



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish



**HE IS RISEN**

**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

**POPE’S LETTER TO CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND**

Pope Francis has issued a letter to the Christians of the Holy Land, expressing his solidarity with a community that continues to suffer amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

“Dear brothers and sisters, allow me to tell you once more that you are not alone. We will never leave you alone but will demonstrate our solidarity with you by prayer and practical charity,” the Pope wrote. “In these bleak times, when it seems that the dark clouds of Good Friday hover over your land, and all too many parts of our world are scarred by the pointless folly of war – which is always and for everyone a bitter defeat – you are lamps shining in the night, seeds of goodness in a land rent asunder by conflict”.

A copy of this letter can be found **HERE:** [bit.ly/holylandletter](https://bit.ly/holylandletter)

**THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY**

**7 APRIL 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!*  
Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2**  
**Preface 2 of Easter**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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

*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.

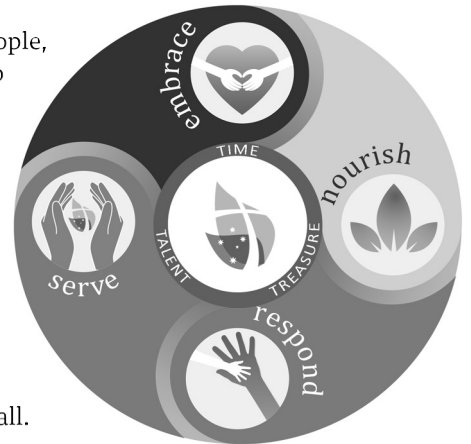
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 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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Office Hours : 9am-1pm Monday – Thursday  
(Closed this week on Friday 22 March)

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**MONDAY – 8 APRIL**

### **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

**TUESDAY – 9 APRIL**

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

**WEDNESDAY – 10 APRIL**

8am Mass, Oran Park

**THURSDAY – 11 APRIL**

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

**FRIDAY – 12 APRIL**

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

**SATURDAY – 13 APRIL**

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

## 'DO SOMETHING SUNDAY' MARCH-APRIL

Thank you to all those who have been supporting – especially during Lent - **Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Appeal**, that has been our 'Do Something Sunday' focus for March-April.

If you haven't done so already, please return your Project Compassion donation boxes to the Welcome Table.

Also don't forget that you can continue to donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION / 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM ONLINE MASS BOOKINGS

All families registered for our 2024 Sacramental Preparation Program are reminded that online 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass bookings will **CLOSE** on Friday, 12 April.

Discipleship Group Session 1 will be emailed to all registered families on Friday, 26 April.

## CLOTHING DONATION BIN NOW LOCATED AT ORAN PARK CHURCH

As Pope Francis has reminded us, we need to care for the environment in a serious and effective manner, and recycling is one important means to this end. Fr David (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish) is pleased to announce that the St Mary MacKillop Parish have partnered with Australia's largest collector of textiles for re-use, re-purpose, and recycling, SCR Group to make a clothing donation bin once again available next to the Oran Park Mass Centre.

The mandate of SCRgroup is focused on diverting 100 per cent of their collections from landfill through re-homing unwanted clothing in local and international communities that need them the most. Where clothing is unfit for wear, SCRgroup converts them into rags and biofuel. They are also working to convert textile waste into products for resale.

In light of this mandate – and as clearly shown on the graphic that is found on the front of the donation bin - the only items that can be placed in our newly installed SCRgroup donation bin are clothing, shoes, handbags and fashion accessories. Those wishing to donate other items (such as toys or household items) are asked to drop these off at charity stores and other charity providers.



## 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.





Do you want to learn more about the Church's vision for a just and peaceful world? Do you want to discover how you can be an agent of change in your community? Do you want to meet other people who share your passions and interests?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are invited to attend a Workshop, to be co-hosted by our Parish and the Macarthur Social Justice Network (MSJN) **in the Penola Room (next to our Oran Park Church) on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm – 3.30pm, followed by afternoon tea.**

The workshop will be led by Sean Donovan, Secretary of MSJN and former chair of Wollongong Diocese Justice Ecology and Peace Council, who will give an Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching is the Church's body of principles and values that guide us in our response to the social issues of our time. It is based on the Gospel message of Jesus and the teachings of the popes and bishops.

The workshop will cover topics such as:

- Human dignity and human rights
- The common good and solidarity
- The option for the poor and the vulnerable
- The care for creation and the environment
- The method of see, judge, act for social action

The presentation is ideal starter for anyone new to Catholic Social Teaching or as a refresher for people who have been involved in the past. Sean will provide an overview of the key concepts and principles of Catholic Social Teaching. There will be time for refreshments, meeting others and discussion.

**One of the hopes following this meeting, is that some people who attend might like to come together to form our own 'Parish Social Justice Group' here in the Parish.**

To register for the workshop, please send an email to [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au) The workshop is free of charge, but donations are welcome to cover the costs of refreshments and materials.

**Please RSVP by Friday, 26 April 2024**

## MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The MacKillop Craft Group will be holding their annual Mothers' Day stalls after each Mass on the weekend of 27/28 April at our Oran Park Mass Centre. There will be a wide assortment of lovely items as well as a raffle for a beautiful hamper that any mother would love !!

Make sure you call in and support the group!

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### 12 APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass online bookings [CLOSE](#)

### 25 APRIL

Anzac Day

### 26 APRIL

2024 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion candidates receive Discipleship Group Session 1

### 27/28 April

MacKillop Crafters  
Mother Day Stall

## SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS

**We are inviting parishioners in 2024 to consider sponsoring the \$5 workbook of one or more children attending State Schools who receive religious education through our Catechist Program.** 'Sponsorship Envelopes' are available from the Welcome Table.

## CARMEL HOUSE RETREATS 2024 EMMAUS SILENT RETREAT VARROVILLE

**Fri, 19 April – Sun, 21 April**

Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women

[Trybooking.com/CNSXK](https://trybooking.com/CNSXK)

**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

## **ENTRANCE HYMN** **CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT**

Bernadette Farrell

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. ***Refrain.***

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

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SONG** **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

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One bread, one body, one Lord of all.  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth.  
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant of free,  
Woman or man, no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord, of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

## **COMMUNION 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.

## **SONG OF PRAISE** **HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

1. The splendor of the King,  
clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God! Sing with me:  
How great is our God! And all will see  
how great, how great is our God!*

2. And age to age he stands,  
and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. **R.**

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is our God!*

## **SENDING FORTH** **GRATEFUL**

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### ***Refrain***

Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

1. You are more than we imagine,  
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.  
Even when we doubt your presence  
you are faithful to your word.

2. May our lives proclaim your justice,  
may our voices sing your praise.  
May our hands work in your service  
to the glory of your name.