



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN

Twenty Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time–Year C. **5 Oct 2025**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING Hab 1:2–3, 2:2–4: The just will live by faithfulness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1–2, 6–9: R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd READING 2 Tim 1:6–8, 13–14: Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia! (1 Pet 1:25)

GOSPEL Lk 17:5–9: If you had faith!

TAKE ME HOME

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 :

**Eva Fenech, Emily Novak, Grahame Maythers,
Bryan Auld, Carmelo Vella, Maureen Paine &
Salvador Mondragon**

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

The parable of the mustard seed, as found in this weekend's Gospel of Luke is a profound lesson on the power of small beginnings. Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, which starts as one of the smallest of seeds but grows into a large tree where birds can make their nests.

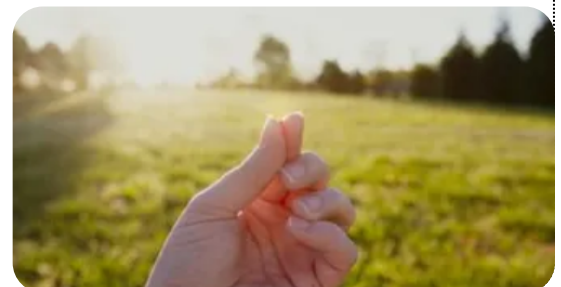
Spiritually, this parable invites us to reflect on the power of faith, even when it feels insignificant. Just as a tiny mustard seed, seemingly too small to amount to much, can grow into something great, so too can our small acts of faith, love, and obedience lead to immense transformation in our lives and the world.

The Kingdom of God is not always immediate or spectacular in its growth, but it grows quietly, steadily. In our own spiritual journey, we may feel as though our efforts are small or unnoticed. But God can take even the most humble offerings—our small prayers, acts of kindness, moments of forgiveness – and use them to bring about great things in His Kingdom.

This reflection reminds us that our faith, no matter how small it may seem, is never insignificant in the eyes of God. It is in His hands that it will grow and flourish. We are called to nurture that seed with prayer, grace, and trust, knowing that God is at work in ways we may not immediately see.

We are people of the mustard seed and we have been from the very beginning. We endure. We grow. We reach out to those who need shelter, and protection, and shade, offering blessed reminders and a witness of the mercy and love of God.

And, against all odds, we prevail. That is our faith. This is our hope. Our ancestors planted the seed of God's kingdom in this country. Now it is up to us to nurture it, and protect it, and see that it continues to grow.



Deacon Sam

IN OUR PARISH

Monday 6 Oct

1pm Rosary, Leppington

Tuesday 7 Oct

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,

Adoration

6:40pm Evening Prayer,

Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday 8 Oct

8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday 9 Oct

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 10 Oct

9:30am Mass, Oran Park

Saturday 11 Oct

4pm Reconciliation, Oran P.

5pm Mass, Oran Park

12 noon : PUBLIC ROSARY,

Leppington

Sunday 12 Oct

8am Mass, Leppington

8am Mass, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

5pm Mass, Oran Park

Chaldean Holy Mass

Sunday 12:00noon

MEMORIAL WALK RAFFLE:

We will be holding a raffle on the day of the walk. Tickets will be available at the Church or at the lunch venue



ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

LEPPINGTON

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

\$2000 + WORTH OF PRIZES

HAMPERS, WINE, GIFT VOUCHERS AND MUCH MORE!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

\$2.00 EACH

\$50 FOR A BOOK OF 25 TICKETS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS TO BE DRAWN ON SUNDAY - 21 DECEMBER 2025 FOLLOWING SUNDAY MASS AND CHRISTMAS PICNIC DAY AT LEPPINGTON CHURCH GROUNDS

NOTE: ALL PURCHASED TICKET BUTTS MUST BE RETURNED BY NO LATER THAN 20/12/25

TICKET PURCHASE: CONTACT DOMENIC - 0400 588 248

2026 DAILY MASS BOOK:

Unfortunately, our Parish will no longer be able to provide copies of the 2026 Daily Mass Book. If parishioners do not wish to purchase a copy independently, we would suggest that you download the free Universalis App which includes biographies and reflections for saints and feasts of the day, readings for each day and the prayer of the universal Church.



PUBLIC ROSARY

2025



JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN!

WHERE: ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH, LEPPINGTON

WHEN: SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2025 @ 12noon

Public Rosary 2025 - Participant Form



Coordinated nationally by Australian TFP Inc. and its AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA Campaign

T: (02) 9715 2324 | E: PublicRosary@Fatima.org.au | W: fatima.org.au/public-rosary
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PUBLIC ROSARY 2025

Our Parish will be hosting a Public Rosary at our St Mary Mother of God Church, Leppington, on 11 October @ 12noon. We welcome all to experience this nation-wide Rosary Chain.

Together We walk for Fr David

St Mary MacKillop Parish community

Join Us This October

Walk in memory of **Fr David Catterall** as we come together to raise funds and awareness for cancer. Let's honour his legacy, support a meaningful cause, and make every step count.

The walk will begin at **St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park**, and continue through to **Gregory Hills Hotel** for lunch.

Raffle prizes will be drawn on the day. All proceeds will go directly to the Cancer Council.

VOLUNTEERS needed 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.

Sunday 19 Oct 2025
after 10.00am Mass

REGISTRATION for the walk



Donate Here



TAKE ME HOME

Saints of the week

6 OCTOBER: SAINT BRUNO

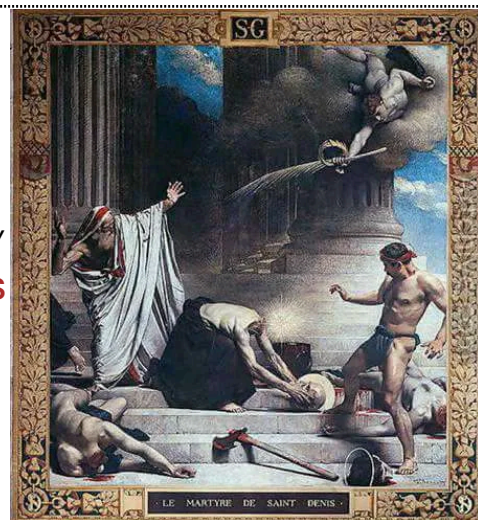
7 OCTOBER: OUR LADY OR ROSARY MEMORIAL

11 OCTOBER: SAINT JOHN XXIII. MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9 OCTOBER: SAINT JOHN LEONARDI & **SAINT DENIS & COMPANIONS**

The historical accounts of Saint Denis and his companions, which include Saints Rusticus and Eleutherius, suggest that they were sent by Pope Fabian in the 3rd century to evangelize the pagan populations of Gaul (modern-day France).

Denis is particularly noted for his missionary work in Paris, where he preached the Christian faith and baptized many converts. The martyrdom of Saint Denis is a significant aspect of his legacy. He and his companions were arrested for their faith and subsequently executed. The most famous account describes how Denis, after being decapitated, is said to have picked up his head and walked several miles while preaching a final sermon. This miraculous act symbolizes his steadfast faith and the triumph of the Christian spirit over persecution. Basilica of Saint-Denis, became a major pilgrimage site and the burial place for many French kings. St. Denis is invoked for protection and intercession.



ADVENT GROUPS 2025

ADVENT BEGINS ON 30 NOVEMBER.

IN RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE GOALS IN OUR PARISH PASTORAL PLAN, WHICH FOCUSES ON ENCOURAGING PARISHIONERS TO MEET IN SMALL GROUPS, THIS YEAR WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ADVENT GROUP.

WHAT HAPPENS IN AN ADVENT GROUP?

IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY, AS A MEMBER OF

OUR PARISH, TO GATHER 'IN SMALL GROUPS' TO REFLECT ON THE ADVENT SCRIPTURES, TO SHARE YOUR FAITH, TO PRAY AND TO 'GET TO KNOW' FELLOW PARISHIONERS OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF THE WEEKLY MASS. A SESSION GOES FOR ABOUT 90 MINS, AND GROUPS USUALLY FINISH WITH A CUPPA OR SUPPER (PROVIDED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE). WE ARE LOOKING AT RUNNING A NUMBER OF ADVENT GROUPS TO BE HELD IN THE SACRISTY AT OUR NORTHERN MASS CENTRE AT ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD, LEPPINGTON, OR ONE OF THE MEETING ROOMS AT OUR SOUTHERN MASS CENTRE AT ORAN PARK AS WELL AS GROUPS JUST FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH, THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH, YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES, SENIOR PARISHIONERS, THOSE IN THEIR 20S/30S. **WE ARE ALSO HAPPY IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO FACILITATE AN ADVENT GROUP IN YOUR HOME.**

WE ARE NOW ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN BEING A HOST/FACILITATOR – IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, CONTACT DETAILS AND THE DAY OF THE WEEK AND TIME WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR GROUP TO MEET ON THE SHEET AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME TABLE. YOU ARE ALSO ASKED TO INDICATE IF YOU WISH TO BE A HOST AND/OR FACILITATOR – AND IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC GROUP YOU WISH TO HOST/FACILITATE, AS WELL AS IF YOU WANT TO SUGGEST A VENUE FOR THE GROUP. WE HOPE TO FINALISE ALL GROUP HOSTS AND FACILITATORS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, SO WE CAN THEN ASK PEOPLE TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP.



AROUND WOLLONGONG DIOCESE

4 Oct–5 Oct: Jubilee of the Missions

For missionaries who bring the light of the Gospel to regions of the earth where it needs to be proclaimed.

Give them perseverance, and may they take great encouragement from the fruit of changed lives, of those who come to know, love and serve you, by your saving grace. Let us pray to the Lord.

4 Oct–5 Oct: Jubilee of Migrants

For migrants who journey in search of safety and a better future, carrying their dreams and struggles with courage. Bless them with protection, compassion, and open hearts, especially through the works of your Church they encounter, so they may find dignity, belonging, and new hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

8 Oct–9 Oct: Jubilee of Consecrated Life

For all those in consecrated life who dedicate themselves wholly to You through prayer, service, and witness.

Bless them with joy, perseverance, and grace, that their lives may inspire others to follow You and reflect Your love to the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

A vocation view:

The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6–8. 13–14) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan

Save the Date – Formation Opportunities in Liturgy

Two Formation Opportunities in Liturgy will take place on Saturday 1 November at Holy Family Parish, **Ingleburn**. Following Mass for All Saints at 9am, the first session for Lectors will run from 9.45am to 10.30am. After a break for morning tea, the second session will focus on Lay Leadership in the absence of a Priest and the ministries involved, finishing around midday.

As has been the case for several years, all clergy, parishes, religious communities and CALD Chaplains are required again in 2025 to complete the **Annual Diocesan Mass count** for their communities. Bishop Brian has previously detailed the importance of implementing an annual Diocesan-wide Mass Count, to occur each year over four weekends, in order to assist local parishes and broader Diocesan planning for the future. The Office of the Bishop will collate the data and the results will be made available to clergy.

Diocese of Wollongong Mens Prayer Breakfast Launch

Friday, 28 November 6:30am–8am

Xavier Conference Room,

38 Harbour St Wollongong

Guest Speaker: Peter Abela

Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input

Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission.

RSVP: Monday, 17 November

dow.sh/mpb25

Cost: \$20

GROWING GOOD MEN FATHER AND 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 resources

RSVP Date: 1 December 2025

Enquiries: helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403

Formation For Instituted Ministries of Acolyte and Lector

will take place at the Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong on 30 November 2025 from 9.30am to 1pm including the celebration of Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10.30am. To register: dow.sh/im25.

MOVING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAMPBELLTOWN TUE 14 OCTOBER, 7–9 PM

Registration: <https://dow.sh/fpoc2025>

Cost: **Free**. This formation will explore how we can grow in openness to the Spirit's presence, learn to recognise His promptings, and move confidently in His power. Answers: Francis, Sharbel, Rosalina, Dorothy. CHARLES