 80A Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow. Please use the QR code provided for more details or to register.

Job Opportunity at CDF Wollongong

The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) is currently seeking to fill a full-time Client Service Officer position at our Wollongong office, following the recent resignation of a staff member. We are inviting expressions of interest from anyone in our parish community who may have the right skills and interest in joining the CDF team.

Key skills required include:

Good communication skills Strong attention to detail

Excellent organisational skills

Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, or similar software

Willingness and ability to learn internal transaction systems

The role offers flexibility once training is completed.

For more information or to request an information pack, please contact the CDF team

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 or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

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