



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

RITE OF BLESSING PALMS TO ASHES

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, 5 March, our Parish this year will celebrate the Rite of Blessing Palms to Ashes at our Oran Park Church.

Please join us on Tuesday, 4 March, at 6.30pm.

The ashes from these palms will be imposed on us on Ash Wednesday and will mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

The act of burning the palms represents a symbolic death and turning away from sin, preparing for the Lenten season of repentance, the renewal, darkness to light, dying to rising, birth to new and eternal life.

If you have a piece of blessed palm at home, you are welcome to bring this along to the Rite of Blessing Palms to Ashes.

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

LENTEN PENANCE & OBLIGATIONS

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the season of Lent.

Please visit the Notice Board for more information.

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

23 FEBRUARY 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST READING
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is kind and merciful.

2ND READING
1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
*I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have
loved you.*
Alleluia!

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon
Sinh Le | Seminararian

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.

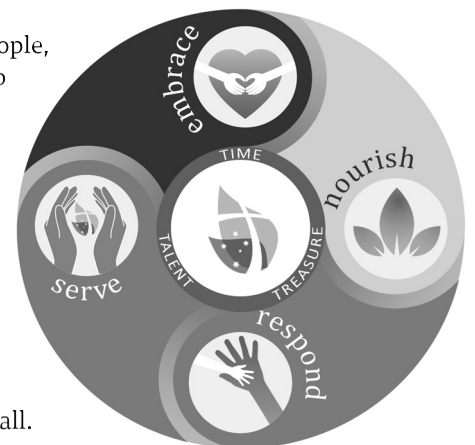
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours : 9am to 1pm Tuesday - Friday



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**MONDAY –
24 FEBRUARY**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

1pm Rosary, Leppington

**TUESDAY –
25 FEBRUARY**

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

**WEDNESDAY –
26 FEBRUARY**

8am Mass, Oran Park

**THURSDAY –
27 FEBRUARY**

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

**FRIDAY –
28 FEBRUARY**

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

**SATURDAY –
29 FEBRUARY**

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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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.



OUR PARISH 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year our Parish will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary. During these past 10 years many significant events and stories have occurred. To record and remember these events and stories we are setting up an archive in the Parish to properly record, document and share some of these events and stories during our 10th Anniversary celebrations.

We are seeking from our Parishioners, past and present, if you are willing to share your story with the Parish archive.

Your story could include:

- When you came to the Parish
- Involvement with Parish
- Significant events such as Wedding, Christening, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Significant Anniversary with blessing
- Other memories

Your stories can be sent to the Parish office.

(Photos welcome)

Your story will continue long after 2025 and can be added to if you choose to share for future anniversary events.

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.



LENTEN PENANCE OBLIGATIONS ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

All who are 14 years or older are obliged to abstain from meat.

All who are 18 to 59 are obliged to fast (Canon 1252)

Pastors, teachers, parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

LENTEN GROUPS – SIGN UP

Lenten Groups are an opportunity, as a member of our Parish, to gather ‘in small groups’ to reflect on the Lenten scriptures for the coming weekend, to share your faith, to pray and to ‘get to know’ fellow parishioners outside the context of the weekly Mass. Each session goes for approx. 90 minutes and groups usually finish with a cuppa or supper. Our Parish Lenten Groups are:

Host: Christen Yousseph – Monday @ 7pm
Private Residence, Catherine Field

Host: Carmen Karauda – Tuesday or Wednesday @ 7pm
St Mary, Mother of God Church, Leppington

Host: Dianne Campbell – Wednesday @ 12noon
Private Residence, Spring Farm

Host: Chris Chircop – Sunday @ 6pm (Young Adults)
Oran Park Church

Please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact the Lenten Group Host direct for more information.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*Cliff Dornan, Janice Dell’Olio,
Lorenzo Mazzitello, Lourdes Inandan,
Janet Ibe Deang*

*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 (oranpark@dow.org.au)

JOIN OUR KIDSCURCH MINISTRY !

Our parish is looking for more volunteers to help lead KidsChurch—a rewarding ministry where you can assist in the faith development of our youngest parishioners.

No teaching experience is needed! Leaders follow a simple book and worksheet, and you’ll be supported by a welcoming team. The only requirement is a Volunteer Working with Children Check.

If you’d like to learn more, our Kids’ Church leaders will be available to speak with you after the **8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday, February 23rd.**

For more information, you can also email the parish office - oranpark@dow.org.au. We’d love to have you join us!

PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF “METANOIA”

This year’s Diocesan Lenten Book “METANOIA” is now available to purchase at the special price of \$5.00.

A limited number of Double CD sets are also available to purchase, also for the special price of \$5.00 each.

Please purchase your copies of the Lenten Book or CD set from the Welcome Table.

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 Monday evening sessions, beginning 5 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

GATHER US IN

Marty Haugen © 1983 G.I.A Publications

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 SONG

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

Brian Boniwell. © 1978 Spectrum Publications

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.