



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

– Year C. **28 SEPTEMBER, 2025**



ST. GABRIEL, ST. MICHAEL & ST. RAPHAEL
The Arch Angels
Feast Day: 29 September 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING Amos 6:1, 4–7: You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:6–10: R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd READING 1 Tim 6:11–16: Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia! (2 Cor 8:9)

GOSPEL Lk 16:1–13: Lk 16:19–31: During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

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 :

Ilalio Tautunu (Fr. Feleki's brother who passed away on 25 Sep), Bryan Auld, Frank Rayment, George Zarb, Jimmy Mifsud, Leonard Hoven, Kelly Masterson, Eva Fenech, Emily Novak, Grahame Maythers

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

Today our dear Lord continues to teach us about the kingdom of God and how to determine our way to heaven. While we still on earth, we live our lives with our eyes fixed to our heavenly home. The two characters presented in the gospel both represented us all. The nameless rich man may be materially rich, but unfortunately poor in love and compassion. He loves himself and his wealth more than his neighbors. He failed to have the word of God transformed his life and live the greatest commandment; "you must love the Lord your God with all your all heart, with all your mind, all your strength, and you must love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:36–40).

Lazarus on the other hand, lived his life with sore and extreme poverty. He may be materially poor, but rich in faith and love of God. He placed his trust and hope in God at his unfortunate condition. The sufferings he endured on earth is nothing compared to the glory he enjoyed in heaven. This is a purely a dream comes true. Heaven is real. Who among us does not want to be there? At his torment and suffering, the rich man was concerned about his brothers remaining on earth who seemed to live the same life as him. He requested to send someone to tell them to change their ways of life. Abraham responded; they have Moses and the Prophets. Abraham simply says they have the scripture and must pay attention to the word of God. Moses represents the law, and the prophets represent the word of God. Our prayer today; Oh God let your word melt our hearts and teach us your precepts.

Fr. Feleki Tautunu | Parish Administrator

IN OUR PARISH

Monday 29 Sep

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

Tuesday 30 Sep

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

Wednesday 1 Oct

8am **Communion Service**,
Oran Park

Thursday 2 Oct

9.30am Rosary
10am **Communion Service**,
Oran Park

Friday 3 Oct

9.30am **Communion Service**,
Oran Park
6:30pm **Praise & Worship with
Adoration**, Oran Park

Saturday 4 Oct

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

Sunday 5 Oct

8am Mass, Leppington
8am Mass, Oran Park
10am Mass, Oran Park
5pm Mass, Oran Park
Chaldean Holy Mass
Sunday 12:00noon

**DUE TO THE CLERGY RETREAT,
THERE WILL BE
COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY,
FOR THE BELOW DATES:**

- **WEDNESDAY 1 OCT**
- **THURSDAY 2 OCT**
- **FRIDAY 3 OCT**



Young Adults of Diocese of Wollongong – get ready for a friendly football match with our seminarians!
Come and play or cheer us on from the sidelines –
game is open to all young men and women of all levels of fitness.

Where : Strathfield Park

When: Sunday 5th October, 3pm

RSVP: by Sunday 28th September at bit.ly/GSFOOTBALL

**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 Dec 2025.

Ticket Purchase Contact : Domenic 0400 588 248

CHURCH 'COMFORT SPACES'

Our Parish Administration Team is currently discerning utilising the Tenison Woods Room and the Confessional at our Oran Park Church for the purpose of 'Comfort Spaces' during Mass. These spaces would allow parents with young children to step away from the Mass without missing it. These rooms would provide a private space for a person to cry, calm a child, or handle a disruption while still being able to view and hear the service. We would value your feedback and comments in this matter by completing a very brief survey using the following QR Code or email the Parish Office.



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 To Donate online visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving/>
ENVELOPES ON WELCOME TABLE

**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



Saints of the week

29 SEP: FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL & ST. RAPHAEL – ARCHANGELS

30 SEP: St Jerome (memorial) Catholic + Eastern Orthodox saint & Doctor of the Church

2 OCT: The Holy Guardian Angels (memorial)

1 OCT: ST. THERESE OF CHILD JESUS / THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX (MEMORIAL)

A French Discalced Carmelite nun who became one of the most popular saints in the history of the Catholic Church. In 1997, Pope St. John Paul II declared her the thirty-third Doctor of the Church, the youngest person and only the third woman to receive this honor, recognizing her profound spiritual wisdom despite her limited formal writings. She is the patroness of missions, florists, gardeners, the loss of parents, and Russia & is also considered the co-patron of France. Died on 30 Sep 1897, aged 24, believing that her life was really just beginning for God, promising to spend her heaven doing good on earth. Her final words were, "Oh, my God, I love you!"



BE NOT AFRAID – THORN IN THE FLESH | CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

With the theme 'Thorn in the flesh, finding strength in weakness', the conference, hosted by the Sydney Archdiocese – Centre for Evangelisation Life, Marriage & Family Team; invited speakers including Archbishop Julian Porteous, Tomasz Juszczak, Fr Duncan Wong FSSP & Andrew Condoleon to speak to the men about confronting their weaknesses and present them to God for healing.



"If you can reach the man, you'll reach the marriage, and if you reach the marriage you'll reach the family, and if you reach the family, you reach the Church. One man at a time".

Robert Falzon | Founder – Men Alive.

Men from our parish, were spiritually enriched at this event.



DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG
Office of the Bishop



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Clergy
All Parishes
Heads of Pastoral Works
Religious
Catholic Development Fund
Office of the Bishop

DATE: 12 September 2025

FROM: Most Rev B G Mascord
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

REF: BGM:rd

SUBJECT: **Announcement Priestly Ordination**

It is with great joy that I announce that Deacons Joseph Nguyen, Sinh Le and Darren McDowell have been accepted for Ordination to the Presbyter.

Their ordination will take place on Saturday 13 December 2025 at 10:00am at All Saints Catholic Church, Shellharbour.

I wish to thank all those from across the Diocese who have walked this journey with them over the years of their formation.

Please hold Darren, Sinh and Joseph in prayer as they move towards this important day in the service of God's people.

+Brian Mascord

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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.

**Blessing of Animals, Monday,
6 October at 9:30am.**

As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul on the Monday of the long weekend, 6 October at 9:30am. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers/handlers are welcome, though please keep the larger pythons on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Saturday, 4 October, and there will be a special Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), taking place at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from **30 Nov to 2 Dec 2025**. National celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia. To register or find out more, visit dow.org.au/cymw or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au

Registration MUST BE received by 29 Sep

Vocaris: Testimony Night! Saturday, 4 Oct (6 – 10pm) Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall, 20 Broughton Street, WILTON
Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS, a testimony night – a powerful evening of faith, testimonies, and community, brought to you by the Vocations Promotions Team! Whether you're a regular at events or brand new, you're so welcome
What's for Dessert ? HOT CHOCOLATE STATION
For more details and registration visit: dow.sh/4mIVvrd

MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE
among all peoples



In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission





Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the **Rosary every day during October** to invoke God's gift of peace, and announces a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.



Nuncio asks for prayers and action for war-torn **Sudan**

The closeness of the Pope and of the Church to the war-struck people of Sudan was at the heart of the Apostolic Nuncio's mission as he travelled to the suffering country to meet with the Catholic community there and engage with political authorities.



US Bishops reiterate concrete solidarity with the Church in Africa

The Bishops of the United States renew their solidarity with the Bishops and faithful of the African continent, praying that government officials and all people may work together to bring peace, justice, and security.

Order of Malta continues to ensure humanitarian support
The Grand Hospitaller of the Order of Malta concludes a 4-day visit to war-struck Ukraine, where the Order runs many different humanitarian projects, showing closeness to the people and promising to continue to strengthen humanitarian cooperation to ensure effective and coordinated support.

Pope Leo XIV sends a telegram to the Chief Rabbi of Rome on the occasion of **Rosh Ha-Shanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot**, expressing gratitude for mutual bonds of friendship and inviting the Jewish community to always promote peace.

Join the **'Peace for Gaza' Prayer Vigil**. The Community of Sant'Egidio, together with numerous Catholic associations and movements, is promoting "Peace for Gaza", a prayer vigil organised in response to Pope Leo XIV's appeal and to "the extreme gravity of the war and humanitarian situation in Gaza."

The Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood (CPS) are celebrating **140 years** of missionary presence, service, and witness, a journey that began in the hills of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and has since embraced the entire world.



Pope Leo XIV to exorcists:

Your ministry is necessary and delicate
In a message to a meeting of the International Association of Exorcists, held just outside Rome, the Pope encouraged participants to accompany the faithful who suffer from evil through prayers of liberation and consolation.

Holy See to IAEA: Moral imperative to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons

Msgr. Daniel Pacheco, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs at the Secretariat of State, addresses the 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, saying the rise in military expenditures represents an "affront to all humanity."



Pope Leo XIV meets with the **Indonesian** Catholic community in Rome, and invites them to build bonds of friendship and dialogue.

"We are not the masters of our lives or of the goods we enjoy; everything has been given to us as a gift by the Lord, who has entrusted this to our care, our freedom, and our responsibility."

POPE LEO XIV (21 September 2025)



WHO ARE ANGELS ? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, angels are pure spirits who serve God and are messengers of His will (CCC 328–336). Among these angels, Michael is often depicted as a warrior angel who combats evil. The Catechism refers to the spiritual battle that exists between good and evil, and Michael is traditionally seen as the chief defender against the forces of evil, particularly Satan. The Church honors Gabriel, along with Michael and Raphael, on the feast of the Archangels, celebrated on September 29.

This feast acknowledges the significant roles that these archangels play in the divine plan and their intercessory power.

TAKE ME HOME



HEALER

St Raphael the The Archangel

is recognized in all three major religions of the world. He is mentioned by name in the Book of Tobit and 1 Enoch. Jewish tradition tells us Raphael was one of three heavenly visitors entertained by Abraham at the Oak of Mamre. In the Book of Tobit, Raphael identifies himself as "the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord" (Tobit 12:15, NABRE). He is sent by God to heal Tobit and to guide Tobias on his journey, ultimately leading to the healing of Tobit's sight.



PROTECTOR

St. Michael, The Archangel

The biblical basis for St. Michael's role can be found in the Book of Revelation, where he leads the heavenly hosts in battle against the dragon (often interpreted as Satan) (Revelation 12:7–9). Additionally, in the Book of Daniel, Michael is described as a protector of Israel and a leader among angels (Daniel 10:13, 12:1).



MESSENGER

St. Gabriel, The Archangel

Gabriel is mentioned in the Bible as an angel who delivers important messages from God. In the Gospel of Luke, he is notably the angel who announces the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah (Luke 1:11–20) and the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary regarding the Incarnation of Jesus (Luke 1:26–38). These events highlight Gabriel's role as a divine messenger, bringing significant news that has profound implications for salvation history. Gabriel is also mentioned in the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament, where he interprets visions and provides insight to the prophet Daniel (Daniel 8:16–26; 9:21–27). This further establishes Gabriel as a key figure in the communication of divine knowledge and prophecy.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses the existence of **EVIL SPIRITS**, primarily in the context of the Church's teaching on angels and the reality of spiritual warfare. Evil spirits, often referred to as demons, are understood as fallen angels who have rebelled against God and now seek to lead humanity away from Him. According to the Catechism, angels are created beings with free will, and some chose to reject God's will and grace. This rebellion led to their fall from grace, and they became evil spirits (CCC 414). The Catechism notes that these fallen angels are in opposition to God and His creation, actively working to tempt and harm humanity. The existence of evil spirits is affirmed in Scripture, where they are depicted as adversaries of God and His people. For example, in the Gospels, Jesus encounters and exorcises demons, demonstrating His authority over them (Mark 1:23–26; Luke 8:26–39). The Catechism emphasizes that these spirits are real and can influence individuals, seeking to lead them into sin and away from God (CCC 394). Evil spirits are often associated with various forms of temptation, deception, and spiritual oppression. The Catechism encourages the faithful to be vigilant against these influences and to rely on God's grace, the sacraments, and the intercession of saints to resist evil (CCC 409). In summary, evil spirits are understood as fallen angels who oppose God and seek to lead humanity into sin. The Church teaches that they are real entities that can influence human behavior, and the faithful are called to be aware of their presence while relying on God's strength to resist their temptations. For specific references, see CCC 414 and CCC 394.

