



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish

# YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR CULTURE

## 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

At the end of the Easter Season we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost: that is a celebration of both the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the unity we share in our diversity. As our recently published *Parish Social Profile* from the National Centre for Pastoral Research highlighted, in our parish we are blessed to have parishioners that come from many different cultures and nations, including our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. To celebrate this cultural diversity in our parish, we are inviting you to share your culture through food. **After our 10am Mass on Pentecost Sunday (19 May 2024) we are going to have a multicultural morning tea/brunch. It is planned to have a table for each culture where foods can be served.** If you would like to be involved, please fill in your Contact Details on the Sign-up Sheet located at the Oran Park Welcome Table or you can email the Parish Office and members of our Parish Hospitality Team will be in touch to work with you to assist with planning and preparation for the day.

**We are hoping that this will be a wonderful Parish Celebration.**

## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**28 APRIL 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Live in me and let me love in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.*  
Alleluia!

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

**Preface 5 of Easter**

### PARISH CLERGY

**Fr David Catterall** | Parish Priest  
**Fr Feleki Tautunu** | Assistant Priest  
**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.

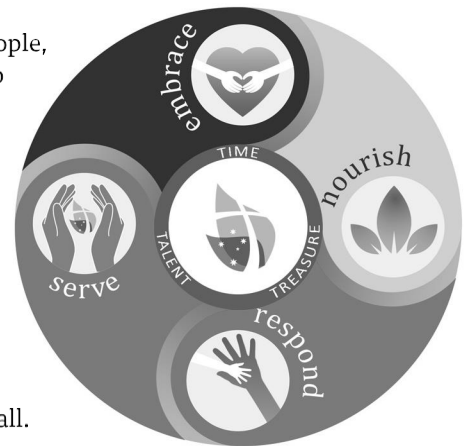
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



**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 – 29 APRIL

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY – 30 APRIL

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

6pm Eucharistic Adoration, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY – 1 MAY

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY – 2 MAY

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY – 3 MAY

9.30am **ANOINTING MASS, Oran Park**

### SATURDAY – 4 MAY

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

## SUPPORTING SVDP

Currently the Food Pantry of the Camden/Oran Park Chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society is in great demand.

**So this weekend, and now also next weekend 4/5 May, we are invited to bring a food item (listed below) to Mass to help re-stock their pantry.**

- Breakfast Cereal • Breakfast Condiments • Salt/Pepper
- Tomato/BBQ Sauce • Cordial
- Juice • 2-minute noodles
- Biscuits sweet/savoury • Tuna
- Casserole-based sauces
- Personal care items • Milo/Hot Choc/Tea/Coffee
- School Lunch Snacks

## EILEEN O'CONNOR PARISH RETREAT DAY

As many will recall, back in September (when he announced his diagnosis of metastatic prostate cancer) Fr David introduced many of us, for the first time, to Servant of God Eileen O'Connor, and he invited us to join with him in praying the novena to this woman, known as 'Little Mother' by the members of the congregation she founded.

As Fr David announced on the Easter Sunday weekend, our Parish is blessed to have been gifted a locket of Eileen O'Connor's hair. This locket – that some might say is a 'first class relic' of Eileen – is currently enshrined in a display case in our Oran Park Mass Centre, and, during his visit to our Parish for the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass on Saturday 11 May, will be placed by Bishop Brian – next to the relic from the casket of St Mary MacKillop – into the Oran Park altar.

**To allow us to get to know Eileen O'Connor – this 'saint-in-waiting' - a little bit more, Fr David is hosting a special retreat day on Tuesday 7 May.** This retreat day (to be held at our Oran Park Mass Centre) will be facilitated by Monica O'Connell and Carlos Lopez (two lay people who work at Coogee with Eileen O'Connor's congregation 'Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor') The retreat day will begin with morning tea at 10am, and will include time for input and reflection, a 12.30pm Mass celebrated by Fr David, and conclude with lunch. **If you would like to attend, please write your name and contact details down the 'sign up' sheet at the Oran Park Welcome Table or contact the Parish Office.** A donation of \$15 is suggested to go towards the costs for the retreat printing and lunch (Please place this donation in an envelope, with your name and 'Eileen O'Connor' Retreat Day' on the cover, into one of the collection baskets at Mass)

## SOCKS FOR SEEDLINGS

Our bi-monthly 'Do Something Sunday' for May-June will be focused on the re-establishment of the Parish Community Garden.

**Help support the Garden's reconstruction – BUY SOME SOCKS!**

As you would be aware, our beloved Community Garden is under reconstruction and, to help rebuild, we are fundraising with socks.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to purchase a pair of socks provided from JOLLY SOLES. Adult Socks: \$10 / Kids Socks \$5

**All donations will assist in purchasing new seedlings and soil.**

There are 2 ways to get your hands on some crazy socks! The Parish Community Garden team will be taking orders for socks at the end of

Mass on the following dates at our Oran Park Mass Centre:

Weekends of 4 & 5 May, 11 & 12 May and 18 & 19 May.

Alternatively, you can purchase your socks online using the discount code: SOCKS4SEEDS for a 10% discount. **Please note:** it is

**IMPORTANT** to use the discount code online to link your purchase to our fundraiser. Scan the QR Code below or visit the page

<https://jollysoles.com.au/collections/individual-pairs>

*Offer ends 17/05/2024.*



Then, on the weekend of 22/23 June, you are asked to wear your socks to Mass to show your support for the Garden. If you would like to help with the Socks for Seedlings stall after Mass, please contact Laura Napoleone or Zenia D'Silva c/o the Parish Office.

**JOIN US FOR  
MACKILLOP YOUTH  
TERM 2 2024**



**Friday Nights**

Juniors (Years 7-9)  
&  
Seniors (Years 10-12)

Friday 17th May (Week 3)

Friday 31st May (Week 5)

Friday 14th June (Week 7)



**PLEASE JOIN US FROM  
6:30PM - 8:30PM IN THE  
PENOLA ROOM**



**Annual Mackillop Youth  
Pilgrimage**

Combined (Years 7-12)

Saturday 29th June (Week 9)

Further details to be provided  
closer to the event

**UPCOMING  
IMPORTANT DATES**

**3 MAY**

2024 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion  
candidates receive Discipleship  
Group Session 2

**4 MAY**

Social Justice Network  
Presentation

**CatholicCare's 'Ageing  
with Confidence' Forum**

The half-day information session  
will provide seniors with practical  
information on the aged care system  
and healthy ageing.

Expert presentations from  
CatholicCare staff will be joined by  
presenters from the Seniors Rights  
Services NSW and the NSW Fire &  
Rescue Service to discuss topics  
such as accessing support services,  
keeping your mind and body fit, and  
advocating and supporting  
older people.

Wednesday, 8 May, at 9.30am-1pm  
Campbelltown Catholic Club  
20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown.

Places are limited. To register, call  
02 4227 1122 or visit  
[www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events)

For any other information,  
contact Jane Hollier on  
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[janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au).

**Have you always wanted to take part in  
ALPHA but haven't been able to due to the  
sessions taking place in the evenings?**



Over the last few years, our parish has been hosting Alpha – that is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning. And through participation in Alpha many people have reconnected with their faith and grown in their relationship with Jesus.

Up to now all our Alpha programs have been held on weekday evenings. **However, the good news is that, as announced in our Easter newsletter and with the support of St Justin's School, we will be holding a 'morning Alpha' starting after the upcoming school holidays.**

This 'morning Alpha' will be co-hosted by St Justin's and our Parish, and will be held in the St Justin's School Library on Fridays from 9.30am.

If you would like to participate, please complete the online 'expression of interest': [bit.ly/daytimealpha](http://bit.ly/daytimealpha)

**PARISH PIETY STALL RE-OPENING**

**Our Parish Piety Stall at our Oran Park Mass Centre will re-open this weekend.**

Each week, the stall will be open after the Saturday Vigil Mass and after all Sunday Masses.

The Piety Stall will stock religious cards and inspirational gifts suitable for those receiving Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation as well as children's religious books, Rosaries, holy cards, medals, scapulars, Crosses, St Mary MacKillop and Eileen O'Connor themed items.

All proceeds from the Parish Piety Stall will go to support our Parish ministries.

We are still looking for volunteers who would like to gift their time to serve on the Piety Stall.

If you would like to assist, please send your details to the Parish Office.

## **ENTRANCE** **GATHER US IN**

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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.

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** **MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

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Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **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.

## **SONG OF PRAISE** **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

2. 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.

## **SENDING FORTH** **CITY OF GOD**

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1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

### **Refrain:**

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free.