



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## MASS TIMES

**SATURDAYS** St Mary  
**5PM** MacKillop Church  
ORAN PARK  
94 Oran Park Drive

**SUNDAYS** St Mary Mother  
**8AM** of God Church  
LEPPINGTON  
Cnr Ingleburn &  
Dickson Roads

**SUNDAYS** St Mary  
**8AM** MacKillop Church  
**10AM** ORAN PARK  
**5PM** 94 Oran Park Drive

**SUNDAYS** Chaldean Mass  
**12.00 NOON** ORAN PARK

The Season of Creation is increasingly becoming a well-established time in the Church's liturgical year. This year's theme is 'to hope and act with creation'. It is a special time, during which Christians reflect on their relationships between God, people and all creation and come together for prayer and action to demonstrate their love and commitment. During the season of creation, we are invited to consider how hope doesn't mean passively waiting or standing still, but rather being actively engaged. Noticing what moves us, we can discern how to put our gifts and talents to use because our earthly home is in great need. Christian hope, too, is not superficial, but rather has deep roots in the Creator's plans. We see ourselves as part of a bigger picture and rejoice in boundless creative possibilities for the common good. The season of creation inspires communities to reflect on how working together with creation can bring forth new life in many different ways.

## our 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.

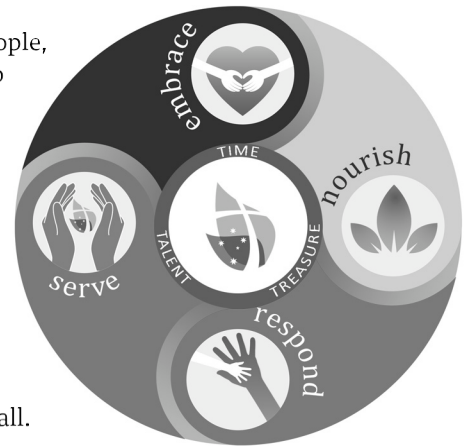
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

We are a parish that **embraces** everyone with radical hospitality.

We are a parish that **serves** with humility.

We are a parish that **nourishes** the faith of all.

We are a parish that **responds** to the needs of our neighbours, wherever they may be.



## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**1 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
(22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
*The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.*  
Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

**We acknowledge the Dharawal People, the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering.**  
**We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which our Parish Mass Centres are built.**

## CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH CLERGY

**Fr David Catterall** | Parish Priest  
**Fr Feleki Tautunu** | Assistant Priest  
**Dn Sam Gennaoui** | Deacon

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY – 2 SEPTEMBER

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY – 3 SEPTEMBER

6pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY – 4 SEPTEMBER

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY – 5 SEPTEMBER

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY – 6 SEPTEMBER

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

### SATURDAY – 7 SEPTEMBER

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

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## LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

If you regularly attend Mass at Oran Park and require a low-gluten host, please email the Parish Office with your name and Mass details.

We would like to begin a process where Pyx are labelled for regular use to remove the need for requests prior to Mass.

## ‘DO SOMETHING SUNDAY’ SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER



During September/October  
– to coincide with **WORLD MISSION MONTH** -  
we are invited to support the work of ‘Catholic Mission’

Envelopes are now available from the Welcome Table and can be left in a collection basket during Mass.



In partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the Theology of the Body Institute, the Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce that once again they will be hosting another not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course experience:

‘The Writings of John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family’,  
from the **19th to the 24th of January**, Sunday to Friday, and is  
now **OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS!**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTJWO>.

Flyers are available from the Welcome Table.

## Giving / Stewardship

**First Offering** – at time of Offertory - supports the clergy of our Diocese.

**Second Offering** – after distribution of Communion - helps with all the costs related to supporting the ministries and works of our parish: including parish staff wages, loan repayments, utilities, liturgy expenses, etc.

**One way that you can enable the mission and vision of your Parish, is by ‘sharing your God-given gift of financial treasure’ through ‘planned giving’.** Contact the Parish Office for more information or use the QR code to access the ‘sign up’ giving form.





Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

**Together we can keep the faith alive.**

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

**Next weekend, September 7 and 8, we welcome to Oran Park, Donna Ransom, an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.**

### BREAK OPEN THE WORD



Break Open the Word is a vital publication for Readers. It contains readings and psalms for each Sunday with NEW commentary providing fresh and insightful background to the text and assistance on how to read it, along with a section entitled "The Ministry of Reader". The popular pronunciation guide is also included.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2025 Break Open the Word (at the Parish Price of \$30), please complete an order form from the Welcome Table and return to the Parish Office **no later than 15 September 2024.**

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

#### 1 SEPTEMBER

Father's Day  
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

#### 8 SEPTEMBER

Aid to the Church in Need

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*Dolores Sitjar, James Muscat, Lucie Elie, Peter Giannetti, Charles & Frances Higgans, Julia & Arthur Higgans, Maria & Anthony Vella, William & Rita Cruze, Jim Vella, Milka Bogovic*

*We join in prayer with the following requests from our community for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers: All those undergoing medical treatment for serious medical conditions*



This year **National Child Protection Week** (1-7 September) will continue to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

In 2024, the message will be complemented with the theme 'Every conversation matters'. Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

As a Parish, we recommit ourselves to remain faithful in our commitment to being a safe place for all, especially children and young people.

### FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winner of our Fathers' Day Raffle:

**Lidia Deregowski**

On behalf of the MacKillop Crafters, we would like to thank everyone for your generous support. The raffle raised \$1,240 which will be donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

### Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience

25-27 October 2024  
Cataract Activity Centre, Appin

Register online:  
<https://dow.sh/ggm24>

## **ENTRANCE**

### **GATHER US IN**

Marty Haugen © 1983 G.I.A Publications

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away.  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken.  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty.  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

## **OFFERTORY**

### **HERE I AM, LORD**

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus:* Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them  
Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

## **COMMUNION**

### **WE COME TO YOU**

Josh Blakesley

1. By your body and blood,  
by your life and your love, renew us.  
May your sacrifice be;  
forgiveness in me; heal us.

#### ***Refrain:***

We come to you.  
We come to you broken, hungry.  
We come to you.  
We come to you. Make us whole again.

2. In the body of Christ  
we are brought to new life; restore us.  
May the flesh that we eat  
and the blood that we drink; save us.

3. By the faith we profess,  
and the sins we confess, mould us.  
We are brought to our knees  
at the altar of peace; change us.

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **BE NOT AFRAID**

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1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

#### ***Refrain:***

Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters  
in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

## **SENDING FORTH**

### **SHINE JESUS SHINE**

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1. Lord the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus, Light the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me; Shine on me.

#### ***Refrain:***

Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me; Shine on me.