



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK

**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**  
13th July, 2025

Requiescat in Pace



**Rev Fr David John Catterall Mth**  
FOUNDATION PARISH PRIEST OF  
ST MARY MACKILLOP  
PARISH ORAN PARK  
(2015-2024)

Fr David was ordained to the priesthood on 25 March 2000, just weeks after being diagnosed with breast cancer, a challenge that, like others in his life, he faced with unwavering courage and trust in God. This battle with cancer has been a constant presence throughout his priestly life.

Throughout his ministry, Fr David served in the communities of St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong, and the parishes of Nowra, Camden, Campbelltown, Rosemeadow, and Albion Park, before being appointed the founding parish priest of St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, Oran Park in 2015. There, he helped form a thriving new faith community, always reminding his parishioners that a parish is "owned by God," and that all gifts are to be placed at the service of others.

Diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in late 2024, Fr David once again faced illness with grace and faith. He retired from parish ministry in October last year and entered palliative care in recent days, supported tenderly by his loving family, including his sister, and upheld by your prayers, something he cherished deeply in his final days.

#### Reflection from Deacon Sam

Today, we gather not only in sorrow but also in gratitude, mourning the loss of our beloved Fr David, who has gone to join the eternal embrace of our Lord. We are here not only to grieve his passing but also to reflect on the immense love, dedication, and faith he embodied throughout his life as a priest. Fr David was a shepherd to us - a true servant of God who gave his life for the flock entrusted to him. He ministered not out of obligation, but out of love for Christ and for the people He called him to serve. Fr David's life was a testament to the very heart of our Catholic faith, one that he lived out every day through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the personal relationships he formed with each of us. His homilies were not just words; they were messages of hope, challenge, and deep reflection, drawing us closer to Christ's teachings. His presence, whether at the altar or in the quiet corners of our lives, was a reminder of God's abiding love. He didn't just preach the Gospel - he lived it. Fr David was there in times of joy and in times of sorrow. He celebrated baptisms, weddings, and first Holy Communion with a heart full of joy, but he also sat with us in our pain, offering comfort and counsel during the hardest of times. His role as a priest wasn't limited to the sanctuary; he was a constant presence in our lives, a reminder that God's love and mercy were always near. But beyond his ministry, Fr David was a man of profound faith, humility, and kindness. He didn't seek recognition or praise. His life was one of selflessness, marked by the humility of a servant. In his gentle spirit, we witnessed the face of Christ. Today, as we remember him, we are reminded of his words and actions, but even more so, we are reminded of his example. He taught us not just through what he said, but through how he lived. In his humility, his joy, his love for the Eucharist, and his compassion for others, he drew us closer to God and helped us to see His presence in the world. Though Fr David has left us, his legacy lives on in each of us. The love he showed, the faith he shared, the grace he gave us, are now ours to carry forward. We are called to live out the example he set, to be witnesses of God's love and truth, just as he was. And so, while we mourn his loss, we also celebrate the life he led—a life fully devoted to God and to each of us. Fr David has now entered into the eternal joy of God's Kingdom. We trust that he is welcomed with open arms into the glory of Heaven, where he will continue to pray for us and intercede on our behalf. May we find comfort in knowing that Fr David's journey on this earth was one of faithfulness and love. And as we continue our own journey, may we be inspired by his example, drawing ever closer to the heart of Christ, as he did. Rest in peace my dear friend, Fr David, faithful servant of God. You were not only my parish priest, but you were my friend, spiritual advisor and counsellor. You will be deeply missed, but your spirit will live on in our hearts forever. We pray that the angels and the saints and Mary take you by the hand and gently guide you into the arms of Jesus and into eternal life. Amen



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**To the Parish Community,**

It is with deep sorrow and heartfelt sympathy that we, the residents, and staff of Oran Park House, extend our sincerest condolences to the parish on the passing of our beloved Father David.

Father David was more than a spiritual leader; he was a true shepherd of compassion, wisdom, and unwavering faith. His presence lit up every room he entered, and his words brought comfort, strength, and inspiration to so many within our community. Whether visiting the elderly, offering Mass, or simply stopping by for a quiet chat, Father David carried with him a spirit of gentleness and genuine care that touched every heart. Here at Oran Park House, Father David held a special place in the lives of our residents. His visits were always cherished, bringing prayer, laughter, and a sense of peace to all who had the joy of knowing him. For many of our residents, he was a steady and comforting presence, especially during life's most vulnerable moments. His pastoral care extended beyond formal duties; he treated each person with dignity, kindness, and love.

We will miss his warm smile, his compassionate heart, and the way he made each of us feel truly seen and valued. Though our hearts are heavy, we are grateful for the time we shared with him and for the immeasurable impact he had on our community. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with Father David's family, his fellow clergy, and all parishioners during this difficult time. May he rest in eternal peace, and may his legacy of faith, love, and service continue to inspire us all.

**With deepest sympathy and prayers,  
The Residents and Staff of Oran Park House**

**Dear Oran Park Parish Staff , Parish Community & Fr David's Family & Friends,**

On behalf of our parish community here at Rosemeadow and I personally, would like to send our deepest condolences for the loss of Dear Fr David Catterall.

His faithful service to Christ and his Church and all his unwavering dedication, commitment, & achievement will be forever remembered . Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him through Mercy of our Lord RIP.

Know that he is in our thoughts and prayers and we prayer for your community.

**Fr Christopher Sakis and Rosemeadow Parish Community**

**Dear Parishioners,**

I am thinking of you all in a very special way as I know you will be mourning the loss of your beloved pastor. You have lovingly accompanied him during this time of yet another battle with cancer and especially in these last few days. Holding you all in love and prayer.

**Sr Monica Barlow  
Coordinator Liturgy and Sacraments  
Diocese of Wollongong**

Loving God,  
We thank You for the life of Fr David  
for his faith, his dedication, and his quiet strength.  
In his final days, he showed us what it means to trust You completely.  
Now, may he rest in Your eternal peace and joy.  
Draw near to all who mourn his passing  
especially his family, friends, and the communities he served.  
May we hold close the lessons he taught us:  
to live with compassion, to serve with humility,  
and to always seek You in one another.  
Inspired by his example,  
may we continue to walk in faith,  
with courage, love, and hope in our hearts.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.  
St Benedict, pray for us.  
Fr David, faithful servant of God—pray for us and go in peace!  
**(From Kimberley Logue)**

## 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.

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 – 14<sup>th</sup> July

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### Tuesday – 15<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation, Adoration

6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### Wednesday – 16<sup>th</sup> July

8am Mass, Oran Park

### Thursday – 17<sup>th</sup> July

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

### Friday – 18<sup>th</sup> July

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

### Saturday – 19<sup>th</sup> July

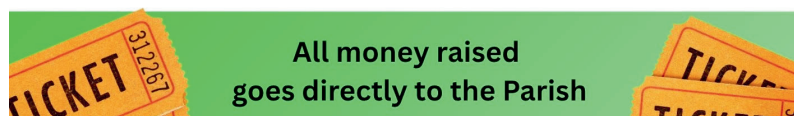
4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park



**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.



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.

Our parish is building a new **Media & Communications Ministry** to help us more effectively use our digital and print media to engage our parish and share our faith to the wider community. The Media & Communications Ministry will use their time and talents to **look after our parish website and social and print media**, and we are inviting those who have a background in or are interested in digital marketing, graphic and website design, multimedia art, or film and photography to contact the Parish Office or complete the sign up sheet at the Welcome Table.

To support this ministry, we are also forming a group to manage the Powerpoint presentations for Mass, which have been a welcome contribution to our Mass celebrations that we would like to continue to offer. Members of this group will prepare the Powerpoint slides ahead of time and run the Powerpoint during Mass. This opportunity to serve is open to all, including high school students, and we invite anyone who is interested to contact the Parish Office, or complete the sign up sheet at the Welcome Table.



# JOIN US FOR MACKILLOP YOUTH

TERM 3 2025



## Friday Nights

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

Friday 8th August (Week 3)

Friday 22nd August (Week 5)

Friday 5th September (Week 7)



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



## Annual Mackillop Youth Pilgrimage

Combined (Years 7-12)

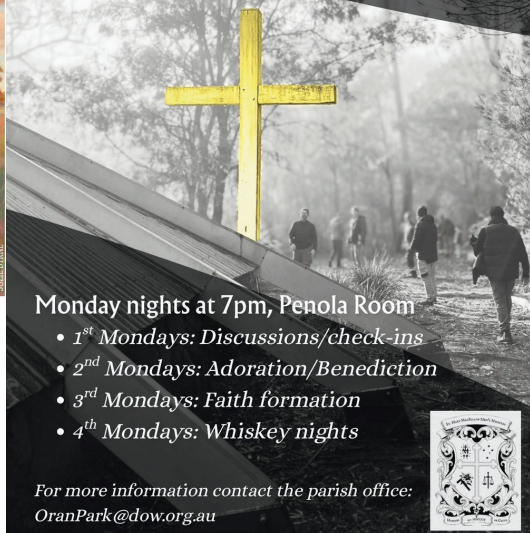
Saturday 20th September (Week 9)

Further details to be provided  
closer to the event

# Homines de Cruce

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ORAN PARK MEN'S MINISTRY

"Come," He replied, "and you will see."  
John 1:39



## Monday nights at 7pm, Penola Room

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays: Discussions/check-ins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays: Adoration/Benediction
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays: Faith formation
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays: Whiskey nights

For more information contact the parish office:  
OranPark@dow.org.au



# 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

Our Mary Mackillop Young Adults group is commencing a 5 week study group called A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, which is a video presentation series examining the biblical origins of everything that happens in the Mass. If you are 18 to 35 years old and would like to attend this series, **the group will be meeting on Sunday 13th July after the 5pm Sunday Mass.** RSVP can be made by emailing the parish office.

## Join Our Parish Choirs!

Do you love to sing or have a heart for music and worship? We warmly invite you to share your gift by joining one of our parish choirs at the different Masses. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just starting out, your voice is welcome!

To express your interest or find out more, please contact Margie or Deacon Sinh:

Margie: [dowlingmargie@gmail.com](mailto:dowlingmargie@gmail.com)

Let's lift our voices together in praise!

## 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

## Saints of the week

### Saint Camillus of Lellis (1550 - 1614)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

He was born in Italy of a noble family. He became a soldier but his taste for gambling and riotous living eventually lost him everything. At the age of 25 he converted as the result of hearing a sermon. He twice tried to join the Capuchin friars but was rejected because of his poor health. Having had experience of hospitals from the inside, he determined to improve them, and he devoted the rest of his life to the care of the sick. He offered himself to the hospital of San Giacomo in Rome and eventually became its bursar. Hospitals were as filthy, and hospital staff as brutal and inadequate, then as they are in many places today. He introduced many reforms and founded a congregation of priests and lay brothers, the Servants of the Sick (later known as the Camillians) to serve the sick both spiritually and physically. He was ordained priest in 1584. He resigned as head of his congregation in 1607 but continued to look after and visit the sick almost until the day of his death.

### St Bonaventure (1218 - 1274)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

Bonaventure was born at Bagnoregio in Etruria in about 1218. He became a Franciscan in 1243 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Paris. He became a famous teacher and philosopher, part of the extraordinary intellectual flowering of the 13th century. He was a friend and colleague of St Thomas Aquinas.

At this time the friars were still a new and revolutionary force in the Church, and their radical embracing of poverty and rejection of institutional structures raised suspicion and opposition from many quarters. Bonaventure defended the Franciscan Order and, after he was elected general of the order in 1255, he ruled it with wisdom and prudence. He is regarded as the second founder of the Order.

He declined the archbishopric of York in 1265 but was made cardinal bishop of Albano in 1273, dying a year later in 1274 at the Council of Lyons, at which the Greek and Latin churches were (briefly) reconciled.

Bonaventure wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V.

## AROUND OUR DIOCESE

59th  
Annual  
Event

### Campbelltown Catholic Club Mass & Communion Luncheon

Sunday 10 August 2025

To be concelebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord DD and Fr

John Ho PP St John the Evangelist Catholic Church,  
35 Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown at 10:30am.

At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served

at 'THE CUBE' Campbelltown Catholic Club,  
20-22 Camden Road Campbelltown at 12:30pm.

This event is 18+ only.



\$25 per person. Includes 2 course lunch.

Scan this QR Code or see Reception  
to book your place by  
Friday 25 July 2025.



Campbelltown  
Catholic Club

### A Vocation View

We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)

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

### 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>

### 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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)



### 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/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

### Creating a Culture of Invitation: An evening with Michael Harvey

Date: Monday 21 July (Campbelltown) & Tuesday 22 July (Wollongong)

Time: 7:30pm

Speaker: Michael Harvey

Registration: [dow.sh/culture](https://dow.sh/culture)

Some people in church feel that if people wanted to come to church or get to know Jesus Christ, they would already have done it. But nowadays, it takes a brave person to walk into a church building on their own or start a God conversation with a Christian. This is why building a culture of invitation, alongside a culture of welcome and transformation, is vital. When Jesus called and invited the first two disciples, Andrew was one of them. The first thing Andrew did was invite his brother Simon. That invitation alone has impacted the world today. Jesus is still inviting and calling people today. A culture of invitation is not new; it speaks of the heart of God, who sent Jesus to invite the world into an eternal relationship.

**Join Michael Harvey and the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation for an incredible evening of wisdom, insight, and practical steps to becoming people who are willing to extend God's invitation.**

### Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati to be Canonised Together

Pope Leo XIV has presided over his first Ordinary Public Consistory for the vote on Causes for Canonization, during which Cardinals gave their formal approval for the canonizations of eight Blesseds.

**Among those to be canonized are Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who will be canonized together on 7 September 2025.**

This historic announcement has stirred great joy and anticipation among the faithful, as both figures have inspired countless people around the world—especially the youth—with their lives of holiness, service, and deep Eucharistic devotion.

### Vocaris 'Beer and Beads' Saturday 9 August 5:30pm - 10pm

Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS Beer and Beads - a Catholic twist on the classic "Paint & Sip" on Saturday 9 August (5.30pm to 10pm). Instead of painting, we will be making your own set of Rosary beads! Please BYO Drinks. Where: Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall. Address: 20 Broughton Street, WILTON, NSW, 2571 (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). Please see the registration page using the QR Code for more information or to register.

### 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](https://dow.sh/43TxvLC) or

Tuesday 8th July: [dow.sh/45wozNr](https://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](https://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see everything that is on around our Diocese!