



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR CULTURE

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

At the end of the Easter Season we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost: that is a celebration of both the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the unity we share in our diversity. As our recently published *Parish Social Profile* from the National Centre for Pastoral Research highlighted, in our parish we are blessed to have parishioners that come from many different cultures and nations, including our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. To celebrate this cultural diversity in our parish, we are inviting you to share your culture through food. **After our 10am Mass on Pentecost Sunday (19 May 2024) we are going to have a multicultural morning tea/brunch. It is planned to have a table for each culture where foods can be served.** If you would like to be involved, please fill in your Contact Details on the Sign-up Sheet located at the Oran Park Welcome Table or you can email the Parish Office and members of our Parish Hospitality Team will be in touch to work with you to assist with planning and preparation for the day.

We are hoping that this will be a wonderful Parish Celebration.

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

14 APRIL 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3
Preface 3 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.

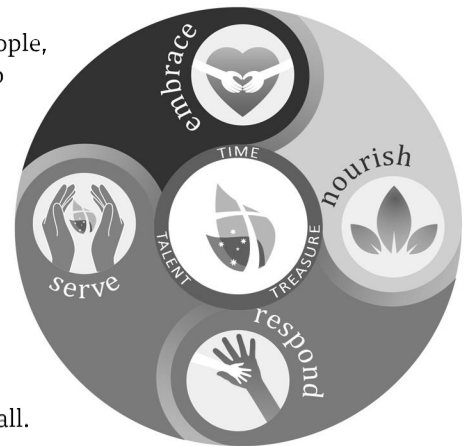
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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

Phone : (02) 4648 2226

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Office Hours : 9am-1pm Mon-Tue, Thurs-Fri
(Closed this week on Wednesday 17 April)

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 15 APRIL

1pm Praying of the Rosary,
Leppington

TUESDAY – 16 APRIL

6pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 17 APRIL

Parish Office Closed today
*due to Parish Secretaries
Formation Day in Wollongong*

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 18 APRIL

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,
Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 19 APRIL

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY – 20 APRIL

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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MACKILLOP CRAFTERS - 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!

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SVDP

Currently the Camden/Oran Park Chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society are seeing approx. 30 families who need assistance every 2 weeks, and as a result the SVDP Food Pantry is in great demand.

So, on the weekend of 27/28 April we are invited to bring a food item to Mass to help re-stock their pantry. A list of items that are needed will be available next weekend.

UPDATE ON PARISH COMMUNITY GARDEN RECONSTRUCTION

As many would be aware, all organic material from the St Mary MacKillop Community Garden had to be removed, and the site remediated, after a proactive site test of the garden detected a small quantity of bonded asbestos in the mulch. As a result of this, all mulch and plants and soil from the site was removed, and following this work we received clearance and air monitoring certificates, which have deemed the garden safe for use. **You are invited to assist with the reconstruction of the parish community garden, which we hope will be completed in the coming months.**

Our bi-monthly 'Do Something Sunday' focus for May-June will be focused on the sharing of our time, talents and resources to re-establish the garden.

The Parish Community Garden Team envision that we will be able to quickly re-establish the garden with our community support and they are thankful for all community members who have already offered to assist in a variety of different ways.

If you would like to contribute to the re-establishment of the garden in any way, either by attending a working bee or assisting with fundraising ideas, or sponsoring the garden, please contact Chris Chircop, a member of the Parish Community Garden Team, c/o 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.





Just a reminder that our Parish and the Macarthur Social Justice Network (MSJN) will be co-hosting a Workshop **in the Penola Room (next to our Oran Park Church) on Saturday 4th 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 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 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**

Have you always wanted to take part in ALPHA but haven't been able to due to the sessions taking place in the evenings?



Over the last few years, our parish has been hosting Alpha – that is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning. And through participation in Alpha many people have reconnected with their faith and grown in their relationship with Jesus.

Up to now all our Alpha programs have been held on weekday evenings. **However, the good news is that, as announced in our Easter newsletter and with the support of St Justin's School, we will be holding a 'morning Alpha' starting after the upcoming school holidays.** This 'morning Alpha' will be co-hosted by St Justin's and our parish, and will be held in the St Justin's School Library on Fridays from 9.30am. If you would like to participate, please complete the online 'expression of interest':

bit.ly/daytimealpha

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

25 APRIL

Anzac Day

26 APRIL

2024 1st Holy Communion candidates receive Discipleship Group Session 1

27/28 April

MacKillop Crafters
Mother Day Stall

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.

We are pleased to announce that our 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.

As clearly shown on the graphic that is found on the front of the donation bin - the only items that can be placed in the 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.

CHANGES TO PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN PRECINCT CARPARK DURING TERM 2

In consultation with the St Justin's Leadership Team, Fr David, Mrs Kerrie Piatek (Principal of St Benedict's College) and representatives from the St Justin's parent community, St Justin's commenced a review of their afternoon dismissal procedures. As the safety of both school communities - students, staff, parents, grandparents – along with the Parish and members of the wider community is a priority, and to ensure an effective, functional and practical afternoon parent pick-up in mind, St Justin's, with the support of the Parish, will be trialling new procedures for Term 2.

These procedures will be reviewed at the end of Term 2 2024, where St Justin's will be seeking feedback from the school and Parish community.

To access further information about these changes, please refer to the letter from Mr Brad Colquhoun, Acting Principal, via the following QR link.



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.