



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

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

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

16 APRIL 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING
Acts 2:42-47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING
1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2
(Preface of Easter 2)

2023 STATIONS OF LIGHT DURING EASTER

Thank you to all those who gathered to pray the Via Crucis during Lent.

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.



So 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.

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

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.

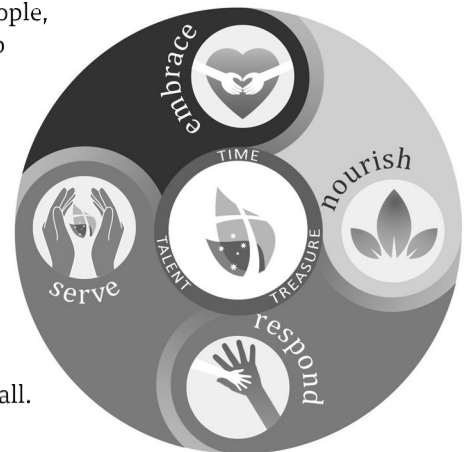
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 17 APRIL

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY 18 APRIL

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

8am Mass, Oran Park

11am Mass, Barry Marsh House

7pm Book Club

THURSDAY 20 APRIL

9.30am Praying of the Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

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

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Oran Park

1st RECONCILIATION / 1st HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

All families registered for our 2023 Preparation Programme are reminded that online seating bookings CLOSE on 24 April.

Session 1 will be emailed to families on 28 April.

Free Technology Training for Seniors

Due to the popularity of the Cross + Generation technology program, CatholicCare, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to help with the technology that you may be struggling with.

Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The first day will be Tuesday 9 May from 12pm – 2:30pm – this will include lunch on the day, a briefing chat followed by training.

The following dates will have afternoon tea provided:

- Tuesday 16 May 1pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday 23 May 1pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday 30 May 1pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday 6 June 1pm-2:30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

KIDSCHURCH

Due to the renovation of the ramp surface to the Penola Room, KidsChurch will not be held on the weekends of 15/16 April & 22/23 April.

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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION "FAITH NIGHT"

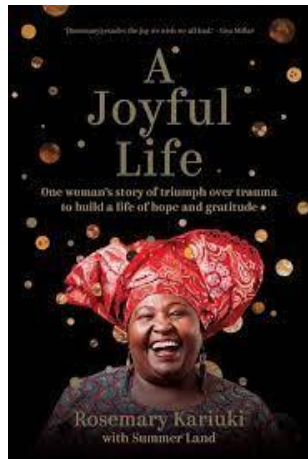
To coincide with one of the goals in our 2023-2024 Parish Pastoral Plan, which focuses on opportunities for 'Adult Faith Formation', we are pleased to announce that during 2023 we will be holding 'Faith Nights' that will offer an opportunity for prayer, reflection and conversation.

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.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

24 APRIL

Online Bookings for 1st Reconciliation / 1st Holy Communion Seating CLOSE

25 APRIL

Anzac Day

25 MAY

ALPHA Series Begins

26 MAY

Faith Night with Rosemary Kariuki

Jude-Martin Etuka, one of our fellow parishioners, is undertaking research as part of a PhD program at Notre Dame Catholic University, Sydney, and he desperately requires your help to kindly complete a few questionnaires. These questionnaires are simple and easy, and relate to topics including Self-Awareness, Emotional Intelligence, and Being a good Leader. Simply copy and paste (or click) the link to start the survey: bit.ly/JudeMartinSurvey

If a link does not immediately work, simply copy and paste into your browser. Jude-Martin is seeking approx. 100 responses, and remains extremely indebted for your support, noting this research is not possible without your assistance. For more information, Jude-Martin can be contacted on: 0450-368-358



Our next ALPHA SERIES will begin soon!

WHEN: Starting Thursday 25th May 2023

TIME: 7pm – 9pm (Dinner provided)



Registrations are essential.

WHAT IS ALPHA? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is based on hospitality, sharing and prayer. Each session includes a meal, a DVD presentation and small group discussion, where no question is too trivial or controversial. Alpha is not so much a course, but an EXPERIENCE!



ENTRANCE HYMN
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain.**

3. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making you kingdom come. **Refrain**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SONG
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth.
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant of free,
Woman or man, no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord, of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

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
HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

1. The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God! Sing with me:
How great is our God! And all will see
how great, how great is our God!*

2. And age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one,
the lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. **R.**

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!*

SENDING FORTH
GRATEFUL

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Refrain

Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

1. You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.
Even when we doubt your presence
you are faithful to your word.
2. May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name.