



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish



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

3 MARCH 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

Lenten Preface 3

PARISH CLERGY

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

LENTEN PENANCE & OBLIGATIONS

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Season of Lent. Please visit the Notice Board for more information.

A limited number of copies of the Lenten message from Pope Francis are available from the Welcome Table.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (14 February 2024) and Trinity Sunday (26 May 2024) unless, for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

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.

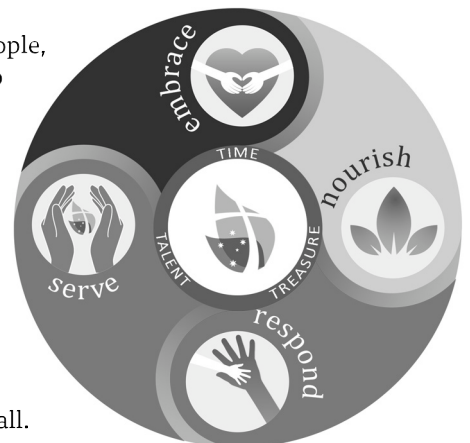
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



We are the parish of Mary MacKillop.

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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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 4 MARCH

1pm Praying of the Rosary,
Leppington

TUESDAY 5 MARCH

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY 7 MARCH

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,
Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY 8 MARCH

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of the Cross,
Oran Park

SATURDAY 9 MARCH

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

ST VINCENT de PAUL PANTRY DRIVE

Thank you to all who kindly donated items and the volunteers who assisted in sorting and transporting to the Camden/Oran Park St Vincent de Paul Pantry. The wonderful contributions of the much needed pantry items was overwhelmingly generous and greatly appreciated.

PROJECT COMPASSION

'DO SOMETHING SUNDAY' MARCH-APRIL

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available from our Welcome Table or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

OUR PARISH LAUGHS TOGETHER

This week will be the final week for children and young people of the Parish to submit their favourite joke. These will be collated and printed in-house to create our own parish joke book (that will be sold for a 'gold coin donation' in the later weeks of Lent in time for Easter). The monies raised from the sale of the parish joke book will go to support Caritas' Project Compassion (our next bi-monthly 'Do Something Sunday' focus). Please use the following online Padlet link:
bit.ly/parishjokebook



The final day for Joke submissions is 10 March.

Little Joey's Playgroup

welcomes all children 0-5 years and their parents / grandparents / carers. Join our Playgroup on Thursday mornings during School Terms at 9.30-11am

2024 KINDERGARTEN BAG BLESSINGS

Over the past few years, Fr David has blessed the bags of children enrolled in Kindergarten at St Justin's Catholic Primary School.

This Sunday, **3 March**, and then on Sunday, **10 March**, at our 5pm Mass, St Justin's 2024 Kinder students will be invited to bring their school bags to Mass for the blessing.

Then, at the 5pm Mass on Sunday, **17 March**, kindergarten students attending other schools are welcome to bring their school bags to Mass for a blessing.

To assist those preparing for the Kinder bag blessing for children in schools other than St Justin's (on Sunday 17 March) please RSVP via the following link:



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.



STIR THE PASSION IN OUR HEARTS TOWARDS OTHERS LENTEN RECITAL

On Saturday evening, 16 March, the Chaldean Catholic Community will be hosting a Recital at our Oran Park Church at 7pm.

All are welcome to join as we listen to the beautiful choir perform hymns and verses from the Bible.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

16 MARCH

Chaldean Recital

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Our Holy Week Masses have now been finalised and we are now asking for any Liturgical Ministers who are able to serve to add your names to the Sign-Up Sheet on our Welcome Table.

We thank you for your gift of time at this special time of the year.

LITTLE CHURCH at Southern Mass Centre

A stewardship initiative for our young parishioners

'Little Church' is a way for children to embrace our Parish Vision EMBRACE - NOURISH - RESPOND – SERVE which is built around TIME - TALENT -TREASURE and the call to be a 'disciple of Jesus', who recognises, as Jesus did, that everything good comes to us from God to be cherished and cared for lovingly and to be shared generously. For Christians, it means to be responsible for nurturing all the gifts and talents God has given us, and it means being generous to others not for the sake of any reward, but out of gratitude for the blessing we have received from a generous and loving God.

Children at the Oran Park Mass Centre can have their own set of 'Little Church' envelopes that they can write on the front of the envelope their "gift of time, talent and treasure" and place in the Little Church near the Processional Cross during the 2nd Collection.

Next weekend, we will be re-launching 'Little Church' and hope you will collect a bundle of envelopes from one of our MacKillop Youth members.

HEALTH UPDATE FROM FR DAVID

Recently I met with my oncologist who has let me know that, after my chemo, my PSA level has returned to zero (so there is at present no trace of prostate cancer still in my lungs) This is good news and an answer to prayer. Due to the nature of metastatic prostate cancer, I will now have ongoing monitoring, and will see my oncologist again in late May. As I am still anaemic according to my recent blood test results – that is why at times I am still feeling tired and fatigued – my oncologist would like me for next few months to remain active, but to cut back slightly on my daily appointments and mass schedule. My thanks to everyone who continues to pray for me, and who has supported me over these recent months. As has become my practice after the conclusion of previous cancer treatments, I have planned to re-visit the tombs of St Mary MacKillop and Servant of God Eileen O'Connor to say 'thank you' to them for their ongoing intercession. Please be assured that when I visit them, I will be holding you and your intentions in my prayers. *God bless.*

ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION/1st HOLY COMMUNION CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 8 MARCH.

Those families who wish to present their children for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion in 2024 are asked to complete **the online enrolment form which is available** through the '[Youth Sacraments](#)' page on our Parish website. Please remember, **only those who attend mass and/or reside within the Parish boundary of Oran Park are permitted to submit a sacramental enrolment form.**

RESTORE PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING

In the last State Budget, \$150 million was slashed from Palliative Care, having a direct effect on how people die in NSW. It flies in the face of guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia, ensuring that everyone in NSW would have true choice as to how they died. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. People of faith need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please urgently sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same:

<https://bit.ly/restorethefunding>

ENTRANCE HYMN **COME AND SET US FREE**

Trevor Thomson

Refrain:

Come, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, come save your people.
Come and set us free.

1. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your love.
Awaken our hearts to your mercy.
Free us, O Lord, from the power of sin.
Set us free.
2. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your truth.
Awaken our hearts to your justice.
Teach us and guide us for you are the way.
Set us free.

PENITENTIAL ACT **HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD**

Musical notation for the Penitential Act. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, and the second and third staves are for the Assembly. The lyrics are: 'Have mer-cy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a - gainst you. Show us, O Lord, your mer - cy. And grant us your sal - va - tion.'

Priest: May almighty God...everlasting life.

Musical notation for the Priest's response. It consists of one staff of music. The lyrics are: 'May almighty God...everlasting life.'

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OFFERTORY SONG **WILL YOU LOVE ME**

Brian Boniwell. © 1978 Spectrum Publications

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?
 3. Can you walk in the footprints of silence?
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
From the desert of doubt and temptation.
To the glorious mountain of fire?

COMMUNION

Instrumental Music

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 REASONS

(Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

SENDING FORTH **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 men 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.
3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!