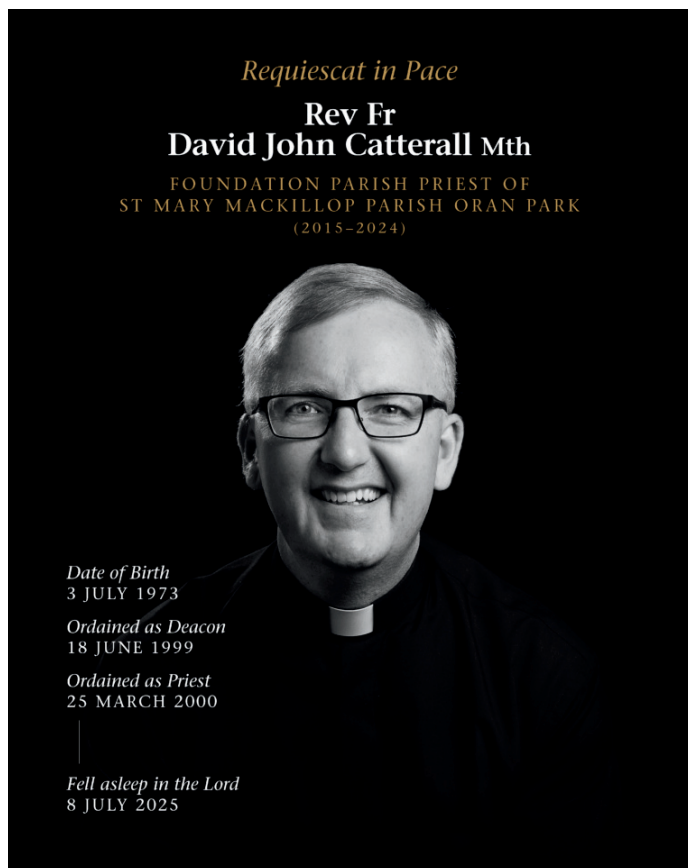




**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK

**The Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time – Year C**  
20th July, 2025



## **Fr. David Catterall's Funeral Details**

### **VIGIL MASS**

To be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord  
at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 23 July 2025  
*St. Benedict's / St. Justin's School Hall, Oran Park*

### **FUNERAL MASS**

To be celebrated by Fr. James Arblaster  
at 11:00am on Thursday, 24 July 2025  
St. Paul's Catholic Church  
249 Tongarra Road, Albion Park, NSW

### **Coach Travel To Albion Park**

Seats are limited - priority will be given to parishioners  
unable to drive (24 July 2025).  
Departing Hollows Drive @ 9.15am  
Leaving Albion Park @ 1.30pm  
Please contact parish office.

**Funeral Live Streaming Link**  
for both the Vigil Mass & Funeral Mass of Fr. David.

**<https://dow.sh/frcatteralllivestream>**

*Please note: Stream will become available approximately 5 minutes before the scheduled start time.  
This may require you to refresh/reload your browser.*

### **A message from Fr. Feleki**

The days are counting down before we lay to rest our beloved Fr. David Cattarell. I am overwhelmed by the flood of condolences and sympathy messages from our wider community. This makes our parish who we are through the spiritual foundation laid by our foundational Parish Priest, Fr. David. This reminds me of the Israelites while in exile at Babylon. They mourned the loss of their identity and their city and cried out; if I ever forget you Jerusalem, let my right hand withered (Psalm 137: 5). How can we forget you Fr. David? When we close our eyes to pray, you are there in our minds, if we close our eyes to sleep, you are there in our dreams, and when we celebrate the mass as a parish, you are there among the people whom you hold close into your heart. You are forever in our hearts.

Our Lord continues to speak to us about the spirituality at the heart of our Parish Vision established by Fr. David. Listening to the Lord who speaks to us through his word, and allowing his word to inspire our actions in serving the needs of our neighbors. The two sisters in today's gospel represent us in our parish. Fr. David worked hard to harmonize the two spiritualities, which are the spirituality of hospitality and the spirituality of prayer as highlighted in the gospel. This work of our beloved Fr. David will never be taken away from us. Let us continue to develop this spirituality in honour and memory of the Lord whom David served faithfully.



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### **A PRAYER FOR FR DAVID**

**Heavenly Father**

**We entrust to your loving care the soul of your faithful servant, Fr David John Catterall.**

**May his service to your Church and people find fulfilment in the peace of your heavenly kingdom. Comfort all who mourn his passing, and inspire us to follow his example of faith and love.**

**Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.  
Servant of God Eileen O'Connor, pray for us.**

**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)**

#### **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**

#### **Fr Feleki, Deacons Sam and Sinh, Parish Staff, and the Faithful People of Oran Park Parish**

##### **Condolences from Lumen Christi Parish**

On behalf of the clergy, parishioners, and staff of Lumen Christi Parish, I wish to extend to you our deepest condolences and shared sorrow at the sudden and heartbreaking death of your beloved pastor, Fr David Catterall. Fr David's passing has deeply affected so many throughout the Diocese of Wollongong and beyond, and we at Lumen Christi join with you in mourning a priest whose heart was ever turned toward the people he served. Fr David was a man of immense compassion and integrity. His pastoral leadership, his gentle encouragement, and his deep love for Christ and the Church were evident in all he did. He brought warmth to his ministry, clarity to his preaching, and a joyful presence to every liturgy and gathering. His devotion to the people of Oran Park, his commitment to building up your parish community from its earliest foundations, and his tireless care for the sick and vulnerable all speak

to the kind of priest he was — a faithful shepherd in the image of the Good Shepherd. As we give thanks to God for the gift of Fr David's priesthood and his many years of generous service, we also unite our prayers with yours in this time of grief. Please be assured that we are holding you — Fr Feleki, Deacons Sam and Sinh, the parish staff, and each of your parishioners — close in our hearts during this time of sorrow and remembrance. **Lumen Christi Parish**

## 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.

**Robert Michael Watson, Monique & Claude Serret, Janos Toth, Sandra O'Sullivan, Dolores Doyle, George Fattal.**

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 - 21<sup>st</sup> July**

1pm Rosary, Leppington

#### **Tuesday - 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

9:30am Rosary on Zoom

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation, Adoration

6:40pm Evening Prayer, Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

#### **Wednesday - 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

8am Mass, Oran Park

#### **Thursday - 24<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Friday - 25<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

#### **Saturday - 26<sup>th</sup> July**

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

## Trivia Night - POSTPONED

In light of the recent passing of Fr David, the decision has been made to postpone the upcoming trivia night, out of respect and to allow our Parish community time to mourn. We understand this news may be disappointing, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support during this time.

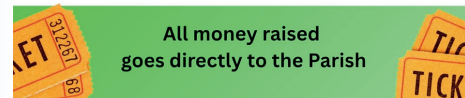
Once a new date is confirmed, we will share it with the Parish community and look forward to gathering together as many people as possible in celebration of the vibrant Parish that Fr David played such a key role in building



**1st Prize: Artwork**  
**2nd Prize: Crocheted Church**  
**3rd Prize: Bible and Missal**

Tickets will be sold at the Fiesta and at Masses on weekends of 28/29 June, 1 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.

## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Indian community invites you for the solemn Mass on the feast of "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" & celebration of **India's Independence Day** on **15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, at 6pm.**

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


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.



**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

**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



St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish ORAN PARK



**Let's fight this spiritual battle together !**

Join along with other MEN of our parish.

**St. Michael's Lent Starts August 15**

Contact Parish Office

🎵 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**

**The MacKillop Craft Group**

Wish to thank everyone who supported their Winter Sales last weekend, and to those who purchased items to donate to the nursing homes visited by Fr Feleki, Deacon Sam, Deacon Sinh and Ken Garland. All proceeds of the sales go towards Parish needs.

🎵 **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: dowlingmargie@gmail.com  
Let's lift our voices together in praise!

## Saints of the week

**St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe**  
Wednesday 23rd July, 2025

St. Bridget of Sweden, also known as St. Birgitta, was a religious figure and **one of the six patron saints of Europe**, along with St. Benedict of Nursia, St. Cyril and St. Methodius, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born in Sweden & married at the age of 13, they had eight children, including **St. Catherine of Sweden**.

After the death of her husband, she devoted her life to Christ and founded the **Bridgettines**, also known as the Order of the Most Holy Savior, in 1346 (approved by Pope Urban V in 1370).

St. Bridget is known for her mystical experiences and visions, which included revelations from God and **descriptions of Purgatory**. She also had a deep relationship with God, which included additional visions of Jesus. She is the patron saint of Sweden and is also known as the **patroness of widows** and for a **holy death**.

**St Christine, Virgin & Martyr**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Christina was a young woman who, on account of her love of Christ, found enemies within her own family. She was tortured by her own father to induce her to renounce her faith. After his death, the torture continued, until, shot by arrows, she won the crown of martyrdom.

**St. Charbel Makhlof, priest (1828-1898)**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (Maronite Calendar)

A Maronite Catholic priest known for his deep devotion to prayer, asceticism, and miracles both during and after his life.

Born as **Youssef Antoun Makhlof** in 1828 in Lebanon, he entered religious life at the age of 23 and was ordained a priest in 1859.

Spent 16 years at monastery before living as a **hermit**. Known for his rigorous asceticism and profound union with God. Died on Christmas Eve in 1898 after suffering a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy.

His tomb has been a site of pilgrimage since his death, with numerous miracles attributed to his intercession.

## 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**  
**Monday 21 July (St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown)**

**& Tuesday 22 July (Wollongong)**

Time: 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Registration: [dow.sh/culture](https://dow.sh/culture)



### SPECIAL GUEST – MICHAEL HARVEY

Michael Harvey is a member of The College of Archbishop's Evangelists in London and has written several books about invitational culture, including *Unlocking the Growth* and *Invited to Heal*.



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## 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 Blessed.

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 27 July 2025

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!  
Help us to continue our pilgrimage  
through time,

animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world,  
to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars,  
to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,  
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren,  
for our loved ones

and for everyone we meet,  
the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring,  
in a world distracted from You,  
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost

For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.

Blessed are those  
who have not lost hope  
(cf. Sir 14:2)



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2025



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PRO LAICIS, FAMILIA ET VITA