



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

JOIN US AS A LENTEN GROUP HOST

As Lent approaches, beginning on 5 March, we are excited to invite members of our Parish to host our Lenten Groups. These gatherings are an opportunity to deepen our spiritual journeys and foster community connections during this meaningful season.

Whether you open your home, or prefer utilising one of the Parish meeting spaces, your role as a Host is invaluable.

If you feel called to lead a Lenten Group in 2025, we encourage you to reach out to the Parish Office with details of your preferred time.

Let's come together and make this Lent a time of reflection, growth and shared fellowship. Your participation as a Host will help enrich the Lenten experience for our entire Parish community.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to our shared spiritual journey. We look forward to confirming our Lenten Group Hosts in the coming weeks.

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

26 JANUARY 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

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.

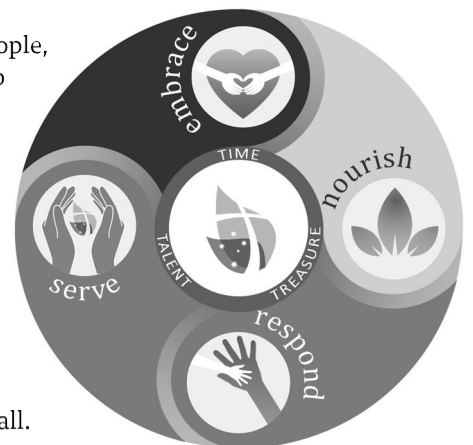
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 – 27 JANUARY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 28 JANUARY

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 29 JANUARY

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 30 JANUARY

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 31 JANUARY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY – 1 FEBRUARY

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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ST MARY MACKILLOP MEN'S MINISTRY

From humble beginnings our Men's Ministry has now grown to close to 30 men in the group.

Our recent Exodus 90 program, which commenced on 20 January, saw 20 men gather to begin the path to *Uncommon Freedom*.

It's not too late for you to join our Weekly Men's Fraternity. If you're a single man, brother, husband, father or grandfather with a desire to become a man who lives with true Freedom through Christ, then we have a seat for you at the table. Come along and meet the Men or join us for Exodus 90.

Mondays @ 7pm

Weekly Fraternity Meeting (Penola Room)

2nd Monday of the Month @ 7pm

Holy Hour (Oran Park Church)

Last Saturday of the Month @ 6am

Men's Rosary Walk (Harrington Park Lake)

For more information on the Exodus 90 program or our Men's Ministry, feel free to contact:

Ivan Siladji : ivansiladji@gmail.com

Frank Lamasan : franklamasan_au@yahoo.com.au



If you would like to join our 2025 Alpha (numbers are limited), please register your details using this QR Code and a member of our Alpha Team will contact you.



2025 KINDERGARTEN BAG BLESSINGS

Over the past few years, the Parish has offered the opportunity for families to have school bags of children enrolled in Kindergarten to be blessed.

This year, at the 5pm Mass on Sunday, 2 March, and Sunday, 9 March, St Justin's students will be attending Mass for the blessing.

NEXT WEEKEND, 1-2 February, we would like to invite all 2025 Kindergarten students and their families who do not attend St Justin's to join us and bring your schoolbag for the blessing.

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.



PALM FRONDS

If you have pieces of 'blessed palm' at home (from Palm Sunday last year), please bring them to Church next weekend and place them in tub provided. These blessed PALM FRONDS will be burnt to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday 2025.

DO SOMETHING SUNDAY – FEBRUARY

St Vincent de Paul 'Food Pantry Drive'

St Vincent de Paul have provided a list of items which is available from the Welcome Table. These items are not easily accessible from other sources and will complement the basic pantry items St Vincent de Paul currently hold.

Items can then be delivered to the Church over 2 weekends:

8/9 February
OR
15/16 February

As we have limited storage at the Church, we ask that items be left over these 2 weekends only.

A team of volunteers will transport these donations to St Vincent de Paul on the weekend of 22/23 February.

If your family would like to assist in sorting the donations or transporting them to Camden on the weekend of 22/23 February, please send your details to the Parish Office.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Stephen McLaren, Vicente Silvestre Jr, Carmelo Delacruz, Carmelo Cauchi, Leonard Hoven, Augusta Soares Luis, Sam Fenech, Richard Laws, Anne Lonsdale, Adrian O'Sullivan, Stephen Donovick, Christephur Pereira, Vince Muscatello, Giorgio Macri, M C Mathew

We join in prayer for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers.

John Ligato

We invite you to share the names of those who are sick or in need of extra prayers by emailing the Parish Office

SAPIENTIA RETREAT

Single adults, aged 18-30, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, from 7-9 February 2025. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass and time for fun and fellowship. More information is available on our Notice Board for registrations which will close on 31 January.

CURSILLO 3-DAY WEEKEND A Women's Experience

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese are invited to a 3-day Cursillo weekend at Carmel House, Varroville.

Talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Fr Chis Roberts from Kiama Parish.

The weekend commences on Thursday evening, 6 March, and concludes Sunday afternoon, 9 March.

For further information, please contact Margaret French (0417 041 721) or email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com

Flyers are also available from the Welcome Table.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Those families wishing to enrol their child/ren in our 2025

1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion Preparation Program are reminded online enrolments will be available on the Parish website from 17 February.

MACKILLOP YOUTH 2025

All Students who will be in Years 7-10 in 2025 are invited to join an evening of food, fun and faith formation at the MacKillop Youth Taster Session on Friday, 7 February, from 6.30-8.30pm.

Please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table to register and a member of our MacKillop Youth team will contact you.

ENTRANCE HYMN

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

Chorus: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in the church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (*Chorus*)

3. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. (*Chorus*)

OFFERTORY SONG

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.

COMMUNION SONG

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

John Foley S.J.

Refrain:

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

GRATEFUL

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Refrain

Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

1. You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.
Even when we doubt your presence
you are faithful to your word.

2. May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name.

SENDING FORTH

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*)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)