



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are now available from the Welcome Table and need to be returned on Palm Sunday (13 April)

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



**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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we

Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

16 MARCH 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

1ST READING
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2ND READING
Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*
*From the shining cloud the
Father's voice is heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him.*
*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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.

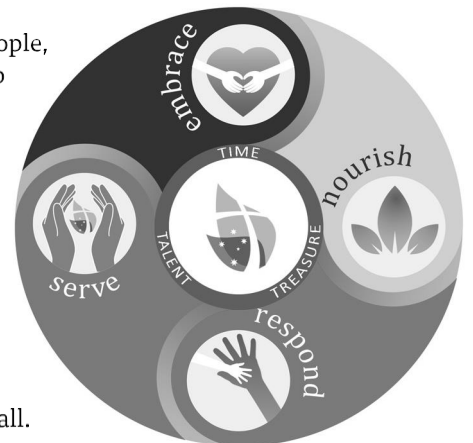
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 17 MARCH

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 18 MARCH

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 19 MARCH

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 20 MARCH

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 21 MARCH

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6pm Stations of the Cross,
Leppington

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of the Cross,
Oran Park

SATURDAY – 22 MARCH

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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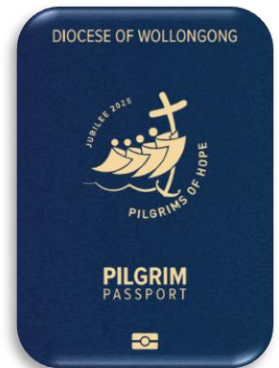
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note, due to our Parent Information Session for the 1st Holy Communion preparation program being held this Tuesday evening from 4.30-5.30 there will to be a slight change to our normal schedule. Eucharistic Adoration will be from 6pm for this Tuesday

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.



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.

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)

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.



1ST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Families who have enrolled in our 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion preparation program are reminded that Parent Information Sessions will be held this week on
Tuesday at 4.30-5.30pm and Wednesday at 7-8pm at our Oran Park Church.
All enrolled families must attend ONE of these sessions to collect your Candidate's pack.

'ANGEL SCHOOL' VOLUNTEER

Montessori Academy, Oran Park, are in need of a Volunteer for the 'Angel School' program. This program teaches our youngest about the faith in a very beautiful and easy to understand way.

Each lesson is with a small group aged 3+ in a beautiful space within the Centre. The day and time is very negotiable and takes no more than an hour to complete.

If you have a current Working with Children Check and are interested in this position or would like more information, please contact: **Breanna at Montessori Academy - 8916 7547**

JOURNEY TO PENTECOST

If you are an adult Catholic, who has previously received the Sacrament of Baptism but have not received the Sacraments of 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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.



This year, at St Justin's Catholic Primary School, on Friday, 28 March, Fr Feleki will join some St Justin's staff, including Sr Mary, in the WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

You can support this cause by donating using the QR Code and selecting **SJOP Team**



<https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/login/team/dashboard>

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.

Lourdes Inandan, Janet Ibe Deang, Fredrick Grounds, Isabel Luz, Miroslav Bogovic, Ruza Marinic, Klara Permoser, Maria Toth, Phillip Mammoliti, Gaye Mammoliti, Amalia Maupo

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

PARISH COMMUNITY SURVEY

Next week, to assist us with our 10th Anniversary planning, we will be asking all families to complete a short survey to assist us in gathering information about our Parish community.

If you would prefer to complete this information prior to next weekend, please use the QR code to complete the survey.



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*

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!