



**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**

**8 OCTOBER**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING**  
Isaiah 5:1-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**SECOND READING**  
Philippians 4:6-9

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER and Preface (to be chosen by priest-celebrant)**

**DO SOMETHING SUNDAY FOCUS FOR OCTOBER**

Rather than focus on all the weekends of the month, our 'Do Something Sunday' focus for October will be centred on the weekend of 21-22 October that is designated as 'World Mission Sunday'. We have been informed by Catholic Mission that the funds raised this year by Australian Parishes like ours will be directed towards the Church's work in Timor-Leste.

On the weekend of 14-15 October, a week before our Mission Appeal, special envelopes will be available at the Welcome Table which can be placed on either collection basket on the weekend of 21-22 October. Alternatively, you can make a 'cashless' contribution via this link.



Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

**You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.**

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

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.

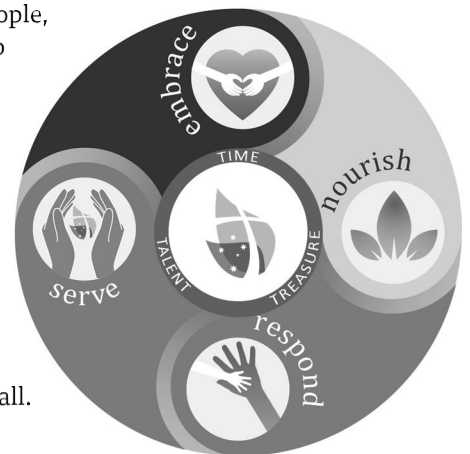
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 9 OCTOBER

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

### TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

6pm Eucharistic Adoration

6.30pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

**NOTE: There will be no  
8am Mass during  
Fr David's absence**

### THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Communion Service

### FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

### SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation -  
Oran Park

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## ENCOUNTER

A Faith Formation Event for Young Families

Join us for ENCOUNTER, a faith formation event for families with primary school aged children on Saturday, 4 November 2023.

ENCOUNTER will be hosted by the MGL Sisters from Varroville and will centre on the theme of the *blessings of family prayer*. This faith formation event is an opportunity to take time out with other families to pray, learn and connect in an environment of faith and will include interactive and fun family activities, times of prayer together and a chance to encounter the wider faith community.

ENCOUNTER will be held on the St Justin's Primary School campus, Oran Park, and will commence at 12pm with a picnic lunch (bring a plate to share) and conclude at 4.30pm. Parental supervision of children is required throughout the day.

If you are interested in attending ENCOUNTER, please complete the expression of interest form using the QR Code



We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

## MACARTHUR YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING "CALLED BY NAME"

Saturday, 28 October @ 6.45pm – 9.00pm  
Campbelltown Catholic Club

We live in a chaotic world that often leaves us struggling to understand who we truly are, our purpose, and our calling in life. If you've found yourself contemplating these questions, you're not alone!

We extend to you this personal invitation to engage with fellow young adults from 17-35 years old, guided by a panel who will openly share the stories and learnings from their own journeys, with an opportunity for Q&A throughout the discussion.

**Register now: [dow.sh/cbn23](https://dow.sh/cbn23)**

## 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.



## UPDATE ON FR DAVID

**Thank you to those who have been praying the Novena Prayers for Fr David**

through the intercession of both St Mary MacKillop and the Servant of God Eileen O'Connor.

**The special Novena Prayer leaflet to St Mary MacKillop and Eileen O'Connor** can still be downloaded from the Parish Website: [bit.ly/frdavidnovena](http://bit.ly/frdavidnovena) and copies are still available at the Welcome Table.

Fr David has brought back, from his visit to Eileen O'Connor's tomb, some Holy Cards of Eileen. These can be collected from a basket at the Oran Park Welcome Table.

Please continue to pray for Fr David.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION "FAITH NIGHT" Friday 24 November | 7pm - 8.30pm

As a parish we are truly blessed that every Sunday a 'Chaldean Holy Mass' is celebrated in our Oran Park Church. The Chaldean Catholic Church is an Eastern Catholic particular church that is in full communion with the Holy See and the rest of the Catholic Church, and traces back to St Thomas the Apostle. Pope St John Paul II famously wrote in his 1995 encyclical letter 'Ut Unum Sint' (Latin: 'That they may be one') that the Church needs to breathe with both of its lungs again: the Church in the East and in the West. The Church is stronger with the East and the West together since they complement each other in such brilliant and beautiful ways.

Our November Faith Night will be an opportunity to 'breathe with these two lungs' and to learn more about the Catholic Churches of the East, especially the Chaldean Catholic Church that is now part of the story of our parish. Our guest speaker at our next Faith Night will be Archbishop Amel Nona DD.

Archbishop Nona is the Archbishop of the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of Australia and New Zealand, and prior to this he was the Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Mosul in the northern part of Iraq. Following a time for prayer and Archbishop Nona's reflection, there will be a time of conversation with other Faith Night attendees, along with Q&A. The evening will conclude with supper. Our November FAITH NIGHT will be held in the Oran Park Church.

It is essential, for catering purposes, to RSVP if you are planning to attend this 'Faith Night' RSVP to [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au) no later than Friday 17th November.

These 'Faith Nights' coincide with one of the goals in our 2023-2024 Parish Pastoral Plan, which focuses on opportunities for 'Adult Faith Formation', and offer an opportunity for prayer, reflection and conversation.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**21-22 OCTOBER**

World Mission Appeal

**28 OCTOBER**

Macarthur Young Adults Gathering:  
Called by Name

**4 NOVEMBER**

ENCOUNTER Faith Formation

## NOVEMBER MASSES

If you would like Masses offered for your deceased relatives and friends, and their names inscribed in a special Book of Remembrance that will be placed in front of the altar at our Oran Park Mass Centre during November, please write their name(s) on a **NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPE** available from the Welcome Tables at Oran Park and Leppington, and either drop the envelope into the Parish Office or place it into one of the collection bags at Mass. All Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Envelopes need to be returned no later than **Thursday 26 October**, so that names can be printed in the special commemorative book.



Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to this very worthy community charity.

The Donation bin will remain in the Church for the foreseeable future for those wishing to continue to make donations.

## **ENTRANCE HYMN** **GATHER YOUR PEOPLE**

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### ***Refrain***

Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:  
brothers and sisters, each of us called  
to walk in your light.
2. We are parts of the body of Christ,  
needing each other, each of the gifts  
the Spirit provides.
3. No more harm on the mountain of God;  
swords into plowshares. Free us, O Lord,  
from hardness of heart.
4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;  
waters of mercy, waters of hope  
that flow from your side.

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SONG** **OPEN MY EYES**

Jesse Manibusan © 1988 OCP Publications

1. Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.
4. I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love  
I live within you, rest now in me.

## **COMMUNION HYMN** **BREAD OF HEAVEN**

Jesse Manibusan and Sarah Hart

### ***Refrain:***

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,  
cup of life outpoured;  
we your people thirst and hunger.  
Come renew us, Lord; come renew us, Lord.

1. From the mountain, blessing spoken  
where we came to pray;  
with the simple truth before us:  
love them in my name; love them in my name.

2. From the garden dark with sorrow,  
from the tears you wept,  
bloomed the flower of salvation:  
new life born of death, new life born of death.

3. From the tomb that could not hold you  
in the dark of night,  
broke that morning of redemption,  
raising us to life, raising us to life.

## **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.

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

## **SENDING FORTH** **CELEBRATE**

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*Refrain:* Celebrate what we have been given.  
Celebrate what we have received.  
Celebrate the spirit of Jesus,  
alive in our hearts.

1. No longer shall you be people who walk in darkness.  
It is the spirit who draws you into the light.
2. Even the earth cries out. It longs to receive new life.  
It is the spirit who fills the world with new life.
3. You who are gather'd here  
share life and love together.  
It is the spirit who calls you out to give.