



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

SUNDAYS Chaldean Mass
12.00 NOON ORAN PARK

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

23 MARCH 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

1ST READING
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is kind and merciful.

2ND READING
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

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



EASTER VIGIL

Join Us!

The Easter Vigil is the longest service of the year, for good reason. It's filled with powerful scripture and beautiful liturgical traditions. The Roman Missal borrows a quote from St. Augustine when it refers to the Easter Vigil as "the mother of all holy vigils."

It's also when the Church grows, since the Easter Vigil is the night when catechumens can receive the Catholic sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion on the same night.

The Easter Vigil is a one-of-a-kind Mass, more different than a regular Sunday liturgy than any other Mass of the year.

Each year, as part of our Easter Vigil Mass, we begin our service with the Ritual of Light. The church itself is dark, as dark as that night when Jesus lay in the tomb. The ritual begins outside the Church with the lighting of the Paschal fire. The flame is then transferred into the Church via the Paschal Candle. As the priest processes through the darkened Church with the candle, he sings "Christ our Light" three times to which the congregation responds "Thanks be to God".

This year, we would like to invite each and every parishioner who will be attending the Easter Vigil Mass to purchase a candle from our Parish Piety Stall to be fully immersed in this celebration.

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.

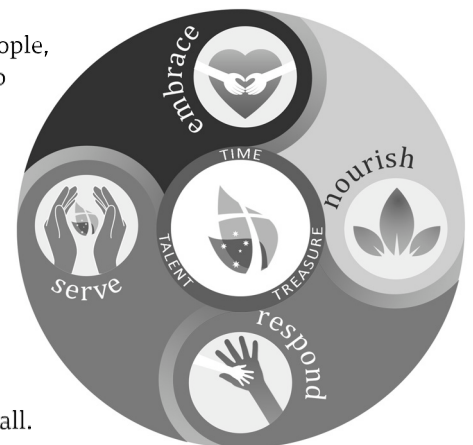
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 – 24 MARCH

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 25 MARCH

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 26 MARCH

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 27 MARCH

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 28 MARCH

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6pm Stations of the Cross,
Leppington

7pm Stations of the Cross,
Oran Park

SATURDAY – 29 MARCH

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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FR DAVID CATTERALL



It is with gratitude and thanksgiving that we keep Fr David in our prayers this week as he celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination into Priesthood (25 March). We also continue to pray, through the intercession of the Servant of God Eileen O'Connor, to look lovingly on Fr David as he moves toward the start of his stem cell transplant process.



Imagine a free, fun, informal evening, where everyone can come to the table with questions about life, faith and meaning – that's 'Alpha'.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Everyone is welcome.

No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited!

If you would like to join our 2025 Alpha (numbers are limited), please register your details using the QR Code or talk to a member of our Alpha Team following Mass today.



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PROJECT
COMPASSION

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

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.



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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.

SINH LE – DIACONATE ORDINATION

It is with great pleasure that Bishop Brian has announced that Sinh Le's Diaconate Ordination will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29 April, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

If you would consider travelling to the Cathedral by Coach, please add your name to the Expressions of Interest form available on the Welcome Table.

PARISH MASS CARDS

Parish Mass Cards are now available from our Parish Piety Stall.

A Mass Card is a beautiful way to let someone know that a Mass will be offered for their intentions, or for the intentions of a deceased loved one.

Consider making a gift of a Mass Card to your family or friends.

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.

“SAVE THE DATES”

Let's Come Together and Celebrate our Parish 10th Anniversary!

22 June

Mass, Celebration, Fiesta

Celebrate our Faith & Cultures with food, fun and music!

26 July

Family Trivia Night

A fun-filled evening of Trivia, Sausage Sizzle and Glow items!

10 August

Feast of St Mary MacKillop

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Janet Ibe Deang, Fredrick Grounds, Isabel Luz, Miroslav Bogovic, Ruza Marinic, Klara Permoser, Maria Toth, Phillip Mammoliti, Gaye Mammoliti, Amalia Maupo, John Rinaldy, Mikolaj Opryszko, Helena Opryszko, Rosamma Xavier

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!