



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

2ND & 4TH Chaldean Mass
SUNDAYS ORAN PARK
12.00 NOON

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

5 February 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING
Isaiah 58:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
Matthew 5:13-16

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3
(with Preface for Sundays I)

LENTEN BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The Season of Lent, that begins on 22 February, invites us to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. Why not join eight to ten of your fellow parishioners this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your preparation for Easter?



Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. Sign up at the Welcome Table for a day and time of the week that works for you. The change you experience will be well worth the time.

Small groups will be offered once a week for **six weeks starting 20 February 2023**. (See inside for more details)

PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF "TRIUMPH" FROM THE DESIGNATED TABLE AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$5.00

NEW TO THE PARISH? Grab a 'Welcome Pack' from the Welcome Table. Make sure you fill in your details on the form found in the Pack so we can reach out to you, also go to the 'New to the Parish' page on our parish website marymackillopparish.org.au

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.

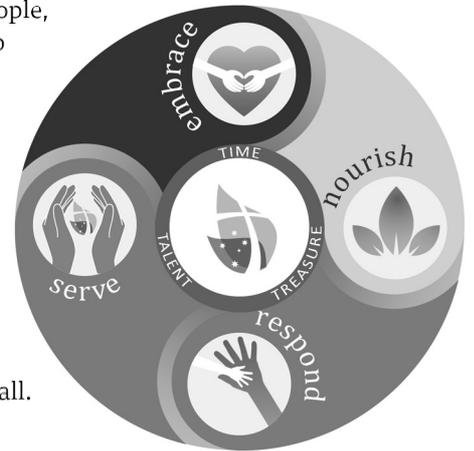
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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

Phone : (02) 4648 2226

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Office Hours : 9am-1pm Monday - Friday

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

11.00am Mass, Oran Park House

6.30pm MacKillop Youth – Taster Session

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Oran Park

5pm Mass - Oran Park
(followed by
Collector Formation)

COLLECTOR FORMATION

Formation for all Collectors will be held following every Mass at our Oran Park Mass Centre next weekend - **11 and 12 February 2023**. Attendance at one of these sessions is **mandatory**, for you to remain on our Roster.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

Children 7 years and above who are not baptised or who have been baptised in a Christian church other than Catholic, are still able to make their First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion, by taking part in a 4-week preparation process prior to the start of a 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion program. Those interested in being a part of this programme are asked to send an email to oranparksacraments@dow.org.au no later than **19 February 2023**.

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. A session goes for about 90mins and groups usually finish with a cuppa or supper.

Our Parish groups are:

Host : Toni Sponberg

Monday 7:00pm Home @ Oran Park

Host : Dianne Campbell

Wednesday 11:00am Home @ Spring Farm

Host : Carmen Karauda

Wednesday 7:00pm St Mary, Mother of God, Leppington

Host : Christen Yousseph

Wednesday 7:30pm Home @ Catherine Field

Host : Jacinta La Motta

Thursday 11:00am Tenison Woods Room

Host : Ian Boorman (Men's Group)

Thursday 7:30pm Penola Room

Host : Chris Chircop (Young Adults)

Sunday 6:00pm St Mary MacKillop Church, Oran Park

Please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.





YEARS 3-6 FORTNIGHTLY GATHERING

Are you interested in your child joining Sunday Scripture Club in 2023? Your child is invited to join us fortnightly from 8:50-9:50am, beginning Sunday, 23 February, for an hour of fun, friendship and faith formation.

Scan the QR code below to register your child



We will contact you with further details once the school term begins.



A reminder for those in Year 7 (2023) that you are invited to attend a MacKillop Youth Taster Session at our Oran Park Mass Centre which will be held from 6:30-8:30pm Friday, 10 February.

This will be an evening of food, fun, and faith formation.

Copies of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are still available from the Welcome Table at the special Parish price of just \$18.00.

REMINDER OF HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Those who have made 1st Holy Communion can receive Communion either in the hand or on the tongue. **Those who choose to receive Holy Communion in the hand must consume the host immediately in the presence of the minister:**

- they cannot take Holy Communion back to their seat; and
- under no circumstances, are they to give Holy Communion to a child or another person back at their seat.

Also, **Holy Communion cannot be placed into a person's bag or pocket to 'take home'** to someone who is sick or homebound. Anyone who requires Communion to be taken to them at home, must have this pre-arranged through the Parish Office or by speaking to one of the clergy prior to Mass.

Also, **while we acknowledge that in the Eastern Catholic Church, children may have received all 3 sacraments** as an infant but as the parent isn't the 'communion minister', the child or infant must receive Holy Communion from the minister, again, where it is distributed and not back at their seat.

Also, **we ask that "adults are adults" and not give Holy Communion to a pleading child who wants what the parent has or just wants to taste the Host.**

Finally, everyone needs to be a custodian of the Blessed Sacrament and if they see any strange practices happening, they need to respectfully, and without argument or fight, tell the adult that it is the adult who needs to consume the host not a child. Or if they don't feel comfortable in doing this, they need to approach the acolyte, minister or priest/deacon immediately, not after mass is over.

More information on correct liturgical practice in receiving Holy Communion can be found on the flyers that are available from the Welcome Table.

RE-LAUNCH OF LITTLE CHURCH

An initiative for our children

'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 the Father 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. The children can have their own set of envelopes that they can write on the front of the envelope their "gift of time, talent and treasure" and place (with an optional offering in the envelope) in the Little Church near the Processional Cross at our Oran Park Church (or in the Collection Basket at our Leppington Church) during 2nd Collection.



MACKILLOP YOUTH CATERING – VOLUNTEERS

We have just restarted our MacKillop Youth group and are pleased to announce that, to date, we have 30 members from Years 7-12. We are running a Lenten Program for the month of March and are looking for parishioners who are prepared to provide a non-meat meal to our youth and their leaders on a Friday evening at 6:30pm. You may be able to provide a meal or, better still, come and serve it up for us. Please fill in the roster sheet which you will find on the Welcome Table. Those who prepare these meals will be able to submit their receipts for reimbursement.

ENTRANCE HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell © 1993 OCP Publications

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (*Chorus*)

3. Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making your kingdom come

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN

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, Text: Based on John 6. Text and music © 2007

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 for ever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways. **R.**

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? **R.**

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? **R.**

SENDING FORTH

SHOUT TO THE LORD

Darlene Zschech © 1993, Wondrous Worship

My Jesus, my Savior;
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 ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Refrain:

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.