



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 AUGUST 2024
(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 25 August 2024

We are invited in this year’s Social Justice Statement “Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World” from the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference to reflect on what we, as Christians, are called to do in a world wracked by war and violence. Truth is often the first casualty in war. The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no ‘us’ or ‘them’. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict. Armed not with guns and missiles, but with love for our sisters and brothers, we are invited to speak of peace and to take action to promote peace in a violent world.

On this Social Justice Sunday, let us re-commit ourselves to cultivating a culture of peace by following Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace.

You can download a copy of
“Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World” at:
bit.ly/2024socialjusticestatement
Limited copies are available from the Welcome Table
at Oran Park.

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.

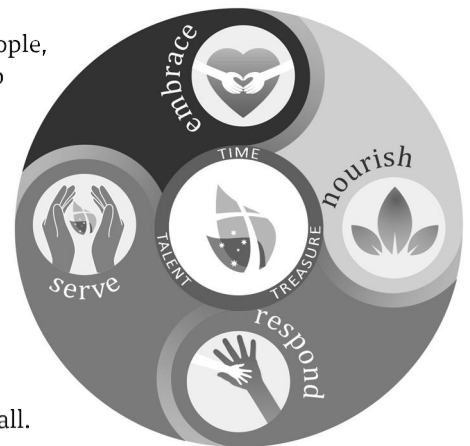
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 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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Office Hours : 9am to 1pm Monday - Friday

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 26 AUGUST

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 27 AUGUST

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 28 AUGUST

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 29 AUGUST

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 30 AUGUST

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY – 31 AUGUST

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

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DO SOMETHING SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER



During September/October
– to coincide with **WORLD MISSION MONTH** -
we are invited to support the work of ‘Catholic Mission’

More information on how we can show this support
will be announced soon.

FATHERS’ DAY RAFFLE

Our MacKillop Crafters will be selling tickets for a Fathers’ Day Raffle at our Oran Park Church following all Masses this weekend, 24-25 August. Winners will be announced on Fathers’ Day, Sunday 1 September. All proceeds will be donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Thank you to the MacKillop Crafters and those who attended the Daffodil Day Morning Tea on Thursday 22 August at Oran Park. We were able to raise \$185 to support the Cancer Council.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Together we can keep the faith alive.

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Next weekend, September 7 and 8, we welcome to Oran Park, Donna Ransom, an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

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.



OFFERING RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING LEPPINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

Last Sunday, 18 August, Fr David facilitated a Community Meeting at St Mary Mother of God Church, Leppington. At this meeting, recommendations, including the ceasing of regular Sunday Mass at the Leppington Church in late November, were discussed.

Fr David and Deacon Sam outlined to parishioners some of the internal and external factors which have led to these recommendations, including:

- the proposed widening by the local and state governments of Dickson Rd into a 'dual carriageway' and the construction of a major interchange on the corner of Dickson Rd and Ingleburn Rd, which will lead to no access to the current church from Ingleburn Rd (and the distance from the front church door to the road less than 2metres)
- the current zoning of the Leppington land which would be financially prohibitive to change (if at all possible), and the LEP for Leppington which currently restricts the use of the land.
- the 'Light Industrial' zone across from the current church precinct, and the increased busyness on the surrounding road network.
- the reality that it is highly unlikely 'Leppington' will become its own Parish, due to the location of St Anthony's Austral and the growth of the Aerotropolis, and the fact that many parishioners residing in the northern part of the Parish are attending either St Mary MacKillop Church Oran Park or St Anthony's Church Austral due to factors such as their current K-12 school, or Mass and devotion times.
- the 'low Mass attendance numbers' at Leppington, and as such the low 'weekly collection' income generated, but at the same time the rather high expenditure and maintenance of the Leppington church and the Leppington house.

As mentioned at the meeting, Fr David is now seeking parishioners' feedback on these recommendations, either by sending an email to the Parish Office or by submitting (through one of the collection baskets or post) a letter in one of the feedback envelopes available from the Welcome Tables at both churches. **All feedback must be received no later than Sunday 15 September.**

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

1 SEPTEMBER

Father's Day

8 SEPTEMBER

Aid to the Church in Need

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and whose anniversaries are remembered at this time: Sandra O'Sullivan, Maria Rosa Sacca, Janos Toth, Maria Zakar, Christian Davoine, Antony Loduwick, Joseph & Mary Bonello, Carmen Ebejer, Henk de Roo, Charlie & Gina Navan, Carmelo Galea, James Muscat, Baby Thorpe

We pray for the following requests from our community for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers: Lucy Fraser, Margaret Noronha, Bayani Manuel, Merle Caleon, Adam Pradela, Vivian, Vanessa & Evander

REMINDER OF HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Catholics who have made their 1st Holy Communion can receive Holy Communion either in the hand or on the tongue. Those who chose to receive Holy Communion in the hand must consume the host immediately in the presence of the minister: they cannot take Holy Communion back to their seat, and that under no circumstances are they to give Holy Communion to a child or another person back at their seat.

Also, Holy Communion cannot be placed into a person's bag or pocket to 'take home' to someone who is sick or homebound. Anyone who requires Communion to be taken to them at home, must have this pre-arranged through the Parish Office or by speaking to one of the clergy prior to Mass.

Also while we acknowledge that in the *Eastern Catholic Church*, children may have received all 3 sacraments as an infant (and be younger than Year 3 - that for the majority of children is the age they receive their 1st Holy Communion) as the parent isn't the 'communion minister', the child or infant must receive Holy Communion from the clergy and communion minister again where it is distributed and not back at their seat. Also, we ask that "adults are adults" and not give Holy Communion to a pleading child who wants what the parent has or just wants to taste the Host.

More information on correct liturgical practice in receiving Holy Communion can be found on the flyers that are available from the Welcome Table.

ENTRANCE

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

HERE I AM, LORD

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

COMMUNION

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

SENDING FORTH

SHINE JESUS SHINE

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1. Lord the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me; Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me; Shine on me.