



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING: Is 58:7-10:

Your light will shine like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 111:4-9: R.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2nd READING: 1 Cor 2:1-5:

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia! (Jn 8:12)

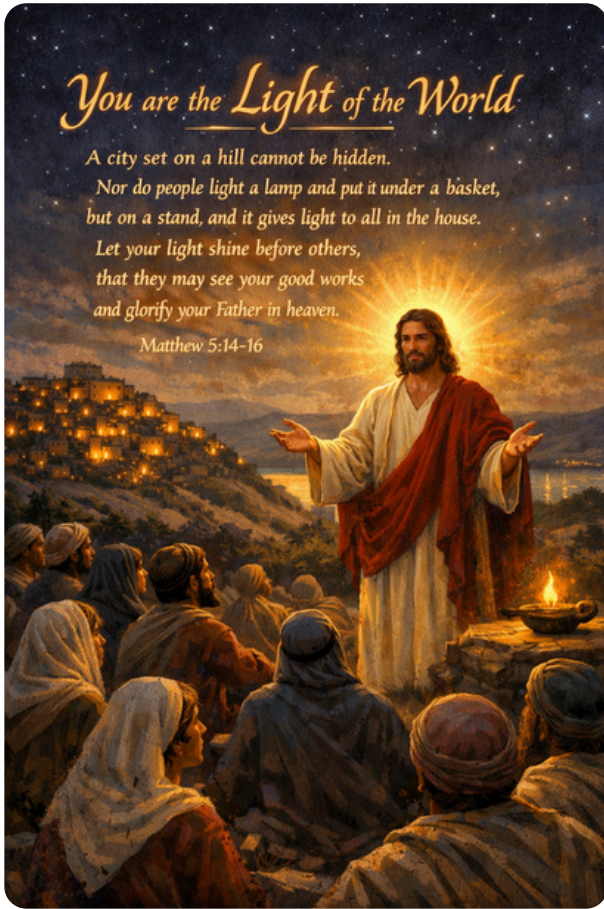
GOSPEL: Mt 5:13-16: You are the light of the world

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. We also join in prayer for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers.

**Frank Vella, Anthony Vella, Mathew Cherian,
Adrian O'Sullivan, Ron & Pauline Rice, Raymond Stubbs,
Hermie Jr, Margaret Noronha, Katherine Chin, Con Kontista,
Cliff Dornan, Maria & Sam Gauci, Doris Gauci,
Joe Tabone, Denise Segatto, Mary Passanha,
Noreen D'Souza, Jeferry D'Souza, Therese Edwige Arlequin**

We invite you to share the names of those who are sick or in need of extra prayers by emailing the Parish Office



*You are the **Light** of the World*

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

*Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket,
but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

*Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:14-16

In this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus uses phrases such as "you are the light of the world" and "a city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden".

Jesus is telling his disciples and us that we are the light of the world. This is a powerful and challenging message. Light is essential in so many ways. Plants cannot grow without light. Light enables us to see more clearly. If we do not have light, we stumble, we fall and struggle through life. And if we take Jesus' words seriously, we need to share our light with everyone we encounter.

Jesus is giving us a picture of who we are supposed to be. We are to be Christians everywhere we go. We should be Christians in all our words and actions. We should act in such a way, that others see Jesus in us and because of what they see they will then glorify God.

Our job is to touch the lives of people around us. Because sometimes our light can change people's lives. We are not to put our lamp under the table and hide it.

The late Pope Benedict 16th said, "Only if people change will the world change, and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God".

Let the light that comes from God be our hope, be our prayer. Let it bring mercy. Let it bring healing. Let it bring love.

We shine not by our own brilliance, but by remaining close to Christ, the true light. In doing so, the world tastes grace and sees God.

Deacon Sam

IN OUR PARISH

Mon	9 Feb
1pm	Rosary, Leppington
Tue	10 Feb
9:30am	Rosary on Zoom
5pm	Devotions
6pm	Reconciliation & Adoration
6:40	Evening Prayer & Benediction
7pm	Mass, Oran Park
Wed	11 Feb
8am	Mass, Oran Park
Thu	12 Feb
9:30	Rosary at Church (Zoom Available)
10am	Mass, Oran Park
Fri	13 Feb
9.30am	Mass, Oran Park
Sat	14 Feb
4pm	Reconciliation & Mass, Oran Park
5pm	Mass, Oran Park
Sun	15 Feb
8am	Mass, Leppington
8am	Mass, Oran Park
10am	Mass, Oran Park
5pm	Mass, Oran Park
Chaldean Holy Mass	
12:00 noon	Sunday

Paschal Precept :
Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (18 February) and Trinity Sunday (31 May), unless it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

LENTEN GROUP HOSTS

As Lent approaches early this year, **beginning 18 February**, we are excited to invite members of our Parish to become HOSTS for our Lenten Groups. Whether you open your home or prefer utilising one of the Parish meeting spaces, your role as a HOST is invaluable. If you feel called to lead a Lenten Group, we encourage you to simply add your contact details to the sheet available at the Welcome Table. Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to our shared spiritual journey. We look forward to confirming our Lenten Group HOSTS in the coming weeks and to then invite others to join these groups.

Compassionate Companions Grief can feel heavy and lonely, especially in the quiet moments. You don't have to carry it on your own. Compassionate Companions, run by Grief Care, is a welcoming space to gently connect with others who understand loss, grief and bereavement. Held in a calm, supportive setting at Macarthur Memorial Park, these monthly gatherings offer time for conversation, reflection and shared understanding. Morning tea is provided and all are welcome. Please see the Notice Board for more information.

Lenten Penance & Obligations : The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the season of Lent. Please visit the Notice Board for more information.

To allow as many Parishioners as possible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), we will be holding the following extended sessions of Reconciliation at our Oran Park Church: Tue, 24 March : 5pm-6.45pm Sat, 28 March : 4pm-4.45pm. Tue, 31 March : 5pm-6.45pm. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all who are 14 years or older are obliged to abstain from meat. All who are 18 to 59 are obliged to fast (Canon 1252). Pastors, teachers and parents are to ensure that, even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance

Easter Vigil Candles : 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 again like to encourage 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. Candles are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Rosary

If you would like to pray the Rosary with us from home on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9:30Am. Please use this QR Code or Zoom ID below:



PARISH 10TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Orders are now open for you to purchase your copy of our Parish 10th Anniversary Book for \$30 per copy. Please scan the QR Code or use the link <https://bit.ly/10ANN> to register your order and a member of our Parish Admin. Team will contact you to arrange collection. Cash purchases are now available at Oran Park (PietyStall)Leppington (Welcome Table).



THANK YOU



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

**DONATE
NOW**



This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home. You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty with us this Lent.

**EVERY DAY, 292 MILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD
WALK 30 MINUTES OR MORE JUST TO COLLECT WATER.
THIS LENT, WILL YOU WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH THEM ?**

THE LONG WALK FOR WATER



We also have Team participating in the "Long Walk for Water". Please visit our donation page to support by donating to this Team or show your love and compassion for those living in poverty by taking on a 40-day walking challenge to help bring clean, safe water to vulnerable communities. Set a daily walking goal that works for your fitness level—whether that's 30 minutes, 45 minutes, an hour, or any duration you choose. You can walk every day during Lent or as often as you're able. However you take part, your steps will help transform lives by supporting access to clean water for those who need it most. If you would like to register your own Team, please contact the Parish Office.

TAKE ME HOME



WOMEN OF THE CROSS 2026

Feb 18th
March 18th
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th
August 19th
Sept 16th
Oct 21st
Nov 18th
Dec 9th

Wednesday nights
- 7pm - Penola Room

JOIN US FOR MACKILLOP YOUTH

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

Friday 20th February (Week 4)

Friday, 6 March (Week 6)

Friday, 20 March (Week 8)



**Good Friday Stations at
10 a.m.**

Combined (Years 7-12)

Friday, 3 April, 10 a.m.

Further details to be provided
closer to the event

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



2026 SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

Our Parish 2026 Youth Sacramental Calendar is now available on the Parish Website. Those families wishing to enrol their children in 2026 for RCIC, 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation are asked to visit the website and note when online enrolments will be available.

PASTORAL CARE. WHAT IS PASTORAL CARE?

It is offering Spiritual, emotional and practical help. Its foundation is in the idea of a shepherd caring for their flock. Providing a listening ear, a presence and empathy and the sharing of Gods word through prayer and reading of the bible and sharing in the Eucharist. Our Parish need Pastoral care volunteer members. The need is great for Pastoral Care volunteers to visit Parishioners in their homes, nursing homes, hospitals. These Parishioners are unable to come to church for various reasons. *If you feel this is a ministry you could help in with your time, of at least 1hr a week we would love to hear from you.* **Please contact Ken Garland or Carmen Karauda at ken.garland45@gmail.com ckarauda@gmail.com**

Purchase your Copy of "COMPASSIO" : This year's Diocesan Lenten Book "COMPASSIO" is now available to purchase at the special price of \$5.00. Please purchase your copies of the Lenten Book from the Welcome Table.

2026 KINDY BAG BLESSING

Each year our Parish offers the opportunity for families to have school bags of children enrolled in Kindergarten to be blessed. This year, at the 5pm Mass on Sunday, 8 March, and Sunday, 15 March, St Justin's Kinder will be invited to bring their school bags to Mass for the blessing. On Sunday, 22 March, Kindergarten students attending other schools are welcome to bring their school bags to Mass for the Blessing.

SEEKING PEACE AND HEALING ? CatholicCare Counselling Can Help

Life's burdens can feel heavy, but you are not alone. CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by the values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief, or personal concerns, our counsellors walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Reach out today and let us walk with you: Call (02) 42549395 or visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>



LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

The Australian Church is setting out on the journey toward the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), a great time of renewal and transformation centred on encountering the Eucharistic Lord. In preparation, Australian Catholics will enter a Year of Prayer from 1 March 2026, focused on rediscovering Our Lord's love in the Blessed Sacrament. The theme, *This is My Body, Given for You*, calls us to deeper faith, generosity and mission. Learn more about the way ahead at eucharist28.org.

A POWERFUL LENTEN RETREAT JOURNEY AT INGLEBURN ; YOU ARE INVITED!

This Lent, journey through the last hours of Christ's life, from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

Dates: 7pm for five consecutive Thursday evenings
26 February – 26 March.

Venue: **Holy Family Parish Ingleburn** – Parish Meeting Room
(located around the back of the church, underneath)

Retreat Facilitator: Charbel Raish

Register your attendance at <http://www.hfi.org.au>

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UPCOMING TRIPLE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR OUR DIOCESE !

Bishop Brian Mascord warmly invites you to attend the upcoming ordination to the permanent diaconate of John Mortimer (Albion Park), Stuart Lake (Varroville) and Ryan Soares (Rosemeadow).
10:00am, Saturday
28 February 2026
St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (1 Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow). All are warmly invited to share in this joyful celebration, praying for and supporting these three men and their families as they are ordained to serve our diocesan community. RSVP by 20 February at rsvp.dow.org.au.
Parking will be available at the Fraternity Club (11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow).

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, FRIDAY 13 MARCH | 6:30AM-8AM

Guest Speaker & Topic:

Tom Kadmon –

"Reading Scripture is central to our relationship with Jesus".

Xavier Conference Room,
38 Harbour St Wollongong.

Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input. Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission. Cost is just \$20. Book here dow.sh/MPB26 by Tuesday 10 March. The Mens Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong.

SANCTUS- ROSEMEADOW

Join us for the first Sanctus Summit for the year at Our Lady Help of Christians,

Rosemeadow on

Wednesday 11 February.

Sanctus Summit is a monthly adoration night, bringing together youth and young adults from different parts of the Diocese! Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30 – 7.30pm (Reconciliation will be available), followed by dinner at Ambarvale Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and connect with other young people from the area!