



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

25 FEBRUARY 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER and Preface (to be chosen by priest-celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

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

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.

A limited number of copies of the message from Pope Francis are available from the Welcome Table.

PASCHAL PRECEPT : Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (14 February 2024) and Trinity Sunday (26 May 2024) unless, for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

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.

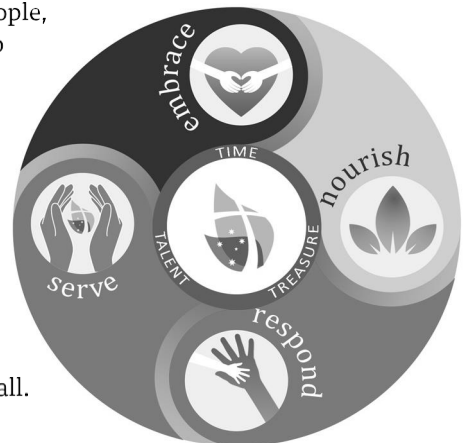
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



We are the parish of Mary MacKillop.

We acknowledge the Dharawal People, the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering.

We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which our Parish Mass Centres are built.

CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary,
Leppington

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,
Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

9.30am Anointing Mass, Oran
Park

7pm Stations of the Cross,
Oran Park

SATURDAY 2 MARCH

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 1 MARCH 2024

Next Friday, 1 March, Stations of the Cross, which will be held at our Oran Park Mass Centre @ 7pm, will be led by members of our Chaldean Community. The Stations will be presented in both Arabic and English. ALL ARE WELCOME

2024 KINDERGARTEN BAG BLESSINGS

Over the past few years, Fr David has offered the opportunity for families to have school bags of children enrolled in Kindergarten at St Justin's Catholic Primary School to be blessed.

This year, at the 5pm Mass on Sunday, **3 March**, and Sunday, **10 March**, St Justin's Kinder will be invited to bring their school bags to Mass for the blessing.

Then, at the 5pm Mass on Sunday, **17 March**, kindergarten students attending other schools are welcome to bring their school bags to Mass for a blessing.



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
ALL WELCOME

WALK FOR PEACE

Supporting the Holy Land Region & Neighbouring Countries

Please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table and consider walking 40km across Lent to help raise funds to aid our war-affected Christian communities.

Why not start a group to walk at a particular time each week to reach the distance by Easter.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the
children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)*

PROJECT COMPASSION

'DO SOMETHING SUNDAY' MARCH-APRIL

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow
for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available from our Welcome Table or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.



ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION/1st HOLY COMMUNION OPEN ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY.

Those families who wish to present their children for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion in 2024 are asked to complete **the online enrolment form which will be available** through the '[Youth Sacraments](#)' page on our Parish website from Monday, 19 February.

Online enrolments will close on Friday 8 March.

Don't forget that 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion is now a combined program of 6 weeks. So rather than families committing to one program for 1st Reconciliation and then another program for 1st Holy Communion, candidates prepare for both Sacraments at the same time. The focus of this combined program is "*From Mass to Mission*" that draws upon the purpose statement of our Parish "*to form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ*". (If a child has already made their 1st Reconciliation and was just wanting to receive their 1st Holy Communion, they are still required to complete the 6-week program).

Please remember, **only those who attend mass and/or reside within the Parish boundary of Oran Park are permitted to submit a sacramental enrolment form.** (Please refer to the Parish website for the boundary map). Those who are parishioners of Camden, Varroville or Eagle Vale Parishes should complete sacramental preparations through their local Parish.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Our Holy Week Masses have now been finalised and we are now asking for any Liturgical Ministers who are able to serve to add your names to the Sign-Up Sheet on our Welcome Table.

We thank you for your gift of time at this special time of the year.

"DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?"

(Wisdom from Pope Francis)

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

24 FEBRUARY
RCIC Session 1

1 MARCH
Stations of the Cross, led by
Chaldean Community

OUR PARISH LAUGHS TOGETHER

As they say 'laughter is the best medicine'. Since the start of my chemo treatment, one of our young parishioners, supported by his parents, has been sending me (via email) their "joke of the week". Also at Christmas the family then gifted me with a little 'joke log' that their son had created that contained a compilation of some of his jokes. As a fun activity we are inviting all children and young people of the parish to submit their favourite joke. These will be collated and printed in-house to create our own parish joke book (that will be sold for a 'gold coin donation' in the later weeks of Lent in time for Easter). The monies raised from the sale of the parish joke book will go to support Caritas'

Project Compassion (our next bimonthly 'Do Something Sunday' focus). The families of any children and young people who would like to submit a joke, can use the following online Padlet link:

bit.ly/parishjokebook

All jokes must be submitted no later than 10 March. *Fr David*



HEALTH UPDATE - BISHOP PETER INGHAM

Bishop Brian would appreciate our prayers for Emeritus Bishop Peter Ingham at this time. Sadly, Bishop Peter's lung condition is deteriorating further, with increased energy required to breathe effectively. As some will recall, it was Bishop Peter Ingham who founded our Parish in June 2015.

A card for signing is available at the Oran Park Welcome Table.

ENTRANCE HYMN **COME AND SET US FREE**

Trevor Thomson

Refrain:

Come, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, come save your people.
Come and set us free.

1. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your love.
Awaken our hearts to your mercy.
Free us, O Lord, from the power of sin.
Set us free.
2. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your truth.
Awaken our hearts to your justice.
Teach us and guide us for you are the way.
Set us free.

PENITENTIAL ACT **HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD**

Musical notation for the Penitential Act. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, with lyrics: 'Have mer-cy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a -'. The second staff is also for the Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, with lyrics: 'gainst you. Show us, O Lord, your mer - cy. And'. The third staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'grant us your sal - va - tion.'. The fourth staff is for the Assembly, with lyrics: 'A - men.'.

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OFFERTORY SONG **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?
 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?

COMMUNION

Instrumental Music

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 REASONS

(Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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 men 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!