



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
14 September, 2025

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

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

Kelly Masterson, Peter Gianetti, Domenico & Loretta Gianetti, Gino & Emilia Di Cesare, Frank Raymont, George Zarb, Jimmy Mifsud

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



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING Num 21:4–9: When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 77:1–2, 34–38:

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

2nd READING Phil 2:6–11: He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 3:13–17: The Son of Man must be lifted up.

THE HOLY CROSS IS THE SIGN OF HOPE FOR SALVATION

This Sunday we commemorate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast is celebrated to honor the discovery of the true cross, which Jesus was hung by St. Helena the mother of Constantine in 326. After the death and the resurrection of Jesus, the Jews and the Romans hid the Holy Sepulchre (Christ's tomb) and his cross. Earth was mounded up and pagan temple built on top. St. Helena was inspired to travel to Jerusalem in search for the true cross. Three crosses were eventually found. Helena and Saint Macarius, bishop of Jerusalem, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross. The crosses were taken to a woman near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. Another tradition says the body of a dead man was laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the man to life. Constantine constructed churches at the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated. Last couple of weeks in the gospel, Jesus insisted on his disciples if you want to become my follower, deny yourself and carry your cross. Today the church invites us that we should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. At Lent, we pray the Stations of the Cross. We united in praying; we adore you O Christ and we bless you. Because by your holy Cross you redeemed the whole world. – Fr Feleki Tautunu | Parish Administrator

IN OUR PARISH



Monday 15 Sep

1pm Rosary, Leppington
(7pm – Men's Ministry meet)

Tuesday 16 Sep

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

Wednesday 17 Sep

8am Mass, Oran Park
(7pm – Women's Ministry meet)

Thursday 18 Sep

9:30am Rosary
10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 19 Sep

9:30am Mass, Oran Park

Saturday 20 Sep

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

Sunday 21 Sep

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

Chaldean Holy Mass

Sunday 12:00noon

Saints of the week

15 Sep: Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial

16 Sep: Sts. Cornelius pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

17 Sep: Saint Hildegard of Bingen
Saint Robert Bellarmine

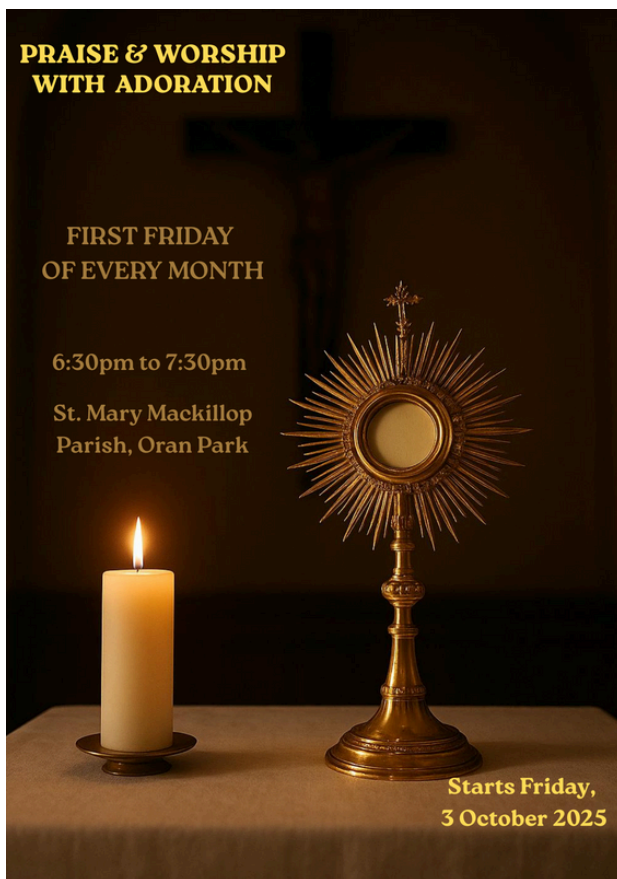
19 Sep: Saint Januarius

PRAISE & WORSHIP WITH ADORATION

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:30pm to 7:30pm

St. Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park



Starts Friday,
3 October 2025

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH, LEPPINGTON.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES 2025.

TO BE DRAWN ON 21 DECEMBER 2025.

TICKET PURCHASE CONTACT :
DOMENIC 0400 588 248

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Parish Sacramental Coordinator
- Parish SRE Catechist Coordinator

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BISHOP BRIAN'S APPEAL

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and the sound and holistic formation of our Seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated."

+ Bishop Brian Mascord

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<https://www.dow.org.au/giving/>

WE HAVE RECEIVED ENVELOPES WHICH WILL BE ON WELCOME TABLE

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



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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



CAMINO WALK 2025

Organised by the Life, Marriage and Family team within the Sydney Diocese Centre for Evangelisation; it was an overnight walking pilgrimage in Sutherland Shire for men in honour of our Spiritual Father **St Joseph**. The Camino began with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher on Friday Sept 5 alongside Confessions. The Camino concluded with 7am Mass at St Aloysius on Saturday Sept 6 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast. Hot coffee was provided 13 Twelve Mobile Cafe ! Walk included 6 churches. Each stop featured a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment. **Men from our parish** participated in this event.



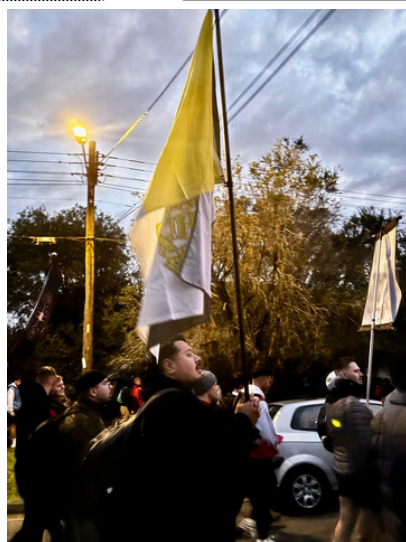
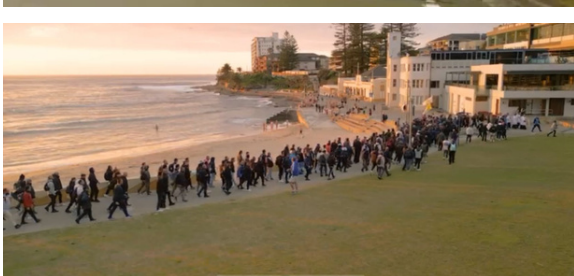
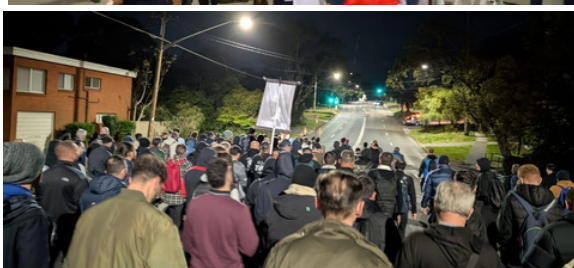
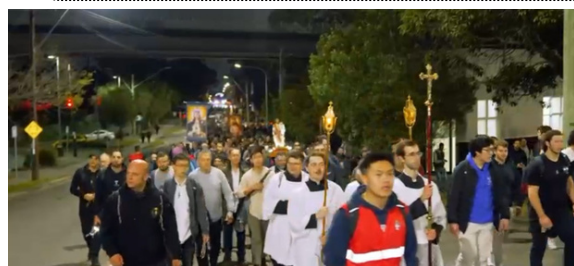
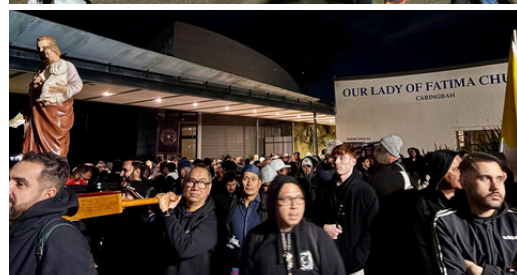
20 Sep: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & companions. Died 1839–1867 .

Patron Saints of Korea

During the period Catholicism was suppressed many had to practise their faith covertly. Kim was one of thousands who were executed during this time. In 1846, at the age of 25, he was tortured and finally beheaded near Seoul on the Han River.

His last words were: "This is my last hour of life, listen to me attentively: if I have held communication with foreigners, it has been for my religion and my God. It is for Him that I die. My immortal life is on the point of beginning. Become Christians if you wish to be happy after death, because God has eternal chastisements in store for those who have refused to know Him"

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The Age of Authenticity: A New Path to Renewal, Thursday 18 Sep 6pm-7pm. Venue: Online Cost: **FREE**

In today's world, personal authenticity is often seen as the highest good. But what does this mean for the Church's mission in a culture shaped by secularism? Together, Bishop Mark Edwards and Sr Kathryn Kingsley, MGL will explore this cultural shift through the lens of Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*—a work that has shaped how many understand belief and unbelief in modern times.

Season of Creation

Together, we can *Turn Debt into Hope* and build a more just world.

Sign the petition and learn more at:
www.caritas.org.au/debt



This **Season of Creation** (1 Sep – 4 Oct), Caritas AU is inviting parishioners to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal

World Mission Sunday is only a month away. Catholic Mission works on behalf of Pope Leo to support Church-run mission programs around the world, and each year the Holy Father proclaims a message to inspire the focus on missionary activity for the coming World Mission Month celebrations in October. The theme for 2025 is, **"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"**, and Catholic Mission in Australia will be directing this year's fundraising to the Church's important work in Zambia.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Join the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), taking place at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from **30 November to 2 December 2025**. ACYF is a national celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia for a powerful experience of encounter, formation, prayer, and community. Each day includes dynamic speakers, workshops, music, Mass, and an interactive expo. Travel and accommodation are being organised through Harvest Journeys, with a full package including your ACYF ticket, return flights, transfers, 4 nights hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, and dinner on arrival (the night before the Festival).

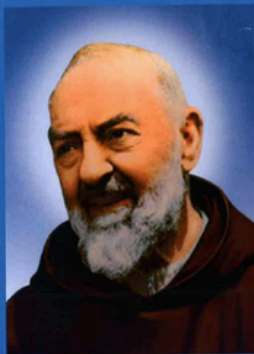
Spots are limited and must be finalised by mid-September.

To register or find out more, visit dow.org.au/cymw or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au

Jubilee Website: The Diocesan Jubilee Website is continually being updated about jubilee events, and has a wealth of information, links and resources to assist pastors and the faithful to embrace this Holy Year as Pilgrims of Hope at jubilee.dow.org.au

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina FEAST DAY

and blessing with
St. Padre Pio's Relic
21 September 2025



TRIDUUM

ST. PADRE PIO'S NOVENA AND MASS
Thursday 18 September 7:00pm
Friday 19 September 7:00pm
Saturday 20 September 5:30pm

Sunday 21 September 10:00am
Procession followed by the
Feast Day Mass,
Veneration and Blessing
with St. Padre Pio's Relic
& fellowship meal.



Contact Details:
Phone: (02) 4789 2232
34 William Howell Drive
Glenmore Park 2745

CATECHIST RETREAT

As part of **JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS (26-28 Sep)**, will be a joyful day of celebration & nourishment. Wonderful facilitators: Jude Hennessy, Fr Bernard Gordon VG, & Sr Magdalen Mather OSB, will each lead us into a richer and more personal understanding of the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be 9:30am – 2:30pm in **Rosemeadow on Fri 26 Sep**. Spouses are welcome. Morning Tea is provided. BYO lunch. To register go to: dow.sh/catret

15 SEP: JUBILEE OF CONSOLATION

Compassionate God, we turn to You as the source of comfort and hope for all who are burdened or in pain. Bless those who bring consolation to others, that their words and actions may reflect Your healing love and bring peace to wounded hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

20 SEP: JUBILEE OF JUSTICE

Lord in your justice and mercy You bestow on every human life, the dignity of being made in your divine image. Bless all who strive to uphold fairness and truth, that they may be guided by Your wisdom and work to build a world rooted in opportunity, compassion, and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.



May cry of people suffering in war rise as trusting prayer to God

Pope Leo XIV renews his invitation for everyone to pray for peace in war-torn places, appealing for protection and care for children.

Bishop consecrated for **Chinese diocese** created by Pope Leo XIV. In conformity with the Provisional Agreement between the Holy See and the Chinese government, Joseph Wang Zhengui receives episcopal consecration, becoming the first bishop of the new diocese of Zhangjiakou, created two months ago by Pope Leo XIV.



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Cardinal Parolin greets a crowd of people during his visit to Burundi, 16 August, 2025

Parolin in **Burundi**: For the common good, so everyone may live with dignity

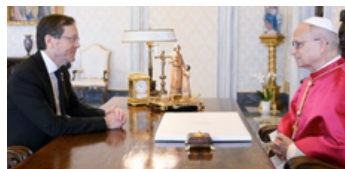
During his visit to the African country, the Cardinal Secretary of State celebrated Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary at the Marian Shrine of Mugera, and the day before, he inaugurated a monument at the site where the Apostolic Nuncio, Monsignor Courtney, was assassinated in December 2003.

Pope to **Israeli President**: Urgent ceasefire and aid for Gaza

During a private audience, Pope Leo XIV and Isaac Herzog discuss the need for an urgent ceasefire and unimpeded aid access for Gaza, as well as the liberation of all remaining hostages and a two-state solution as the only path to peace

Pope XIV receives in audience the President of **Poland**.

Karol Nawrocki then holds talks with leaders of the Secretariat of State for discussions on the conflict in Ukraine and the socio-political situation of his country.



India: Thousands celebrate Nativity of Virgin Mary at 'Lourdes of the East'
At the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, millions of devotees flock to Tamil Nadu, India, to venerate the Mother of God over the course of an 11-day annual festival held across major Basilicas and Shrines in the South Indian state.

Pope invites **Mediterranean Youth Council** to be signs of hope
Pope Leo XIV encourages members of the Mediterranean Youth Council to be signs of hope, saying their "high ideals and creativity" allow them to make fundamental contributions to peace in the Mediterranean region and around the world.

Archbishop Gallagher pays tribute to late Nuncio to EU, Noël Treanor
At an event promoted by the Embassy of Ireland to the Holy See, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States and International Organisations, remembers the life and legacy of the late Archbishop Noël Treanor, **former Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union**



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What's an "Exaltation"?

A Special Celebration!

On September 14th, we have a special feast day to honor the Cross.

To "Exalt" Means...

To lift something high or think highly of it. We are lifting up the Cross as a sign of God's love!

We Thank God For...

Sending His son, Jesus, to save us through the Cross.

A new K-12 college for 1,800 students in southwest Sydney will be named after the newly minted saint, Carlo Acutis.

The new co-educational school is scheduled to open in 2030 with classes for kindergarten and Year 7.

Enrolments for Years 1 to 6 will be considered based on community demand. It will be located on the corner of Heath and Rickard Roads, in Leppington.



The Catholic Church will commemorate the **liturgical memorial** of **St. Carlo Acutis on Oct. 12** and of **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati on July 4**.

The two young men were canonized Sept. 7 by Pope Leo XIV in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

In the case of St. Carlo Acutis, the Italian teenager who died in 2006 and was beatified in Assisi in October 2020, his feast day was set for Oct. 12, coinciding with the anniversary of his death from fulminant leukemia at the age of 15.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young man from Turin who died in 1925 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1990, will be commemorated every year on July 4, also coinciding with the day of his death. His memorial Mass is celebrated especially in Italy and in youth communities that consider him a patron and spiritual role model.



The Duchess of Kent, the first royal to become Catholic in 300 years, dies at 93.

source Catholic Weekly

Ecclesial communities meet bishops in Sydney

Representatives of 25 Catholic movements met with bishops in Sydney recently to strengthen ties, share charisms, and explore collaboration. BCELm leaders called the first gathering in over a decade historic, fostering dialogue, synodality, and greater co-responsibility