



**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

**30 MARCH 2025**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**  
Joshua 5:9-12

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*  
*I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.*  
*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## 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.

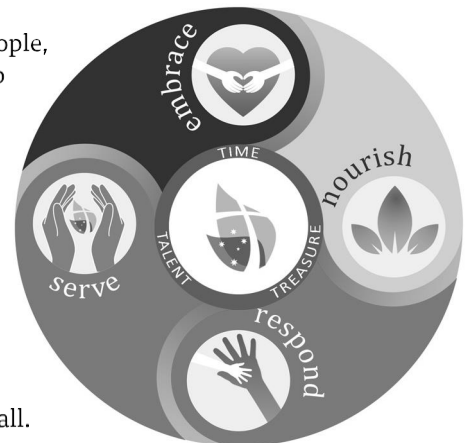
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



## CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY – 31 MARCH

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY – 1 APRIL

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY – 2 APRIL

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY – 3 APRIL

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY – 4 APRIL

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6pm Stations of the Cross,  
Leppington

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of the Cross,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY – 5 APRIL

4pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

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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 today.**



### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to announce a wonderful opportunity to support our Parish and promote your business or service.

Commencing soon, we will be offering space for advertising which will be featured with a weekend post on our Parish social media pages and space in a designated flyer which will be available at both Oran Park and Leppington Churches as well as being visible on our Notice Boards in both Churches.

This is a great way to reach our community, while supporting our Parish's ongoing programs and initiatives.

If you are interested in this initiative, or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office : [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au)



**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](https://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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AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

## YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE, PENROSE PARK

**Date** : Sunday, 6 April

**Time** : Depart St Mary MacKillop Church, Oran Park, after 8am Mass – returning at approx. 3pm

**Venue** : Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park

Begins with Mass at Oran Park, followed by Rosary Walk, Lent Reflections and picnic lunch at Penrose Park.

For any young adult aged 18 years and over. More details and RSVP at [bit.ly/OPYALent](http://bit.ly/OPYALent)

### JOIN FR DAVID'S APPEAL FOR STEM CELL DONORS

As many of you may be aware, Fr David Catterall is currently undertaking a stem cell transplant. While not without its risks, this transplant offers him a better outcome to his Acute Myeloid Leukaemia diagnosis.

Each year, over 1,100 Australians, like Fr David, search for a stem cell donor to cure their blood cancer or disorder. A transplant from a genetically matched donor is often a last-resort treatment which could save their life. However, Australia's existing donor pool only helps around 80 patients annually, leaving many struggling to find a match. By registering as a donor, you could give hope to patients worldwide.

*Stem Cell Donors Australia* runs the national donor registry, and signing up is as simple as completing an online form and a free cheek swab kit sent to your home. If you are ever a genetic match, you'll be contacted to donate your blood stem cells, which are collected in 90% of cases through a straightforward blood donation process. In the remaining cases, bone marrow is collected under anaesthesia, with any post-surgery discomfort managed with basic pain relief.

Becoming a donor is free, easy, and could change someone's life. If you're 18 to 35 and generally healthy, you can join Fr David's appeal by visiting [stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david](http://stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david) or scanning the QR code.



### "SAVE THE DATES"

**Let's Come Together and Celebrate our Parish 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Maria Toth, Phillip Mammoliti, Gaye Mammoliti, Amalia Maupo, John Rinaldy, Mikolaj Opryszko, Helena Opryszko, Rosamma Xavier, Antonio Da Luz, Jacinto De Sousa, James McMurtry*

*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

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Parish Community Survey, to assist our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee.

If you are yet to complete the Survey, this will be available until after Easter on the Welcome Table or, if you would prefer to complete this information online, please use the QR Code.



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](http://bit.ly/Lent_2025)*

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

### **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*)

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

### **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

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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.

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

## **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**

### **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.