



**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



**Our September 'Do Something Sunday' focus  
is supporting the charity 'Escabags'.**

Escabags is an Australian registered charity that provides free 'Escape Bags' filled with the necessities that a victim of domestic or family abuse and his/her child/ren may need when initially escaping an abusive or dangerous situation. Information can be found on the website: [www.escabags.org](http://www.escabags.org)

**We ask that, during the month of September,  
the following miniature/travel-sized items are brought  
to parish Masses and placed either  
in the Escabag box at our Oran Park Mass Centre  
or the Escabag crate at the Leppington Mass Centre.**

**Shower Gel; Shampoo & Conditioner; Toothbrushes;  
Toothpaste; Comb; Pocket Tissues; Face Cloths; Soaps;  
Chamomile Teabags; Dummy/Soothers;  
Baby Blankets; Muslin Wraps.**

A flyer is also available from the Welcome Table showing these specific items which Escabags are regularly seeking donations of.

**We are also pleased to announce that our parish  
is now a stockist of Escabags  
(available from the Kitchen at our Oran Park Mass Centre)**

## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**3 SEPTEMBER**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING**  
Jeremiah 20:7-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.

**SECOND READING**  
Romans 12:1-2

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten the eyes of our  
heart, that we might see how great  
is the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2**  
**(with its own Preface)**

## 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.

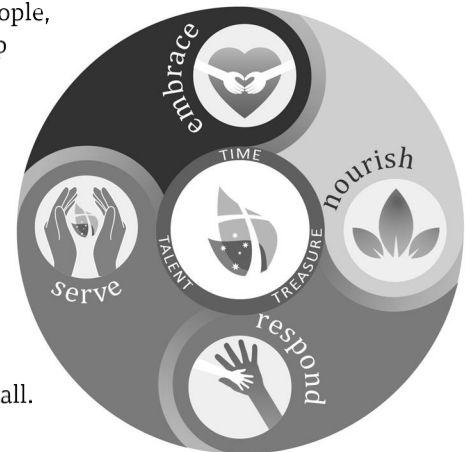
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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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Office Hours : 9am-1pm Monday - Friday



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

### TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

**NOTE: There will be no 6pm Eucharistic Adoration or Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday**

7pm Communion Service,  
Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

9.30am Communion Service,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation -  
Oran Park

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## 2023 CONFIRMATION CEREMONY REHEARSALS

All 2023 Confirmation Candidates and families are reminded that rehearsals for ceremonies will be held following Masses next weekend:

Saturday, 9 September @ 6pm

Sunday, 10 September @ 9am

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## FAITH NIGHT - Friday, September 22

'Synod on Synodality'

**Our 'virtual' guest speaker will be Sr Nathalie Becquart XM CJ.**

We will watch and listen to Sr Nathalie's recorded reflection, followed by a time of conversation with other Faith Night attendees and conclude with supper.

Our September FAITH NIGHT will be held in the 'Penola Room' (next to the Oran Park Church) from 7pm - 9pm.

**It is essential, for catering purposes, to RSVP if you are planning to attend this 'Faith Night'**

**RSVP to [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au) no later than Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK



National Child Protection Week - *that aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future* - is being held this year from 3rd - 9th September 2023. In 2023, the message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters'.

Along with 'Affirmation Activity Cards' for all our young people, which are available from the Welcome Table, Bishop Brian has produced a **video message** for the children of our Diocese that can be viewed here: [bit.ly/2023childprotectionsunday](https://bit.ly/2023childprotectionsunday)

Let us pray on this Child Protection Sunday, and during this week, that our parishes, schools and communities will remain faithful in our commitment to being safe places for all of God's children.

## 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.



## Oremus: Foundations in Prayer Course

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life and your confidence to pray with others.

Join us online for this 3 week series, Foundations in Prayer.

Date: Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September

Time: 7:30 - 8:45pm

Venue: Online

Cost: Free

Register [bit.ly/oremusprayercourse](https://bit.ly/oremusprayercourse)

The online series will be followed by an optional day retreat on Saturday 28 October; 10am - 4pm at St Martha's, Leichhardt.

Welcome  
Ministry

A formation session for those currently serving and those who would be interested in joining the Welcome Ministry will be held via Zoom this Wednesday, **6 September, at 7.30pm.**

Please RSVP to the Parish Office for the Zoom link or for more information.

## A WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY CURSILLO THREE DAY WEEKEND

Where : Carmel House, Varroville

When : Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> October



If you would like to know more about the next Cursillo 3-Day Weekend, please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table or return your Expression of Interest through the QR code.

Dear Parishioners

We want to bring to your attention a concerning issue. It has come to our notice that there is a scam text message circulating, falsely claiming to be from Fr David. Please be aware that we do not send unsolicited messages requesting personal information, financial details, or any form of payment.

If you receive a text message that appears to be from us but seems suspicious, please exercise caution and refrain from sharing any sensitive information. To verify the authenticity of any communication you receive from us, please contact our office on 02 46482226.

Your security and privacy are of utmost importance to us. Please help us spread awareness about this scam to protect your fellow parishioners. Stay vigilant and stay safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### 6 SEPTEMBER

Welcome Ministry Formation

### 9/10 SEPTEMBER

Confirmation Ceremony Rehearsals

### 9/10 SEPTEMBER

MenALIVE Regional Weekend

### 22 SEPTEMBER

Faith Night



## MENALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND

(9 – 10 September)  
at Campbelltown

FATHER & SON WEEKEND  
(20 – 22 October) at Appin

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

To assist families already wanting to plan for 2024, we are pleased to announce that our **2024 Sacramental Calendar** is now available to download from our Parish website: [marymackillopparish.org.au](https://marymackillopparish.org.au)

This calendar contains information about 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation, including the dates for 'Parent Information Sessions' for each of these Sacraments and the timeline for Sacramental Preparation in 2024.

For more information email: [oranparksacraments@dow.org.au](mailto:oranparksacraments@dow.org.au)

## OPERA IN THE BARN

Fundraiser for  
Turning Point Camden  
When: 16 September @ 5pm  
Where: Denbigh, Cobbitty  
Flyers are available from the  
Welcome Table

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

### **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 SONG**

### **HERE I AM LORD**

Daniel L Schutte SJ © 1981 N.A.L.R

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?

**Refrain:** 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?

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **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**

### **EVERY DAY I WILL SING**

Cooper Ray

1. The angels sing out from heaven.  
They fold their wings to you.  
The chorus rises to your altar  
singing, "Holy are you, Lord!";  
Great are you, my Lord.

### **Refrain**

Every day I will sing of your glory,  
every day I will sing of your grace,  
every day I will lift my hands.  
You are my God, you are my king.

2. You lift me up from out of darkness.  
Your love brings healing to my soul.  
You are the powerful and ever living God.  
You fill my heart and make me whole.  
Great are you, my Lord.

## **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 into 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.