



**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



**Lent Begins**  
**Ash Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday is 14 February**

While not a holy day of obligation in terms of participating in Mass, Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics. **Ash Wednesday Masses** will be offered at 8am and 7pm (Oran Park).

There will be no Ash Wednesday Mass at Leppington.

The Season of Lent, invites us to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. Why not join your fellow parishioners this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your preparation for Easter? Journey with others in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. Either sign up for a Lenten Group for a day and time of the week that works for you or use a Lenten book for your own personal or household Lenten prayer times. **PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF "PIETÀ"** - this year's Diocesan Lenten book - **FROM THE WELCOME TABLE AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$5.00 EACH.**

A limited number of CD sets to use with the Lenten book are also available for the special price of \$5.00

**THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY**

**11 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING**  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**SECOND READING**  
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

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

*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.

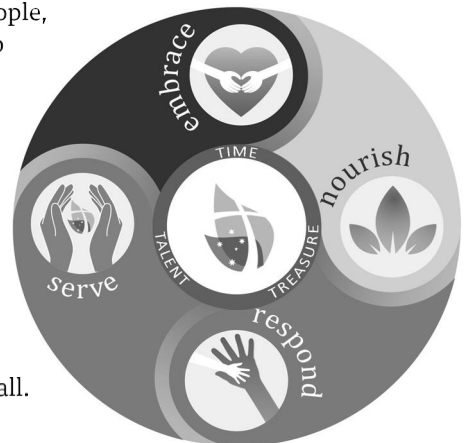
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.**

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

### TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY Ash Wednesday

8am Mass, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Communion Service,  
Oran Park

### FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

7pm Stations of the Cross,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

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## 2024 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).

Again, this year, on each of the Fridays of Lent (beginning 16 February) you are invited to gather at 7pm at our Oran Park Mass Centre (near the Stations of the Cross).

These Stations will be led by Fr David and Deacon Sam, as well as one Stations Liturgy on Friday, 1 March, led by Deacon Isa Gorial and the Chaldean community.



## PARISH PIETY STALL TO REOPEN SOON

Our Parish Piety Stall, located at our Oran Park Mass Centre, will be re-opening soon.

Each week, the stall will be open after the Saturday Vigil Mass and after all of our Sunday Masses. The Piety Stall will stock religious cards and inspirational gifts suitable for those receiving Baptism,

Holy Communion and Confirmation. Also, the stall will sell children's religious books, Rosaries, holy cards, medals, scapulars, Crosses, St Mary MacKillop and Eileen O'Connor themed items, Bibles, greeting cards, Sunday and Daily Missals, devotional and seasonal items, and inspirational gifts for family and friends. All proceeds will go to support our Parish ministries.

As many of the items stocked in our parish Piety Stall will relate to the sacraments and our Parish sacramental programs, our stall will from now on be coordinated by our Volunteer Sacramental Coordinator (who, with the guidance of Fr David and the support of our Parish Office administration team, will coordinate the ordering of items and the stocking of the Piety Stall cabinet). The rostering of volunteers to minister at the stall - as are our liturgical ministries - will be coordinated by our Parish Office Coordinator.

In terms of volunteers, we are now on the lookout for parishioners who might like to go on a roster to offer 1/2hr of time following a Mass to serve and sell items at the Piety Stall. We would like to secure the assistance of '4-5 people per weekend mass time', which will see those on the roster only required to minister at the stall 'after Mass once a month'. If you would like to assist, or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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.



## ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION/1st HOLY COMMUNION OPEN ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY.

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 will be available** through the '[Youth Sacraments](#)' page on our Parish website from Monday, 19 February.

**Online enrolments will close on Friday 8 March.**

**Don't forget that 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion is now a combined program of 6 weeks.** So rather than families committing to one program for 1st Reconciliation and then another program for 1st Holy Communion, candidates prepare for both Sacraments at the same time. The focus of this combined program is "*From Mass to Mission*" that draws upon the purpose statement of our Parish "*to form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ*". (If a child has already made their 1st Reconciliation and was just wanting to receive their 1st Holy Communion, they are still required to complete the 6-week program).

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.** (Please refer to the Parish website for the boundary map). Those who are parishioners of Camden, Varroville or Eagle Vale Parishes should complete sacramental preparations through their local Parish.

## NATIONAL aWEARness DAY 2024

Since being founded in February 2020, Escabags has distributed over 10,000 free 'Parent & Child' and 'Single Adult' Escape Bags to families and individuals escaping domestic and family abuse.

To show our support for Escabags, celebrating the freedom and empowerment of survivors of domestic and family abuse, you are invited to 'Wear it Yellow' next weekend.

## CLERGY APPOINTMENT

Bishop Brian Mascord has appointed Fr Feleki Tautunu (currently Assistant Priest at Campbelltown) as Assistant Priest for our Parish of St Mary MacKillop.

In this role, Fr Feleki will support Fr David with Masses and other pastoral and sacramental needs in our Parish. Fr Feleki will, for the time being, remain resident at Campbelltown Parish.

*Fr Feleki was born in Apia, Samoa. He is number eight of a big family of ten (six brothers and three sisters). Fr Feleki is a Priest of the Archdiocese of Samoa-Apia. He entered the Pacific Regional Seminary in 2001 and was ordained Priest on 8 December 2007.*

*Fr Feleki moved to Australia in 2017 and ministered in the Sydney Archdiocese, before moving to our Diocese in December 2018.*

*He is also the chaplain for the Samoan Catholic Community in the Diocese.*

Fr Feleki will begin this appointment at Oran Park on 17/18 February (1st weekend of Lent).

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### 14 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday

### 16 FEBRUARY

Stations of the Cross, Oran Park

### 16 FEBRUARY

RCIC Enrolments CLOSE

### 19 FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation / 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Online Enrolments OPEN

### 24 FEBRUARY

RCIC Begins

*Let us Pray for our RCIA Candidates who will be attending the Rite of Election next weekend.*

## YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN GROUP

Mary MacKillop Young Adults are hosting a **Connect Group** during Lent every Sunday evening from 18 February.

Come and join like-minded 20-30 year olds for dinner, conversation and reflections on the Season of Lent – you'll get more out of this special time of the year and have a great time!

Sunday meetings will commence at 6pm (after the 5pm Mass) in the Tenison Woods Room at St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park. We will also be helping with a food van outreach and hosting a day pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa.

Please check out our full list of activities, make an enquiry or RSVP using the QR Code below:



## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

### **GATHER US IN**

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1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away.  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken.  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty.  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

## **OFFERTORY 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.

## **COMMUNION**

### **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

Chris Muglia

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 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?

## **SENDING FORTH**

### **SHOUT TO THE LORD**

Darlene Zschech © 1993

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
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 every breath. All that I am,  
Never cease to worship you.

#### ***Chorus:***

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.