



**St Mary MacKillop**  
Catholic Parish

**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



Our next bi-monthly “Do Something Sunday” focus will be to support Caritas during Lent 2024.

This weekend, please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, **now and for all future generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Boxes and envelopes can then be returned on Palm Sunday (24 March).

**THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY**

**18 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 9:8-15

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 3:18-22

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER and Preface (to be chosen by priest-celebrant)**

*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.

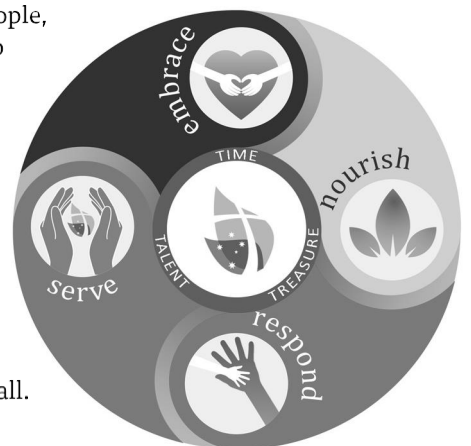
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 19 FEBRUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

### TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of the Cross,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

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## WELCOME TO FR FELEKI

As recently announced, Bishop Brian Mascord has appointed Fr Feleki Tautunu (currently Assistant Priest at Campbelltown) as Assistant Priest for our Parish of St Mary MacKillop.

In this role, Fr Feleki will support Fr David with Masses and other pastoral and sacramental needs in our Parish. Fr Feleki will, for the time being, will remain resident at Campbelltown Parish.

*Fr Feleki was born in Apia, Samoa. He entered the Pacific Regional Seminary in 2001 and was ordained Priest on 8 December 2007. Fr Feleki moved to Australia in 2017 and ministered in the Sydney Archdiocese, before moving to our Diocese in December 2018. He is also the chaplain for the Samoan Catholic Community in the Diocese.*

**We welcome Fr Feleki to our Parish this weekend, as he begins this pastoral appointment.**

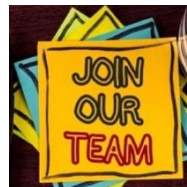
PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF “PIETÀ” - this year’s Diocesan Lenten book - FROM THE WELCOME TABLE AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$5.00 EACH.

A limited number of CD sets to use with the Lenten book are also available for the special price of \$5.00



## PARISH PIETY STALL TO REOPEN SOON

Our Parish Piety Stall, located at our Oran Park Mass Centre, will be re-opening soon.



We are looking for a team of volunteers to go on a roster to offer 1/2hr of time following a Mass to serve and sell items at the Piety Stall. We would like to secure the assistance of ‘4-5 people per weekend mass time’, which will see those on the roster only required to minister at the stall ‘after Mass once a month’. If you would like to assist, or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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.



## ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION/1st HOLY COMMUNION OPEN ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY.

Those families who wish to present their children for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion in 2024 are asked to complete **the online enrolment form which will be available** through the '[Youth Sacraments](#)' page on our Parish website from Monday, 19 February.

**Online enrolments will close on Friday 8 March.**

**Don't forget that 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion is now a combined program of 6 weeks.** So rather than families committing to one program for 1st Reconciliation and then another program for 1st Holy Communion, candidates prepare for both Sacraments at the same time. The focus of this combined program is "*From Mass to Mission*" that draws upon the purpose statement of our Parish "*to form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ*". (If a child has already made their 1st Reconciliation and was just wanting to receive their 1st Holy Communion, they are still required to complete the 6-week program).

Please remember, **only those who attend mass and/or reside within the Parish boundary of Oran Park are permitted to submit a sacramental enrolment form.** (Please refer to the Parish website for the boundary map). Those who are parishioners of Camden, Varroville or Eagle Vale Parishes should complete sacramental preparations through their local Parish.

## HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Our Holy Week Masses have now been finalised and we are now asking for any Liturgical Ministers who are able to serve to add your names to the Sign-Up Sheet on our Welcome Table.

We thank you for your gift of time at this special time of the year.

## "DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?"

*(Wisdom from Pope Francis)*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## Touched by Abortion. Need Healing ?

Rachel's Vineyard next retreat 1st - 3rd March 2024

Held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW

Cost is negotiable. Full and Part scholarships available.

TO BOOK or for more INFORMATION please phone 0400 092 555

EMAIL [rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### 19 FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation / 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Online Enrolments OPEN

### 23 FEBRUARY

Stations of the Cross, Oran Park

### 24 FEBRUARY

RCIC Session 1

## OUR PARISH LAUGHS TOGETHER

As they say 'laughter is the best medicine'. Since the start of my chemo treatment, one of our young parishioners, supported by his parents, has been sending me (via email) their "joke of the week". Also at Christmas the family then gifted me with a little 'joke log' that their son had created that contained a compilation of some of his jokes. As a fun activity we are inviting all children and young people of the parish to submit their favourite joke. These will be collated and printed in-house to create our own parish joke book (that will be sold for a 'gold coin donation' in the later weeks of Lent in time for Easter). The monies raised from the sale of the parish joke book will go to support Caritas' Project Compassion (our next bimonthly 'Do Something Sunday' focus). The families of any children and young people who would like to submit a joke, can use the following online Padlet link:

[bit.ly/parishjokebook](https://bit.ly/parishjokebook)

All jokes must be submitted no later than 10 March. *Fr David*



## **ENTRANCE HYMN** **COME AND SET US FREE**

Trevor Thomson

### ***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.

## **PENITENTIAL ACT** **HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD**

*Priest, Deacon, or Cantor* *All*  
Have mer-cy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned a -  
*Priest, Deacon, or Cantor* *All*  
gainst you. Show us, O Lord, your mer - cy. And  
grant us your sal - va - tion.  
*Priest:* May almighty God...everlasting life.  
*Assembly*  
A - men.

Music: Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations, Tony Alonzo, © 2016, GIA Publications, Inc.

## **OFFERTORY SONG** **WILL YOU LOVE ME**

Brian Boniwell. © 1978 Spectrum Publications

1. Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

### ***Refrain:***

- Will you love me as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,  
And the sun will be shining on you.
2. Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
Is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world?
  3. Can you walk in the footprints of silence?  
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,  
From the desert of doubt and temptation.  
To the glorious mountain of fire?

## **COMMUNION**

Instrumental Music

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **10,000 REASONS**

(Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman)

### ***Refrain:***

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing:  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

## **SENDING FORTH** **BE NOT AFRAID**

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1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and men will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

### ***Refrain:***

Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters  
in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.
3. Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blessed are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!