



MASS TIME

SATURDAYS 5pm

Oran Park

SUNDAYS

8am

Oran Park

and Leppington

10am

Oran Park

12pm

Chaldean Mass

5pm

Oran Park

PARISH CLERGY

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

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9am to 1pm Tuesday to Friday

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 6th July, 2025

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

We are the parish of Mary MacKillop

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7,16,20 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15a, 16a Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

In Luke's account of the life of Jesus, we are at a turning point. Jesus is beginning His journey to Jerusalem to meet His fate; and He is instructing the followers who must carry on his mission. He has already sent his chosen twelve out on mission.

Now He sends out 72. The number is symbolic because according to the traditions of the Old Testament the number 72 was the number of the pagan nations, therefore, the mission of Jesus is universal. The number 72 represents all of us, His followers, we are called to share in His mission to bring the Good News to all people.

Jesus tells us that "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few" and by that He is asking all followers of Christ who have received the extraordinary gift of Baptism and who, by that Baptism, have become a living and vital part of the living body of Christ, the community of faith which we call the Church to remain united with Him and to share the gift of peace with others.

May our celebration of the Eucharist today, and our welcoming of the Lord Jesus into our lives through our reception of Holy Communion, deepen that gift of peace and strengthen our desire and commitment to share that gift with all those we meet. Deacon Sam





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.

Mirella Zulic, Elizabeth Camilleri, Mary Bonello, Joseph Bonello, Carmen Ebejer, Henk de Roo, Charlie & Gina Navan, Fausto Tumamak Sr, Teresita Tumamak, Concepcion Planes, Antonina Maniacop, Maria & Sam Gauci, Rosario Pezzano.

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 - 7th July

1pm Rosary, Leppington

Tuesday - 8th July

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation, Adoration 6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday - 9th July

8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday - 10th July

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday - 11th July

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

Saturday - 12th July

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

MacKillop Craft Group
will hold their Winter Sales
after each mass on Saturday 12
July & Sunday 13 July. Lots of
beautiful woollen items to warm you up
over this cold winter!! Great gift ideas
for family & friends..... all proceeds will
go to the Parish!

We are now inviting parishioners to consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team for 2025/2026 to help support adults exploring the Catholic faith. This ministry involves a fortnightly Wednesday evening gathering (7-9pm) during school terms from August 2025 to Easter 2026 at the Oran Park Mass Centre. No special qualifications are needed—just an open heart and willingness to journey with others. If enough people volunteer, team members may only be rostered once a month. Fr Feleki will be hosting a 'formation session' for the team. To learn more or express interest, please contact Fr Feleki via the Parish Office.



1st Prize: Artwork 2nd Prize: Crocheted Church 3rd Prize: Bible and Missal Tickets will be sold at the Fiesta and after Masses on weekends of 28/29 June, 5/6 July, 12/13 July, and 19/20 July.

Draw will take place week of 21–25 July. Winners will be announced in the Parish bulletin on 26/27 July.



All money raised goes directly to the Parish



Northern Mass Centre - Children's Choir
Starting from this month, July 2025, we'll have a children's choir during the mass at Leppington Church. They will serve/sing every 4th Sunday of the month. If any children would like to join the choir, please see Lani and Rosa after the mass.

or Rosa 0433 741 325

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 - Penola Room

menALIVE Regional Weekend 9 - 10 August 2025

Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.

For more information and to register:

https:/menalive-weekend-2025

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

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



Morning tea & Lunch provided

Registration fee: donation Registration until 8 July 2025

Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall 193 St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566



Registration by text or call. Sr. Ines 0468462814 Sr. Jill 0481373124 Tere A. 0410185770

Saints of the week

Blessed Peter to Tod

Monday 7, July 2025

He was born in 1912 at Rakunai, a village on the Melanesian island of New Britain, today part of Papua New Guinea. His parents belonged to the region's first generation of Catholics. He was a pious boy and the parish priest thought that he should study for the priesthood, but his father felt that the tradition of Catholicism in the region was too short and none of the people were yet ready for the priesthood, so Peter became a catechist. He married in 1936 and had three children.

When the Japanese occupied the island during the war, all the missionaries and mission staff were imprisoned in a concentration camp and Peter was the only spiritual guide that Catholics had. He organized prayer services, gave religious instruction, baptized children, preserved the consecrated Hosts and administered them to the sick and dying, and gave help to the poor. The Japanese had destroyed the church when they arrived, so Peter built a new one out of the branches of trees.

After a quiet start, repression grew violent. The Japanese banned all Christian worship, public and private, and decided to reintroduce polygamy among the people. Peter was arrested in April or May 1945 and savagely "questioned" by officials. He was sentenced to two months in prison. A Japanese doctor came and injected him with poison, stuffed his ears and nose with cotton wool, and held him down and suffocated him until he died. An immense crowd attended Peter's burial, at which no religious rite was permitted. He has been increasingly revered as a martyr ever since that day.

St Benedict (480 - 547)

Friday 11, July 2025

Benedict was born in Nursia, in Umbria, and studied in Rome; but he was unable to stomach the dissolute life of the city, and he became a solitary hermit at Subiaco. His reputation spread, and some monks asked him to be their abbot; but they did not like the discipline he imposed and tried to poison him.

Benedict organised various small communities of monks and nuns in various places, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino. He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of practically every attempt at communal living ever since – and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it, and aims to be a "rule for beginners" in which even the least

perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature. To visit a
Benedictine monastery of almost any kind is to find oneself spending
time among a group of people who, by their strivings to live and grow
together, have become more and more themselves, as God intended
them, instead of being crushed into false uniformity by some

them, instead of being crushed into false uniformity by some idealistic and authoritarian regime.

For those of us in the world, too, the Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it drags our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane.

JOIN US IN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

HOSPITALITY

LOGISTIC TEAM

WELCOMERS

LECTORS

KIDSCHURCH

ACOLYTE

ALTAR SERVERS

BAPTISM TEAM

COLLECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

COUNTERS

CATECHIST/SCRIPTURE

MUSIC/CHOIR

EVANGELISATION THROUGH PIETY AND CANDLE STANDS

YOUNG ADULTS

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

MACKILLOP YOUTH

IT TEAM

WOMEN OF THE CROSS

SACRAMENTAL TEAM

MEN'S GROUP

MACKILLOP CRAFTERS

Interested in being part of something meaningful?

Please contact our parish office for more information

AROUND OUR DIOCESE



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-ignite-conference-2025/

Positions Open - Diocesan Youth Council

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a vibrant team of lay people, clergy, and religious who serve as both an advisory body and implementation team to the Bishop for youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. Meeting quarterly, the DYC helps guide, support, and implement initiatives that foster mission, faith, and community among young people. Members have the opportunity to be co-partners in shaping diocesan priorities in this important area of ministry. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. Selections will follow a structured process that ensures a broad representation of voices, experiences, and demographics across the diocese.

Applications are now open and will close on 4 August.

To apply, visit: dow.sh/4ewILkU

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



Marriage Anniversaries Mass 2025

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at https://dow.sh/MA2025 by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Hear from Pope Leo XIV

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.

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

A vocation view

"The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations. Depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Information Nights

In 2025, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne will host ACYF - a national gathering of young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops, from 30 November to 2 December.

In preparation for this exciting diocesan pilgrimage to the festival, there will be two online information nights on **Wednesday 2nd July & Tuesday 8th July from 7.30 to 8.30pm**. Whether you are a young adult, student, parent, parish leader, these information sessions are designed to answer all your key questions about participating in *ACYF* with our diocesan group and will cover travel and accommodation plans, key dates, festival & group itineraries, fundraising strategies, etc.

Register now:

Wednesday 2nd July: dow.sh/43TxvLC or Tuesday 8th July: dow.sh/45wozNr

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!