



**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 (including this Friday 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.**

### 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

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>** 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](http://marymackillopparish.org.au)

### THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**14 MAY 2023**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**FIRST READING**  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**SECOND READING**  
1 Peter 3:15-18

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3**  
**(Preface of Easter 1)**

## 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.

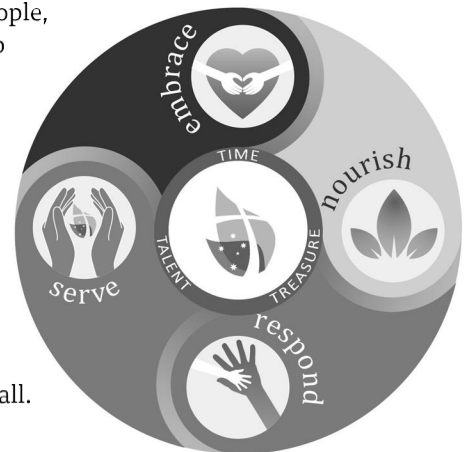
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY 15 MAY

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY 16 MAY

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

8am Mass, Oran Park

10am Requiem Mass for the late Margaret Murphy

### THURSDAY 18 MAY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY 19 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 20 MAY

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Oran Park

## PARISH EASTER SHOW UPDATE

As some of you may be aware, it was our hope (as part of our Parish Pastoral Plan for 2023-2024) to hold a number of Community Events during 2023, including our own version of the 'Easter Show' that was set down for Pentecost Sunday (28 May).

As a number of stakeholders are unable to support a Pentecost event, it has been discerned to defer this event till later in the year – hopefully around our parish feastday of St Mary MacKillop.

However mindful that Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter Season and is often referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church' we will be celebrating this special feastday with a BBQ 'sausage sizzle brunch' after our 10am Mass on Sunday 28 May, and we will have a 'coffee van' selling coffees after both our 8am & 10am Masses on Sunday 28 May.

We will still have our famous 'After 10am Mass morning tea' after our 10am Mass on 28 May. Households are invited to bring items to share.

**We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a Catholic-Christian to take part in our parish RCIA program, that will begin in late July 2023 and go through to the Easter Vigil 2024.**

**RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.** While a focus of our 2023-2024 RCIA process will be fortnightly Wednesday gatherings for all RCIA enquirers from 7pm-9pm (not including the Wednesdays of the school holidays) our parish RCIA process is also about creating opportunities for those who are discerning becoming Catholic-Christians to *encounter Jesus and His Holy Spirit* through the sacraments and the life of the parish community; *to find their home in the Catholic Church; and to thrive in faith and to joyfully live out their call as missionary disciples of Jesus!* 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**

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## DO SOMETHING SUNDAY | May - June

**Our "Do Something Sunday" for MAY-JUNE is an opportunity for our parish to reach out to the nearly two million people who are internally displaced because of the recent earthquake disaster and a decade and more of civil war in Syria.**

While you can donate to this May-June "Do Something Sunday" focus through the special collection boxes located at both our Mass Centres, with so many people using cashless payment methods, a TAP&GO machine (located next to the Welcome Table at our Oran Park Mass Centre) is a cashless offering point for this Appeal.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish Oran Park is transforming 500m<sup>2</sup> 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/marymackillopgarden](https://bit.ly/marymackillopgarden)



## LITTLE CHURCH

'Little Church' is a way for children to embrace our Parish Vision EMBRACE - NOURISH – RESPOND – SERVE which is built around TIME - TALENT -TREASURE and the call to be a 'disciple of Jesus', who recognises, as Jesus did, that everything good comes to us from the Father to be cherished and cared for lovingly and to be shared generously.



The children can have their own set of envelopes that they can write on the front of the envelope their "gift of time, talent and treasure" and place (with an optional offering in the envelope) in the Little Church near the Processional Cross at our Oran Park Church (or in the Collection Basket at our Leppington Church) during 2nd Collection.

'Little Church envelope packs' can be collected from the Welcome Table at our Oran Park & Leppington Mass Centres.



St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park, will again this year be hosting a 'Biggest Morning Tea' to support the Cancer Council. **Come and join us on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 10.30am in our Penola Room.** This event will be preceded by the praying of the Rosary at 9.30am and a special Mass at 10am.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Michelle Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : Jones Family  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : Mercy Cossettini  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize : Cristina Canceri

We thank everyone for your support.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### 24 MAY

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day (8am Mass followed by praying of the Rosary)

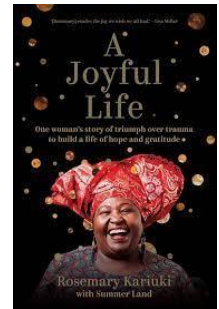
### 25 MAY

ALPHA Series Begins

### 26 MAY

Faith Night with Rosemary Kariuki

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION "FAITH NIGHT"



Our inaugural 'Faith Night' will be held on

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN**

Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women, and  
Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners now,  
And at the hour of death. Amen

**Refrain:**  
Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star  
So strong and bright,  
Gentle mother peaceful dove  
Teach us wisdom; teach us love.

1. You were chosen by the Father:  
You were chosen for the Son,  
You were chosen from all women  
And for woman shining one. (*Refrain*)

2. Blessed are you among women.  
Blessed in turn all women too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts. (*Refrain*)