



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 the parish of Mary MacKillop

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wis 18:6-9:

Just as you struck our enemies, you
made us glorious by calling us to you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20,

22: Happy the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

*We will look for the city designed and
built by God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is
coming.

Gospel

Lk 12:32-48: **See that you are prepared.**



**"From now on, will
all ages call me
blessed"
(Luke 1:48-49)**

On the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, we celebrate the
Blessed Mother's assumption
into heaven, body and soul,
at the end of her earthly life.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and
whose anniversaries are remembered at this time:

**Robert Michael Watson, Monique & Claude Serret, Janos Toth, Sandra
O'Sullivan, Dolores Doyle, Carmelo Galea, Carlo Muscatello, Jan Macri, James
Vella, Sam Camilleri, Venancio Soares, Maryanne Saliba, Angel Mangahas Sr,
Terence Vayani, Angelica Palmos, Francisco Palmos**

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 11th August

1pm Rosary, Leppington

Tuesday 12th August

9:30am Rosary on Zoom
5pm Devotions, Oran Park
6pm Reconciliation, Adoration
6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction
7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday 13th August

8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday 14th August

9.30am Rosary
10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 15th August

9.30am Mass, Oran Park
6:00 pm Mass, Oran Park
Solemnity of the Assumption of B.V. MARY

Saturday 16th August

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park.
5pm Mass, Oran Park

Sunday 17th August

8am Mass, Leppington
8am Mass, Oran Park
10am Mass, Oran Park
5pm Mass, Oran Park

Chaldean Holy Mass

Sunday 12:00noon

Last Friday (August 8th), we celebrated the feast day of St Mary MacKillop.
She embodied characteristics that typify the best of the Australian spirit.

There is that sense of "going in to bat" for the battlers of life, to give a
helping hand to the needy irrespective of colour, culture or creed; it is that
sense of a "fair go for everyone".

In sacred scripture, we are told Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb on Easter
morning and she is accompanied by a woman who is simply called 'the other
Mary'. I would like to think that the 'other Mary' is in fact Mary MacKillop,
who goes with Mary Magdalene and there, in the morning light, meets the
risen Christ. She stands not just as a woman who was beset by worries and
anxieties and somehow survived the torment, but much more; she stands
forever as a witness to the Resurrection.

Touching those on the margins and those overlooked,
with the power of the resurrection.

Our prayer this weekend is that of the witness of a woman whose faith and
trust in God was not crushed by her burdens, and who in the end saw the
risen Christ and led others to him.

Mary MacKillop met the great challenges of her time with vision and passion.
She developed new ways of living and new ways of sharing the Good News.
May she intercede for us to do the same as we face the future of our time.
May our community, the community of Mary MacKillop, our Parish, also follow
her example of making the missionary journey to our brothers and sisters
who are in need and by living out the vision of our Parish - a vision that
embraces, serves, nourishes and
responds to the needs of our neighbours wherever they may be.

Deacon Sam



IN OUR PARISH

SOLEMNITY of

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin MARY
The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass on the solemnity of "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" & celebration of India's Independence Day on **15th AUG 2025, FRIDAY at 6:00 pm.**

The Mass will be celebrated at
St Mary MacKillop parish Oran Park.



FR. DAVID Prayer Cards

Available at the Church Welcome Table.

♫ Northern Mass Centre

- Children's Choir ♫

**St. Mary Mother of God,
LEPPINGTON**

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**

♫ Join Our Parish Choir

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:
dowling.margie@gmail.com
Let's lift our voices together in praise!

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.



Donate Here



**Sunday 19 October 2025
after 10.00am Mass**

Join Our Kids' Church Ministry !

Our parish is looking for more volunteers to help lead Kids' Church— a rewarding ministry where you can assist in the faith development of our youngest parishioners. **No teaching experience is needed!** Leaders follow a simple book and worksheet, and you'll be supported by a welcoming team. The **only requirement is a Volunteer Working with Children Check** (this means you need to be 18 years and older). To express your interest, please email the parish office - oranpark@dow.org.au.



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

10 Year Anniversary

family

TRIVIA NIGHT

Organise your team and register now!



📅 **Date: Saturday 23rd August**

🕒 **Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start**

📍 **Location: St Justin's / St Benedict's School Hall, Oran Park**

💎 **Tickets: \$15 per person (+ booking fee)**

👶 **Kids in Year 4 and under: FREE!**

👥 **Tables: Max 10 people per table**

♣ **Please organise your team ahead of time and make one booking per table**

⚠ **Please note all Under 18's must attend with a parent / guardian**

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The MacKillop Crafters

would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who supported their Winter Sales and who donated items for the nursing homes visited by our clergy. The feedback that we got was that the residents were very happy to receive the much appreciated gifts, which will be very useful for the rest of the cold weather.

With the money raised, one of the items we were able to buy for the Parish was a wheelchair, which can be used by Parishioners needing to get from the carpark to the church for mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

COINCIDES WITH CELEBRATION OF JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

25th SEPTEMBER to Return to Sydney 4th OCTOBER 2025

ROME, LANCIANO, POMPEI, AMALFI COAST, Optional trip to St Carlo Acutis



Saints of the week

St. Maxmillian Kolbe

Memorial : 14 August 2025

He volunteered to die in place of a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II.

Patron saint of **amateur radio operators, drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, and prisoners.**

St. Clare

Memorial : 11 August 2025

Clare of Assisi, is an Italian saint who was one of the first followers of Francis of Assisi. Following her death, the order she founded was renamed in her honor as the Order of Saint Clare, commonly referred to today as the **POOR CLARES.**

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 - St Justin's School Library



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK



You and I both know: the world around us is loud, fast, and filled with distractions. But beneath all the noise, there's a deeper reality — a spiritual world more real than anything we can see or touch. It's in this unseen world that the real battle is happening.

That's why I want to personally invite you to join St. Michael's Lent, starting August 15, 2025, through Exodus 90.

This is a time set apart — modeled after St. Francis of Assisi, who withdrew to the mountains during this season — to grow in prayer, silence, self-denial, and brotherhood - Fr. **MIKE SCHMITZ**

WHAT IS ST. MICHAEL'S LENT ?

It's a 40-day spiritual campaign — a summer "Lent" — meant to pull back the veil and help us see who we really are: body and soul, made for eternity, engaged in a real spiritual battle. Through faith and discipline, we reconnect with the truth that **God and the angels are more real than the passing world we live in.**

Contact: oranpark@dow.org.au

Cross the Holy Door in **ROME**. Celebrate the Jubilee Year **25 September - 4 October 2025** visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists.

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)

Friday 19th September (Week 9)

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



Annual MacKillop Youth Pilgrimage

Combined (Years 7-12)

Saturday 18th October

Further details to be provided closer to the event

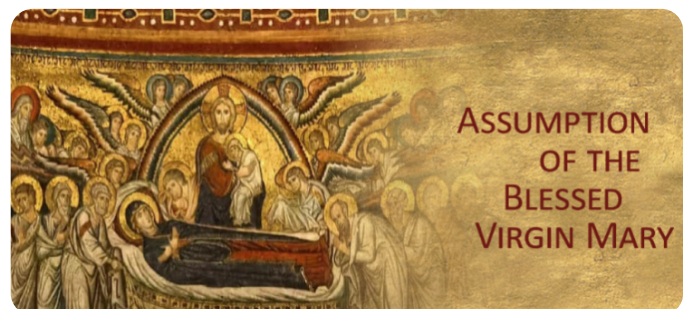
VIA VERITAS VITA

The **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** was already being celebrated on 15 August in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady's "Birth into heaven", or in the Byzantine tradition, her "Dormition". The feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century. It was not until 1 November 1950, that **Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heaven**. In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey. This promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the "sign of sure hope and comfort" (Preface). It is a privilege granted to Mary, and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary - who is free from sin - should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her "Dormition" or "Assumption into heaven". The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the "already and the not yet". One of God's creatures - Mary - is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God's creatures, will one day be there too. Mary's destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love. It is interesting to note that the liturgy - through the biblical texts taken from the Book of Revelation and the Gospel according to Luke (**the Canticle of the Magnificat**) - helps us, not so much to reflect, as to pray. In fact, the Gospel suggests that Mary's mystery be read in the light of her prayer, the Magnificat, that is, through the lens of gratuitous love that extends from generation to generation, and the predilection of the least and the poor. Its choicest fruit, you could say its masterpiece, is Mary, a mirror in which the entire people of God can see its own features reflected. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, is an eloquent sign of how not only the "soul" but also the "body" is included in the biblical observation that "God found it very good" (Gn 1:31), so much so that in the Virgin Mary, "our flesh" would be assumed into heaven. This does not exempt us from committing ourselves to life here on earth, but rather that with our gaze fixed on the goal, on Heaven, our Homeland, we are driven to commit ourselves during our present life to reflect the Magnificat: to rejoice in God's mercy, to be attentive to all our brothers and sisters we meet along the way, beginning with the weakest and most vulnerable.

SOLVE THE WORD SEARCH BASED ON THE TOPIC : EASTER

Baptism	Paschal	Vigil Mass
Beloved Disciple	Passover	Triduum
Candle	Peter	Mary Magdalene
Easter	Resurrection	He is risen
Empty tomb	Road to Emmaus	Salvation

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LEARN A BIBLE VERSE TODAY

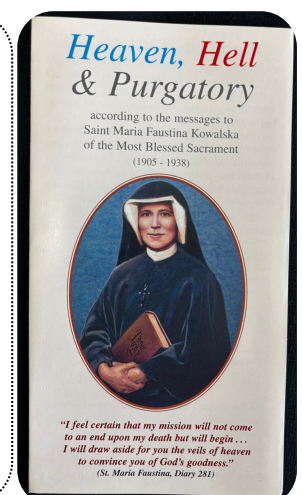
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

WHAT IS PURGATORY ?

Pray for a soul in Purgatory.

Grab a mini info booklet / prayer card from the parish welcome table



AROUND OUR WOLLONGONG DIOCESE & SYDNEY DIOCESE

CARITAS Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza. The situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, safe drinking water, and emergency shelter.

Gaza is the **most dangerous place in the world for children**. Caritas is calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

If you are able to **support** Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

SANCTUS SUMMIT

Monthly adoration for **youth and young adults** of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 20 August at

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

Jubilee Pilgrimage

St Joseph's Catholic Church, **Kangaroo Valley** -

Bishop Brian will attend this diocesan pilgrimage site on **Saturday, 30 August**, to impart the papal blessing.



ST JOSEPH CAMINO WALK FOR MEN

Join men from around our Diocese as we come together with brothers in the Archdiocese of Sydney for an overnight pilgrimage in honour of St Joseph, praying for the needs of the Church, our families and the world. The Camino begins on

Fri 5 September with 8pm Mass at St Joseph's, Como, concluding with 7am Mass at St Aloysius on Sat 6 September and then hot breakfast and drinks. Overnight walk will see us visit 6 churches, with Catechesis and Adoration.

Cost: \$35 pp (free for clergy) Bus Ticket: \$24 Leaves 7pm sharp on 05/09 from Holy Family Menai and 8.30am on 06/09 from St Aloysius Cronulla

Itinerary from start to finish:

St Joseph's, Como - Opening Mass 8pm

St Patrick's, Sutherland

St Catherine's, Gympie

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda

Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah

St Aloysius, Cronulla - Closing Mass 7am

To register: <https://trybooking.com/CXLAO>

Summit Night- an evening with Dr Edward Sri

Young adults of the diocese (18+) are invited to the third Summit Night —an inspiring evening of truth, formation, and community featuring world-

renowned Catholic speaker and theologian Dr Edward Sri. Join us on **Saturday 30 August**, 6:30pm-9:00pm at the Xavier Conference

Centre (next to Wollongong Cathedral) for The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love.

UOW Catholic Society invites all UOW students, staff, and friends to our start of semester BBQ! This is a great way to connect with other Catholics on campus and become involved with the many activities CathSoc hosts.

Date: 12.30pm **Sat 23 August**

Location: Stuart Park. Cost: **FREE**

Register now: <http://tiny.cc/CathSocBBQ>

Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher & Fr Benjamin Saliba met with Pope Leo XIV on 28 July.

Presented him with a picture by Paul Newton depicting the first Catholic community in Sydney adoring the Blessed Sacrament.



Compass: "Bush" family **CAMPING** weekend.

(organised by Bishops Office, Diocese of Wollongong)

Start Date: Friday **12 September**, 2025

End Date: Sunday **14 September**, 2025

Time: 5pm Friday - 3pm Sunday

Venue: Guntawang - Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility
(**40 minutes drive from Oran Park**)

Accommodation Options: tent, caravan, camper trailer or swags. unpowered and unwatered sites, but drinking water is available on site. All rubbish must be taken home with us.

Bunk Rooms: register spots for separate male or female bunk rooms which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

If there aren't too many needing this, then we have 4 clear spaces for 4 individual families.

Toilets and Showers: There is a male/female toilet block for campers and a toilet in each of the bunkhouses. There are only 4 showers - but plenty of **hot water**, so we will get a family roster happening for their use.

Food and Cooking Facilities: This is a self-catered weekend. Camp kitchen and eating area. Lights 12 volt powered by battery - with a couple of 240 volt charging sockets, not for appliances.

Activities/Games:

Plenty of space for fun and games :

Soccer / Touch footy / Basketball / Volleyball / Bocce / Finska / Board games Bushwalks / Bike riding (BYO) Music - campfire singalong (Bring an instrument if you play)

HOLY MASS: Mass in a beautiful bush chapel on either Saturday night or Sunday morning (TBA)

Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family

RSVP: Friday 31 August 2025

Register : <https://www.dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend/>

Pilgrims from the Pacific

bringing their culture to the Youth Jubilee

Three pilgrims from Tahiti, Tonga and Guam share with Vatican News their excitement in participating in the Jubilee of Youth and the hope and energy they want to bring back home.

'Social Hackathon' allows Thai youth to experience synodality

'Mission Possible' is the title of the Second Edition of the Youth Social Hackathon, which offers students in Thailand the opportunity to identify issues in their communities, propose creative responses, and present their ideas to a panel of experts with the possibility of receiving funding to make their solution a reality.

Archdiocese of Seoul sends over 1000 young people to the Jubilee in Rome

The Archdiocese of Seoul organizes a send-off event on Saturday, July 19, to prepare the 1078 young Korean Catholics who will be travelling to Rome to attend the Jubilee of Youth

Pope Leo:

We are with the young people of Gaza, Ukraine and war-torn lands
At the conclusion of the closing Mass for the Jubilee of Youth, Pope Leo remembers young people suffering "the most serious evils" caused by other human beings, mentioning specifically war-torn Gaza, Ukraine, and "every land bloodied by war."

CATHOLIC MUSIC AWARDS 2025

celebrate faith, music, and unity

The first-ever Catholic Music Awards, or 'Catholic Grammys,' took place Sunday evening at Rome's Auditorium Conciliazione and the award ceremony marked a historic global event in the Catholic music world



ENGLISH MUSIC

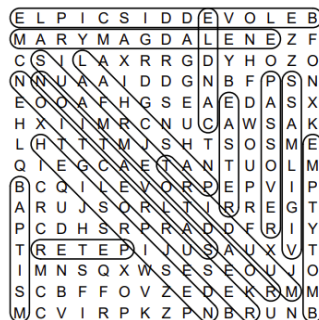
Robert Galea - Love You (Best Praise-Worship Song)
Fr. Giuseppe Pietro Arsciwals - **Dominican Blessing** (Best Parish Choir)
Fr. Maximilian M. Dean - Song to Mary (Best **Marian** Song)
Debora Vezzani - Mother of God (Best **Catechesis** Song)
Mariana BE - New Life (Best **Evangelization** Song)
Priscilla Salisbury - Rejoice Greatly (Best **Female** Singer)
Luciano Lamonarca - The Song of Saint Pio (Best **Male** Singer)
Sarah Hart - All The Earth Alive Rejoicing (Best **Album**)
Andrean Peters - Wonderful Love (Best **Rock** Song)
Juan Camilo Pérez - Holy (Best **Pop** Song)
James J. Wright - Drawn Back to the Table (Best **Production** Song)
Gen Verde - We Choose Peace (Best Music **Video**)
Francesca LaRosa - My Soul Proclaims (Best **New** Singer)
JoEmma Vomvolakis - Be Still (Best **English** Song)

PORTUGUESE MUSIC

Jonny Mendes - Em Tua Presença Senhor
Maíra Jaber - Espelho de Mulher
Amor e Adoração - Entre Nós
Raní Jaber - Jamais te deixei só
Thiago Tomé - Outro igual não há
Marcelle Rocha - Mar do Coração
Cassiano Menke - Água Viva
Pitter Di Laura - Até Jesus Voltar
Rosa de Saron - A Rosa e o Espinho
Albanita Silva - Nada Temerei
Ziza Fernandes - Coração Errante
Rosa de Saron - Baile das Máscaras
Flavio José Ferreira - MIKHA'EL
Vida Reluz - Justo é o Senhor
Reale & Ziza Fernandes - No Teu Nome

SPANISH MUSIC

Nathali Paredes Lozano - Te Pertenezco
Agnes Choir - Ven a mí
Ana Noriega Rodríguez - Aquí traigo mi tinaja
Javier Iván Díaz - Pan del cielo
Adveniat Banda Católica - La tarde del pastor
Freddie Chavarría - Dios no fallará
Blanca Guadalupe Aguilar - Belleza de amor
Johann Álvarez - Hoy te amo más
Aisha Ruah - Sal de ti
Carlos Andrés Ferrera Palma - Jesucristo Salvador
Aldana Canale - En Ti Confío
Swing de Fe - Llena de gracia
Jesús Israel Salas Jurado - Necesito de ti
Joaquín Francisco Nicolás Chávez - Mi medicina
Jessica Zuluaga - Qué amor más grande
Miriam Fernández (Renata) - Ghosting
Carolina Imperial - Jamás dejaste mi lado
Zamar Adoración - Poderoso Nombre
Agustina Baro Graf - Todo te lo doy



ITALIAN MUSIC

Shout! Koinonia - Maràna tha!
Kantiere Kairòs & Dajana - Complice a Cana
Tiziana Manenti - Kyrie Eleison
Acordis - Una Casa sulla Roccia
Elena Martelli - Vivi per qualcosa di grande
Debora Vezzani - Amore in Loop
Marco Mammoli - Eccomi
D_Peppe - Vivo
Reale - Sono Rimasto Vivo
Reale - Migliore
Gen Verde - La Via della Pace
The Sun - Appunti verso la fine del mondo
Carolina Bongiovanni - A casa da te
The Sun - Senza te non si può fare
The Sun - Un buon motivo per vivere