



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish

DO SOMETHING SUNDAY JULY-AUGUST

Last weekend our Gospel (**Mark 5:21-43**) presented us with two profound miracles performed by Jesus, showing his boundless love and compassion for those in need.

The first miracle involved a woman who approached Jesus with a strong faith, believing that merely touching the hem of his garment would heal her. The second miracle was the raising of Jairus's daughter. Jairus, a synagogue official, approached Jesus with great faith, seeking healing for his gravely ill daughter.

Even when told that his daughter had died, Jesus encouraged Jairus to "not fear, only believe."

Founded on these two 'interconnected' miracles our bi-monthly DO SOMETHING SUNDAY for JULY-AUGUST will focus on two 'interconnected' causes:

- our ongoing support for ESCABAGS who offer, through their 'escape bags' support for those escaping family and domestic violence;
- our ongoing support for our Oran Park/Camden ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE.

During July/August we are invited to bring an item to Mass to support ESCABAGS (such as those listed on the flyer available from the Welcome Table) - *please remember, we can only accept new and unopened items for hygiene purposes* - **OR** to place \$5 in an envelope marked ESCABAGS that the Escabags team can use to purchase 'Personal Safety Alarms' which they will be adding, from July onwards, to all of their 'escape bags'.

Also, as the cooler months are upon us, we would like to support St Vincent de Paul by holding a blanket drive for families who may not be able to afford the most basic winter essentials.

As we have limited space for storing your generous donations, we ask any items be brought to Church over 2 designated weekends: **27-28 July and 24-25 August**. We will have containers available on these two dates, together with envelopes clearly marked ESCABAGS, at both our Leppington and Oran Park Churches.



**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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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

7 JULY 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
he sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.*
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

Fr David Catterall | Parish Priest
Fr Feleki Tautunu | Assistant Priest
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 8 JULY

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 9 JULY

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

6pm Eucharistic Adoration, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 10 JULY

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 11 JULY

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 12 JULY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY – 13 JULY

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

Due to his recent fall and some current side effects of his hormone deprivation treatment for metastatic prostate cancer, Fr David will be on 'recuperation leave' until the end of July.

Please keep Fr David in your prayers.

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HOLY WATER STATIONS

You will notice we have now returned to bowls of Holy Water at both entrances to the Oran Park Church for all parishioners to use to make the 'Sign of the Cross' on entering and/or leaving the Church.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MINISTRY

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass, please contact the Parish Office via email (oranpark@dow.org.au). Formation for this ministry will be held on 31 July and 14 August 2024 at 7pm.

To join this Ministry, you must be at least 16 years of age.

Would you like to discern becoming a Catholic-Christian at Easter 2025?

You are invited to take part in our Parish RCIA program, that will begin mid-August and go through to the Easter Vigil 2025. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

A focus of our 2024/2025 RCIA process will be fortnightly Wednesday gatherings for all RCIA enquirers from 7pm-9pm (not including the Wednesdays of the school holidays) Some have described the RCIA as a 'program to become a Catholic'. However, RCIA isn't a program, it's a process, a journey: that won't finish at the Easter Vigil next year, when those who are ready will receive the Sacraments, but will shape the course of the rest of their lives.

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about RCIA, or to be sent an RCIA enquiry form, please contact the Parish Office via phone (4648 2226) or email (oranpark@dow.org.au)

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

On Thursday, 8 August, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop, our Parish Patron.

We will commemorate this Feast Day over the weekend of 3-4 August and a Morning Tea will be held following our 10am weekday Mass on Thursday, 8 August.

Also, on 15 August, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **This day is a 'Holy Day of Obligation' (and holds the same status/rank as a Sunday)**

We will be holding a 7pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday, 14 August, at Leppington; and two Masses (10am and 7pm) on Thursday, 15 August, at Oran Park.

2024 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday, 25 August 2024, at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2024> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop on 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au no later than Monday, 29 July 2024.

WALK FOR HIM

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO WALK WITH FR DAVID ON 4th AUGUST?

As recently announced, 'WALK FOR HIM 2.0' will be held on Sunday 4th August following our 10am Sunday Mass.

This date has been chosen to coincide with the weekend we will celebrate, at our parish Masses, the Feast Day of our patron St Mary MacKillop. **We hope and pray that those who were planning to join Fr David for this walk that had to be postponed due to Fr David's recent fall and health issues, along with many others, will 'SIGN UP' to attend via the Eventbrite link:**

walkforhim2.eventbrite.com.au

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

7 JULY

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

23 JULY

Confirmation Parent Information Session @ 4.30pm

24 JULY

Confirmation Parent Information Session @ 7pm

Message from Fr David Catterall

- Update on Principal of St Justin's Primary School -

As some would be already aware from communication sent this week to the members of the St Justin's school community, **Kevin Devine** has decided to resign from the position of Principal of St Justin's School. As Kevin was taking a period of leave from this position, his resignation took immediate effect. During his time as Principal, Kevin has not only made a wonderful contribution to our parish primary school, but offered unwavering support to me as Parish Priest and to the vision and mission of the parish. I wish Kevin many blessings for his future endeavours.

After consultation with me as Parish Priest and with my support **Brad Colquhoun**, who has been in the position of Acting Principal at St Justin's, will continue in the role until the end of the 2024 school year. I am grateful to Brad for his leadership and for the way he also has been a support to me and the parish.

At this time of 'endings and new beginnings' we ask St Mary MacKillop and St Justin to intercede for Kevin and Brad and for the school community of St Justin's.

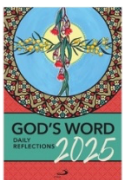
WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

this time: Felicidad Gavasan, Alfredo Gavasan, Frank Vella, Fausto Tumamak, Teresita Tumamak, Tommy Doyle, Yvonne Cummings, Leonard Hoven, Anacleto Solano, Oreste Gentile, Iniz Bugeja, Victor Vella

We pray for the following requests from our community for those who are unwell or in need of extra

prayers: Cooper Drygalla, Trish DeMamiel, Lucy Fraser, Margaret Noronha, Bayani Manuel, Merle Caleon, Adam Pradela, Vivian, Vanessa & Evander, Fr David



GOD'S WORD is a companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. It includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. Our Parish will shortly be placing an order for God's Word 2025.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this inspiring liturgical resource (**Parish Price \$15**), please collect a flyer and envelope from the Welcome Table and return this, with payment, by either leaving it in a collection during Mass or returning to the Parish Office no later than **1 August**. You will be notified when these have been received and ready for collection.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those parishioners who currently use Planned Giving Envelopes, these will be available for collection from the Welcome Table at Oran Park over the coming weeks. (If you attend Mass at Leppington, please contact the Parish Office so your envelope set can be sent out to you)

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLOURING COMPETITION

To coincide with the Feast Day of our patron, St Mary MacKillop, we would like the children of the Parish to colour a drawing by

Sr Jane Maisey rsj. which can be collected from the Welcome Table.

Prizes will be awarded for the following 3 categories:

Pre-School / Kindy - Yr 2 / Yrs 3 - 6

All completed pictures must be sent in no later than Sunday, 4 August.

Winners will be announced on the weekend of 10-11 August.

ENTRANCE **COME AND SET US FREE**

Refrain:

Come, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, come save your people.
Come and set us free.

1. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your love.
Awaken our hearts to your mercy.
Free us, O Lord, from the power of sin.
Set us free.
2. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your truth.
Awaken our hearts to your justice.
Teach us and guide us for you are the way.
Set us free.

OFFERTORY **OPEN MY EYES**

Jesse Manibusan © 1988 OCP Publications

1. Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.
4. I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you, rest now in me.

COMMUNION **BREAD OF HEAVEN**

Jesse Manibusan and Sarah Hart

Refrain:

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,
cup of life outpoured;
we your people thirst and hunger.
Come renew us, Lord; come renew us, Lord.

1. From the mountain, blessing spoken
where we came to pray;
with the simple truth before us:
love them in my name; love them in my name.
2. From the garden dark with sorrow,
from the tears you wept,
bloomed the flower of salvation:
new life born of death, new life born of death.
3. From the tomb that could not hold you
in the dark of night,
broke that morning of redemption,
raising us to life, raising us to life.

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,
everyday 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 everliving God.
You fill my heart and make me whole.
Great are you, my Lord.

SENDING FORTH **CELEBRATE**

Monica Brown © 1986 GIA

Refrain:

Celebrate what we have been given.
Celebrate what we have received.
Celebrate the spirit of Jesus, alive in our hearts.

1. No longer shall you be
people who walk in darkness.
It is the spirit who draws you into the light.
2. Even the earth cries out.
It longs to receive new life.
It is the spirit who fills the world with new life
3. You who are gather'd here
share life and love together.
It is the spirit who calls you out to give.