



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

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

2ND & 4TH Chaldean Mass
SUNDAYS ORAN PARK
12.00 NOON

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

21 MAY 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1
(Preface of Ascension)

As announced last weekend, NEXT Sunday 28th May we mark the end of the Easter Season with the great feast of **Pentecost**.

This year, it is providential that this feast falls at the same time we celebrate the anniversary of the blessing and opening of our Southern Mass Centre at Oran Park.



After the Sunday 8am Mass at Oran Park, we'll be hosting a morning tea and after the 10am Mass at Oran Park (along with our famous 'After 10am Mass morning tea' we'll be adding a barbeque 'sausage sizzle brunch' to the celebration. After both Masses, we'll also be visited by the **13 Twelve Mobile Cafe** (a "barista coffee van" run by some of our parishioners) that will be selling a selection of quality hot beverages.

To make this day a celebration, we'd like to invite you to prepare a dish for morning tea and encourage you to bring something from your cultural heritage, for Pentecost is a celebration of the Lord of all nations. Food can be dropped off prior to the 8am and 10am Oran Park Masses at the kitchen.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16th – 24th May

A Prayer for our Earth (Pope Francis)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 22 MAY

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY 23 MAY

4pm 1st Rec/1st HC Instructional Mass (Oran Park)

6pm Eucharistic Adoration Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

8am Mass, Oran Park, followed by the Rosary.

7pm 1st Rec/1st HC Instructional Mass (Oran Park)

THURSDAY 25 MAY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

6.45pm for 7pm Alpha

FRIDAY 26 MAY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

11am Mass, Oran Park House

6.30pm MacKillop Youth, Oran Park

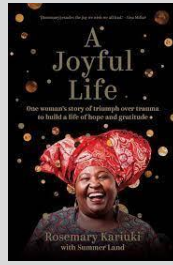
7pm 'Faith Night' with Rosemary Kariuki

SATURDAY 27 MAY

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Reconciliation - Oran Park

ADULT FAITH FORMATION "FAITH NIGHT"



Our inaugural 'Faith Night' will be held **THIS Friday, 26th May 2023 from 7-9pm.** The 'Prayer Focus' will be 'Hymns of Joy', followed by a 'reflection' given by our fellow parishioner, member of our Parish Pastoral Council and the 2021 Local Hero Australian of the Year, Rosemary Kariuki. This will be an opportunity for our Parish to celebrate the launch of Rosemary's incredible memoir 'A Joyful Life'.

Rosemary's astonishing memoir highlights how it is possible to develop a positive outlook, even in the face of adversity.

As well as a time for 'conversation' via Q & A, and concluding with a supper, copies of Rosemary's book will be available for purchase and signing.

Those attending are invited to bring something to share for supper. Please drop this item off at the parish kitchen when you arrive.

Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians Wednesday 24 May – Patroness of Australia

We will be praying the Rosary, following our 8am Wednesday Mass.

Also to coincide with this special Marian feastday, and as we come to the end of May – the month dedicated to Our Lady – next weekend at the end of Oran Park Masses there will be a brief talk on the Rosary and an opportunity to receive a set of Rosary beads and other Marian prayer cards.

We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a Catholic-Christian to take part in our parish RCIA program, that will begin in late July 2023 and go through to the Easter Vigil 2024.

RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about RCIA, or to be sent an RCIA enquiry form, please contact the Parish Office via phone (4648 2226) or email (oranpark@dow.org.au)

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 - Calling all married people!

Are you and your spouse interested in ministering together to make a difference in our parish community? We invite you to accompany an engaged couple as they prepare for Catholic marriage in our parish by becoming a **SmartLoving Sponsor couple**. A Sponsor couple progresses through the SmartLoving Engaged course (the sponsor version of the course) at the same time as their Engaged couple. They can meet with their engaged couple (online or in person) 2-3 times during the course, to talk through the discussion questions provided by SmartLoving. **A webinar for all interested couples will be held on Tuesday 6 June – so if you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please send an email to the Parish Office ASAP.**

As some may be aware, the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese has set up a petition to **Save Calvary Hospital in Canberra** which the ACT Government is trying to forcibly acquire. Bishop Brian has asked for our support, so please sign this petition and share with others to let the ACT Gov. know that we want our Catholic hospitals to stay Catholic.

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-to-save-calvary-hospital-bruce/>

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

24 MAY

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day (8am Mass followed by praying of the Rosary)

25 MAY

ALPHA Series Begins

26 MAY

Faith Night with Rosemary Kariuki

6 JUNE

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (Oran Park)



Hello

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Our parish – with the support of the MacKillop Crafters Group - will again this year be hosting a 'Biggest Morning Tea' to support the Cancer Council. **Come and join us on Tuesday, 6 June 2023 at 10.30am in our Penola Room.**

This event will be preceded by the praying of the Rosary at 9.30am, and a special 10am Mass

Are you interested in your child joining **Sunday Scripture Club** this Term? Your child is invited to join us fortnightly from 8:50-9:50am for an hour of fun, friendship and faith formation. Please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table at the Oran Park Mass Centre.



CANCELLATION OF 2023 PILGRIMAGE

We have been informed by Harvest Pilgrimages that, as they haven't had any bookings for the October pilgrimage, they have decided to not proceed with this departure. We will look to schedule another parish pilgrimage in 2024. Anyone who would still like to travel on a 'Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage' in 2023 is encouraged to consider booking a spot on the August departure (to be led by Fr John Greig Parish Priest of Miranda Parish) More information on this August pilgrimage, and other national and international pilgrimages, can be found on the Harvest flyer at the Welcome Table (Oran Park)

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.

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 HYMN
BREAD OF HEAVEN

Jesse Manibusan and Sarah Hart

Refrain:

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
cup of life outpoured;
we your people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord; come renew us, Lord.

1. From the mountain, blessing spoken
where we came to pray;
with the simple truth before us:
love them in my name; love them in my name.

2. From the garden dark with sorrow,
from the tears you wept,
bloomed the flower of salvation:
new life born of death, new life born of death.

3. From the tomb that could not hold you
in the dark of night,
broke that morning of redemption,
raising us to life, raising us to life.

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.

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!*

SENDING FORTH
EVERY DAY I WILL SING

Cooper Ray

1. The angels sing out from heaven.
They fold their wings to you.
The chorus rises to your altar
singing, "Holy are you, Lord!"; Great are you, my Lord.

Refrain

- Every day I will sing of your glory,
every day I will sing of your grace,
every day I will lift my hands.
You are my God, you are my king.
2. You lift me up from out of darkness.
Your love brings healing to my soul.
You are the powerful and ever living God.
You fill my heart and make me whole.
Great are you, my Lord.