



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK



## 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

## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**2 MARCH 2025**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**  
Sirach 27:4-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**  
1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.*  
Alleluia!

## PARISH CLERGY

**Fr Feleki Tautunu** | Administrator  
**Dn Sam Gennaoui** | Deacon  
**Sinh Le** | Seminarian

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, 5 March, our Parish this year will celebrate the Rite of Blessing Palms to Ashes at our Oran Park Church.

Please join us on Tuesday, 4 March, at 6.30pm.

The Season of Lent, invites us to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. Why not join your fellow parishioners this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your preparation for Easter?

Journey with others in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. Either sign up for a Lenten Group for a day and time of the week that works for you or use a Lenten book for your own personal or household Lenten prayer times. **PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF "METANOIA"** - this year's Diocesan Lenten book - **FROM THE WELCOME TABLE AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$5.00 EACH.**

A limited number of CD sets to use with the Lenten book are also available for the special price of \$5.00

## 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.

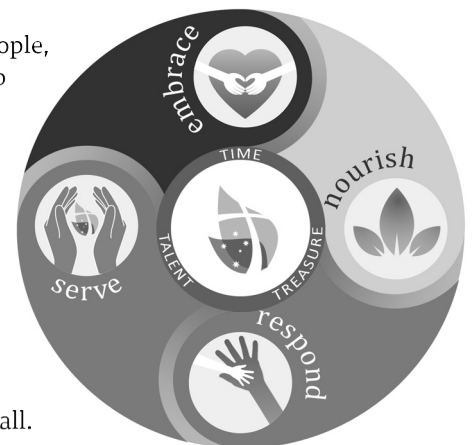
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY – 3 MARCH

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY – 4 MARCH

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,  
Oran Park

5.30pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

6.30pm Rite of Blessing  
Palms to Ashes,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY – 5 MARCH Ash Wednesday

8am Mass, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Leppington

### THURSDAY – 6 MARCH

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY – 7 MARCH

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6pm Stations of the Cross,  
Leppington

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of the Cross,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY – 8 MARCH

4pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

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## DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIM PASSPORT

For those parishioners who were not able to collect a Passport at last weekend's Mass, please be assured the Diocese is arranging for more to be available over the coming weeks.

Please visit the website using the QR code which contains more information about the Jubilee year.



## OUR PARISH 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year our Parish will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary. During these past 10 years many significant events and stories have occurred. To record and remember these events and stories we are setting up an archive in the Parish to properly record, document and share some of these events and stories during our 10th Anniversary celebrations.

We are seeking from our Parishioners, past and present, if you are willing to share your story with the Parish archive.

Your story could include:

- When you came to the Parish
- Involvement with Parish
- Significant events such as Wedding, Christening, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Significant Anniversary with blessing
- Other memories

Your stories can be sent to the Parish office.

(Photos welcome)

Your story will continue long after 2025 and can be added to if you choose to share for future anniversary events.

## 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.



## 2025 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Of all the pious exercises connected with the Fridays of Lent, none is more popular than the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross).

On each of the Fridays of Lent (beginning 7 March) you are invited to gather at 7pm at our Oran Park Church or 6pm at our Leppington Church.

### LENTEN GROUPS – SIGN UP

Lenten Groups are an opportunity, as a member of our Parish, to gather 'in small groups' to reflect on the Lenten scriptures for the coming weekend, to share your faith, to pray and to 'get to know' fellow parishioners outside the context of the weekly Mass. Each session goes for approx. 90 minutes and groups usually finish with a cuppa or supper. Our Parish Lenten Groups are:

**Host: Christen Yousseph** – Monday @ 7pm  
Private Residence, Catherine Field

**Host: Carmen Karauda** – Tuesday or Wednesday @ 7pm  
St Mary, Mother of God Church, Leppington

**Host: Dianne Campbell** – Wednesday @ 12noon  
Private Residence, Spring Farm

**Host: Chris Chircop** – Sunday @ 6pm (Young Adults)  
Oran Park Church

Please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact the Lenten Group Host direct for more information.

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*Janice Dell'Olio, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Lourdes Inandan, Janet Ibe Deang, Fredrick Grounds, Isabel Luz, Miroslav Bogovic, Ruza Marinic, Klara Permoser*

*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

### MESSAGE FROM OUR EMERITUS PARISH PRIEST FR DAVID

Dear Parishioners,

I want to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and prayers since my acute myeloid leukaemia diagnosis in October.

Alongside my ongoing chemotherapy and other treatments, the team at the Kinghorn Cancer Centre, connected to St Vincent's Hospital, has been exploring the possibility of me having a stem cell transplant. While this procedure is not without risks, it offers the potential for a better prognosis.

I have completed all the necessary preliminary tests and scans in preparation for this procedure, which will require me to spend a month in isolation at the hospital. During this time, I have been told that I won't be able to have visitors or receive flowers or other gifts, but I know your prayers and thoughts will be with me, and that will give me great comfort. After my time in isolation, I will need to live close to the hospital for two months for follow-up tests and care.

I thought it would be meaningful that, as my stem cell transplant is providentially taking place close to the places where Eileen O'Connor lived and ministered, I invite you to join me in a novena to this Servant of God, beginning on the first day of my hospital admission and transplant journey, this Thursday 6 March.

While a novena traditionally lasts nine days, it would mean so much to me if you could continue praying the "novena prayer to Eileen" over the one month, while I am in isolation at the hospital.

Thank you for continuing to accompany me in prayer, especially through the intercession of our beloved patron St Mary MacKillop and Eileen O'Connor. Your faith and support mean more to me than I can express.

Blessings to you and your families during this Jubilee Year of Hope,

*Fr David*

**COPIES OF THE NOVENA TO SERVANT OF GOD, EILEEN O'CONNOR, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE WELCOME TABLE AND THIS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.**

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

### **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 SONG**

### **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.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

### **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

Chris Muglia

1. I am the bread of life;  
all who believe in me will have eternal life.  
I am the bread of life come down from heaven  
so that all who eat this bread will never die.

#### ***Refrain***

Take the living bread of life, take the cup of sacrifice;  
do this in memory of me.  
Take the body and the blood, given freely out of love;  
do this in memory of me;  
do this in memory of me.

2. I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will not hunger again.  
I am the bread of life;  
no one can come to me unless the Father draws them  
near to him.

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **WILL YOU LOVE ME**

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1. Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

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

Will you love me as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars  
will be gone like the night,  
And the sun will be shining on you.

2. Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
Is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world?

## **SENDING FORTH**

### **SHOUT TO THE LORD**

Darlene Zschech © 1993

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter.  
Tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath. All that I am,  
Never cease to worship you.

#### ***Chorus:***

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
Forever I'll love you; forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.