



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish  
ORAN PARK



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion as our bi-monthly "Do Something Sunday" focus.

Over the coming weeks, you will be able to collect a Project Compassion Box or a Donation Envelope to support Caritas Australia over the Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, **now and for all future generations.**

Boxes and envelopes can then be returned on Palm Sunday (13 April)

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we  
*Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

## 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

**9 MARCH 2025**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**  
Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**  
Romans 10:8-13

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*  
Alleluia!

## PARISH CLERGY

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

## 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.

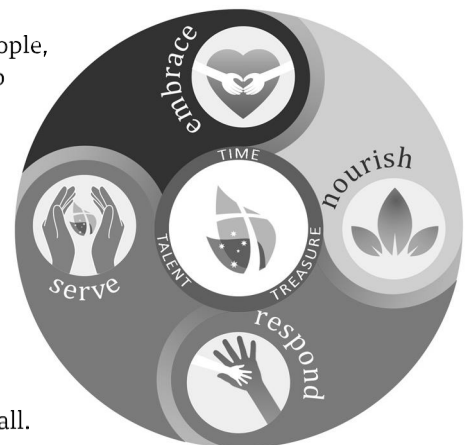
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ.**

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.



## CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY – 10 MARCH

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY – 11 MARCH

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,  
Oran Park

5.30pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY – 12 MARCH

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY – 13 MARCH

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY – 14 MARCH

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6pm Stations of the Cross,  
Leppington

7pm Stations of the Cross,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY – 15 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.



## 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 (5 March) and Trinity Sunday (15 June) 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.

### 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).

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

### JOURNEY TO PENTECOST

If you are an adult Catholic, who has previously received the Sacrament of Baptism but have not received the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, consider joining us in preparing to receive these Sacraments.

In 2025 we will once again be adding a special process for adult 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion/Confirmation preparation to our Parish Calendar.

This process, called '**Journey to Pentecost**', will be held over 4 weekly evening sessions, beginning May 2025, and see adult candidates receive the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and/or Confirmation at the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, 7 June 2025.

Please contact the Parish Office and we will send you an enrolment form for this program.

### UPDATE FROM FR DAVID

Dear Parishioners,

I received word from my haematology team that the start of my stem cell transplant process has been delayed. While this change in timing was unexpected, I remain in good hands with my specialists and continue with my ongoing treatments. Your prayers and support are a great source of strength and I am truly grateful.

I also want to thank those who have already begun praying with me the Novena to Eileen O'Connor. I ask you to continue these prayers, especially for the intention of a timely start date for the transplant. Your faith and support mean so much to me and I will share an update when I have more news.

Blessings  
*Fr David*

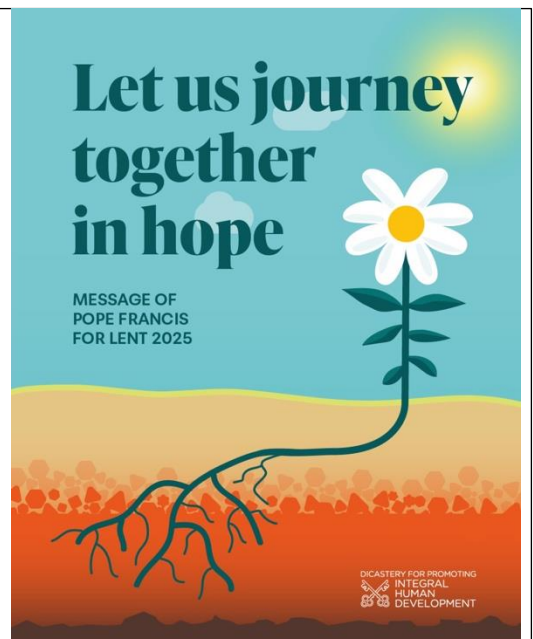
### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*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



The Pope's Lenten Message for 2025 has been published in the Vatican website: *MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025*: [bit.ly/Lent\\_2025](https://bit.ly/Lent_2025)

### BISHOP'S JUBILEE VISIT TO UNANDERRA

Bishop Brian will be making his Jubilee Visit to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Unanderra, one of the six pilgrimage sites of the Diocese on Saturday, 15 March. The day will begin with a 10am Jubilee Mass with the Bishop, followed by Reconciliation and Adoration, a BYO picnic lunch at 12.30pm, Rosary led by the Bishop at 2pm, then a talk by Bishop Brian on the Jubilee with opportunity for Q and A.

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

### **HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

(Tim Hughes)

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with you.

*Refrain:* Here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to  
me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created,  
all for love's sake became poor.

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

### **GOD OF MERCY**

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1. God of mercy, you are with us.  
Fill our hearts with your kindness.
2. God of patience, strong and gentle,  
fill our hearts with your kindness.
3. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

*Instrumental*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **LORD, I NEED YOU**

(Matt Maher)

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

## **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 all 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!