



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

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

17 MARCH 2024
5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!

*If you serve me, follow me, says
the Lord; and where I am, my
servant will also be.*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!

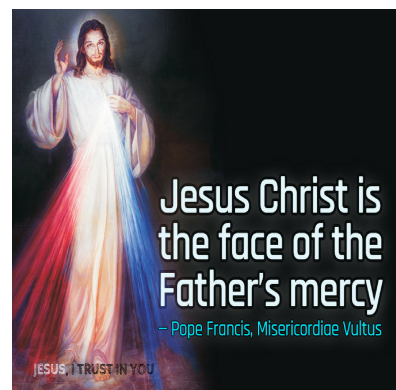
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2
**Preface 1 of the Passion
of the Lord**

PARISH CLERGY

Fr David Catterall | Parish Priest
Fr Feleki Tautunu | Assistant Priest
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

WEEK OF MERCY

For many of us Catholics, both those brought up in the Church since childhood and those formerly from other Christian traditions or non-Christian faiths, Reconciliation (that we sometimes still refer to as 'Confession') can seem a bit frightening.



Perhaps it has been a long time since we've made a confession. Perhaps we struggle with disbelief, with despair, with human weakness, with addictions, or with lingering resentment or grief. And yet, how wonderful it would be to be freed from these chains!

What is the *heart* of confession? Yes, without a doubt, there is the confession of sins, after which one receives pardon, absolution, and a *penance of healing*. But there is something deeper, something much more profound. What *brings* us to confession, to what the Fathers of the Church called "second Baptism"? It should be the same thing that brought us to our first Baptism: faith. When we approach a priest for Sacrament of Reconciliation, we confess - really, we *profess* - our faith, our *trust* in the God who forgives and heals us, the God of *eternal mercy and love*. *We encounter the Face of the Father's Mercy.*

During the final week of Lent

(from Monday 18 March until Saturday 23 March)

we are being invited to participate in a parish 'Week of Mercy'.

During this week the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at several times, in addition to our regular Reconciliation/Confession times, at our Oran Park Mass Centre:

Monday 18/3 : 8am – 9am (prior to 9.30am St Patrick's Day Mass)
Tuesday 19/3: 5.15pm – 6.30pm (prior to 7pm St Joseph's Day Mass)

(Please note: Due to Mass for St Joseph's Day, Tuesday confessions can only be held until 6.30pm to allow time to set up for this Mass)

Wednesday 20/3: After 8am Mass, till 9.30am
Thursday 21/3: After 10am Mass, till 11.30am
Friday 22/3: After 9.30am Mass, till 11am
Saturday 23/3: 3.30pm – 4.45pm (prior to 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass)

Also, in addition to these times, we will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (with 3 priests available) on Thursday 21/3 at 7pm.

A Reconciliation brochure (is available at the Welcome Table this weekend for helpful "how-to" guidance and an 'Examination of Conscience'.

Jesus, our most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting right here for you during this Lenten "Week of Mercy"

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY - 18 MARCH

- 8am Reconciliation,
Oran Park
- 9.30am St Patrick's Day Mass,
Oran Park – followed
by Morning Tea
- 1pm Praying of the Rosary,
Leppington

TUESDAY - 19 MARCH

- 4pm Information Session -
1st Rec/1st HC
- 5.15pm Reconciliation,
- 6.30pm Oran Park
- 6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park
- 7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY - 20 MARCH

- 8am Mass, Oran Park
- 8.30am Reconciliation,
- 9.30am Oran Park
- 7pm Information Session -
1st Rec/1st HC

THURSDAY - 21 MARCH

- 9.30am Praying of the Rosary,
Oran Park
- 10am Mass, Oran Park
- 10.30am Reconciliation,
- 11.30am Oran Park
- 7pm 2nd Rite of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

FRIDAY - 22 MARCH

- 9.30am Mass, Oran Park
- 10am Reconciliation,
- 11am Oran Park
- 6.30pm MacKillop Youth
- 7pm Stations of the Cross,
Oran Park

SATURDAY - 23 MARCH

- 3.30pm Reconciliation,
- 4.45pm Oran Park

1st RECONCILIATION/1ST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLLED CANDIDATES

All enrolled Candidates in the 2024 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion preparation program are reminded that Information Sessions will be held this week on Tuesday, 19 March @ 4pm or Wednesday, 20 March @ 7pm. Attendance at ONE of these sessions is compulsory as all Candidates will be collecting their program material and Fr David will be providing important information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

**Boxes and envelopes are to be
NEXT WEEKEND
Palm Sunday (23-24 March)**

ST JOSEPHS DAY

During our 7pm Mass on St Joseph's Day (Tue 19 March), two young women from St Patrick's College, Campbelltown will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. A number of staff and students from the College will be attending this Mass, that will include music. So those attending this Mass are asked to note that the Mass will be longer than our regular Tuesday Mass.

Also due to the set up for this Mass, Adoration and Confessions will conclude at 6.30pm

PALM SUNDAY

As there will be a limited number of small pieces of palm available for distribution this year, you are encouraged to bring a 'piece of greenery' from home to be blessed.

STEWARDSHIP AT EASTER

Everything we do at St Mary MacKillop Parish —ministries of fellowship, service and formation, serving those in need, celebrating Mass each weekend with uplifting liturgy—depends on your financial generosity. We promise to be good stewards of your gifts to forward our mission **“to form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ.”**

We ask for your support to help your parish continue to **embrace, serve, nourish and respond.**

The easiest way to make your Easter gift is online via the 'Your Parish Giving' tab:
www.bpoint.com.au/payments/stmarymackillop

Thank you for your generosity, love, and prayer this Easter and throughout the year!

Little Joey's Playgroup

welcomes all children 0-5 years and their parents / grandparents / carers. Join our Playgroup on Thursday mornings during School Terms at 9.30-11am

VIA LUCIS – STATIONS OF THE LIGHT

Once again this year, following the model of the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) we will have an opportunity during Easter to gather to pray the Via Lucis (Stations of Light). These Easter Stations offer us the opportunity to meditate on the various appearances of the Risen Lord - from his Resurrection to his Ascension. **Rather than hold these Stations of Light every week throughout the Easter Season, this year we will hold them once in the Oran Park Church - during a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and in the presence of the Easter Candle - on Wednesday, 3 April, at 6.30pm, followed by an Easter supper. All are invited to bring a plate to share.**

UPDATE ON OUR PARISH COMMUNITY GARDEN

We are pleased to inform all parishioners that the remediation in the Parish Community Garden is complete. The remediation work saw the removal of all the gardens beds, plants and mulch. Items such as the metal garden beds and garden edging, the water tank and other garden items were (as a precaution) decontaminated, and 'put to the side' to be reused when the Garden is reestablished. **Following the remediation work the site was inspected, as required by EPA and SafeWorkNSW, and the site is considered safe for reoccupation.** So, from this weekend the *Penola Room Demountable* that was closed during the remediation work will once again be open for use. Also the pedestrian gate located on Oran Park Drive is now not locked (and the 'southern pathway' that some use to access the church is reopened)

Fr David met on Wednesday evening with members of our Parish Community Garden Team. At this meeting it was unanimously agreed that our Parish Community Garden project is a significant outreach ministry of our parish, and it would be important for it to be re-established as soon as possible. **It has been decided to dedicate our May-June "Do Something Sunday" focus to the re-establishment of our Parish Community Garden.** This focus will also coincide with *Laudato Si' Week* (May 19 to 26, 2024) that is a week set aside to celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis' world-changing papal encyclical letter, "*Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home*".

During May and June, we will all have an opportunity through a variety of initiatives - including fundraising and working bees - to support the re-establishment of our Parish Community Garden.

SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS

We are inviting parishioners in 2024 to consider sponsoring the \$5 workbook of one or more children attending State Schools who receive religious education through our Catechist Program. 'Sponsorship Envelopes' are available from the Welcome Table.



Holy Week Liturgies and Masses at Oran Park will be held in the St Justin's/St Benedict's Hall, except for the 5pm Easter Sunday Mass which will be held in our Oran Park Church.

Holy Thursday (28 March):

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm (Hall, Oran Park)

Good Friday (29 March):

Stations of the Cross at 10am (Leppington)

Stations of the Cross at 10am (Hall, Oran Park)

Passion Service at 3pm (Hall, Oran Park)

Easter Vigil (30 March):

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm (Hall, Oran Park)

Please Note: there will be no 4pm Reconciliation

OR 5pm Vigil Mass on 30 March

Chaldean Holy Mass at 8.30pm (Oran Park Church)

Easter Sunday (31 March):

Mass at 8am (Leppington)

Mass at 8am (Hall, Oran Park)

Mass at 10am (Hall, Oran Park)

Mass at 5pm (Church, Oran Park)

'PARISH JOKE BOOK' ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Thank you to all those who contributed to our 'Parish Joke Book'. **Copies of this Joke Book will be on sale after Oran Park Masses this weekend for a 'gold coin donation'.** All monies collected will go to support Caritas Australia's *Project Compassion Appeal*.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office will be closed this Friday, 22 March. The office will be open from Mon – Thur. this week

MUSIC MINISTRY

In his 'Vision for Parishes', Bishop Brian reminds us that: *"Music plays a pivotal role in parish renewal, particularly in the context of liturgy and worship. Hymns and songs of worship can help foster a deep connection with God, and with each other".*

While we are blessed to have some fellow parishioners who sing or play a musical instrument at a number of our Parish weekend masses, as there are only a 'few of them' we cannot always have music at every one of our weekend masses and there are currently some weekend mass times where music is not a regular feature of our worship. So, we are looking for parishioners with musical gifts to help lead the congregation in prayer through song at our Masses. If you feel called to this important Parish ministry, either at our Northern Mass Centre at Leppington or our Southern Mass Centre at Oran park, please contact Margie via email: **dowling.margie@gmail.com**

ENTRANCE HYMN

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.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

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 or 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 HYMN

During Lent we will have quiet music
during Holy Communion

SONG OF PRAISE

WILL YOU LOVE ME

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1. Will you give me your life for ever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways. **R.**

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? **R.**

3. Can you walk in the footprints of silence,
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
From the desert of doubt and temptation,
To the glorious mountain of fire? **R.**

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.