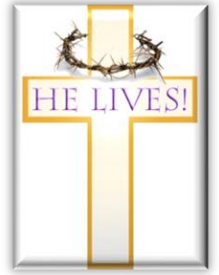




St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

2023 STATIONS OF LIGHT DURING EASTER



Following the model of the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) through the praying of the Stations of Light we have the opportunity to meditate on the various appearances of the Risen Lord - from his Resurrection to his Ascension.

This year, on some of the Fridays of the Easter Season (namely Friday 21 April, 28 April, 5 May, 12 May and 19 May) **you are invited to gather at 7pm in our Oran Park Mass Centre to pray the Stations of Light (during a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) and in the presence of the Easter Candle.**

These Stations will be led by different members of our parish community.

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

2ND & 4TH Chaldean Mass
SUNDAYS ORAN PARK
12.00 NOON

NEW TO THE PARISH? Grab a 'Welcome Pack' from the Welcome Table. Make sure you fill in your details on the form found in the Pack so we can reach out to you, also go to the 'New to the Parish' page on our parish website marymackillopparish.org.au

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

7 MAY 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING
Acts 6:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING
1 Peter 2:4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3
(Preface of Easter 5)

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.

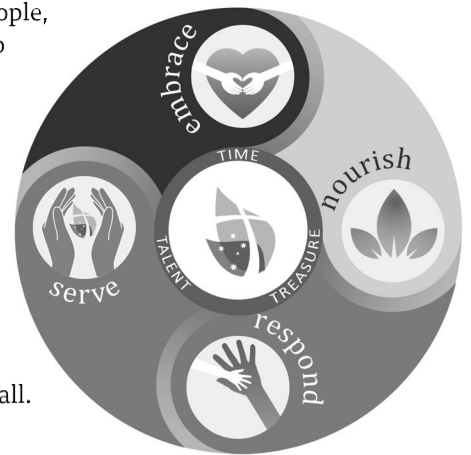
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 8 MAY

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY 9 MAY

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY 11 MAY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary, Oran Park

10am Communion Service, Oran Park

FRIDAY 12 MAY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6.30pm MacKillop Youth, Oran Park

7pm Stations of Light with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

SATURDAY 13 MAY

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Oran Park

CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S MASS PROGRAM

Thursday 10am Mass (11 May) will be replaced by a Communion Service. Also, while we will have our 7pm Mass on Tuesday 9 May, this 7pm Mass will not be preceded by our regular 6pm Eucharistic Adoration or Sacrament of Reconciliation.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish Oran Park is transforming 500m² of land into a thriving Community Garden in 2023.

This will be a space to relax with the community, build friendships, grow and harvest fruits and vegetables and enjoy yourself in the outdoors.

Stage 1 is planned for construction in late July and will involve the creation of a herb and flower garden and the installation of raised garden beds for growing vegetables.

If you would like to help build the garden, use the garden or be part of a small team to manage the garden, please let us know by completing the Expression of Interest form at this link

- bit.ly/marymackillogarden



MOTHER'S DAY SALES

The MacKillop craft group will be having their annual Mother's Day sales after each mass this weekend at our Oran Park Mass Centre. There will be a wide assortment of lovely items as well as a raffle for a beautiful hamper that any mother would love!!

Make sure you pop in to support the group!

JOIN US FOR
MACKILLOP YOUTH

TERM 2 2023



Friday Nights

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

19 May 2023, 6.30-8.30pm
Oran Park Mass Centre





Calling all married people!

Are you and your spouse interested in ministering together to make a difference in our parish community? We invite you to accompany an engaged couple as they prepare for Catholic marriage in our parish by becoming a **SmartLoving Sponsor couple**.

Your own marriage will be enriched as you go through our online course, and you'll be helping an engaged couple to build a strong, vibrant marriage and to make connections in our parish.

A Sponsor couple progresses through the SmartLoving Engaged course (the sponsor version of the course) at the same time as their Engaged couple. They can meet with their engaged couple (online or in person) 2-3 times during the course, to talk through the discussion questions provided by SmartLoving. You work collaboratively with our Parish Priest Fr David and other Sponsor Couples for supervision and support.

A webinar for all interested couples will be held on Tuesday 6 June – so if you are interested in being a part of this important ministry, or for more information, please send an email to the Parish Office.

For our 2023 parish Alpha to be successful we are now looking for any parishioners who own local cafes or restaurants, know of owners, or who are just good cooks who might be able to assist us – and even consider ‘sponsoring’ the food for one of our Alpha nights. As our Alpha is being held in an evening time-slot, we are wanting to provide each week a ‘simple one course evening meal’.

If you can assist with providing food for our Alpha guests, sponsoring a meal, or to be a part of the Alpha hospitality team, we need assistance with the following:

- **Provide a Meal**
- **Donate for a Meal**
- **Assist with Serving**
- **Assist with Weekly Set Up**

Please contact the Parish Office or mark your details down at the Welcome Table and an Alpha Team member will contact you.



Our next ALPHA SERIES will begin soon!

WHEN: Starting Thursday 25th May 2023

TIME: 7pm – 9pm (Dinner provided)



Registrations are essential and CLOSE on 11 May 2023.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

9 MAY

Free Technology Training for Seniors @ St Benedict's Catholic College

10 MAY

‘Ageing with Confidence’ Free Information Session @ Campbelltown RSL

25 MAY

ALPHA Series Begins

26 MAY

Faith Night with Rosemary Kariuki

ADULT FAITH FORMATION “FAITH NIGHT”

Our inaugural ‘Faith Night’ will be held on **Friday, 26th May 2023 from 7-9pm.**

The ‘Prayer Focus’ will be ‘Hymns of Joy’, followed by a ‘reflection’ given by our fellow parishioner, member of our Parish Pastoral Council and the 2021 Local Hero Australian of the Year, Rosemary Kariuki. This will be an opportunity for our Parish to celebrate the launch of Rosemary’s incredible memoir ‘A Joyful Life’.

Rosemary’s astonishing memoir highlights how it is possible to develop a positive outlook, even in the face of adversity.

As well as a time for ‘conversation’ via Q & A, and concluding with a supper, copies of Rosemary’s book will be available for purchase and signing.

ENTRANCE HYMN **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 SONG **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

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The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever He leads me wherever He goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in His love,
the Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are
going, He promised to be there to help us along,
and over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders He's given to me.

COMMUNION SONG **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 **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.