



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN



18 May 2025, Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C

MASS TIME		
Saturday Vigils	Sundays	
5pm Oran Park	8am Leppington	8am 10am 5pm Oran Park

LITURGY OF THE WORD 5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

1st Reading

Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35



Felix Dies Inaugurationis – Happy Inauguration Day!

“My new commandment: Love one another”

A warm greeting to all our parishioners on this fifth week of Easter. A special greeting and welcome to those new to our parish as well as visiting families and friends. Peace be with you. We continue to hear the growth of the early Christian communities through Paul and Barnaba's missionary evangelization. The message was loud and clear; Jesus Christ the son of the living God, saves us all through his sacrifice on the cross. On the other hand, John whilst exiled on the island of Patmos, saw a vision of the new heaven and the new earth. He saw a new city, a new Jerusalem coming down from God. He saw God sitting on the throne spoke; now I am making the whole of creation new. Who are the citizens of this new creation? At the heart of the Christianity lies, the new way of life. What is this new way of life? This way of life is rooted in the life and the person of Jesus Christ. In his life, Jesus teaches the world about love, compassion, forgiveness, selfless sacrifices, total surrendering of his life to God, and mercy. Today he gives us a new commandment; love one another, just I have loved you, you must love one another. In doing so, the world will know you are my disciples and above all, we become the citizens of the new creation. **Fr Feleki**

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator

Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

Dn Sinh Le | Deacon

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday – 19 May

1pm Rosary, Leppington

Tuesday – 20 May

5pm Devotions, Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Adoration

6:40pm Evening Prayer,
Benediction

7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday – 21 May

8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday – 22 May

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday – 23 May

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

Saturday – 24 May

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*Suzie Freestone, George Zarb,
Jimmy Mifsud, Salvina Bartolo,
Jayaraj & Amala, Robert Stanley,
Caterina Kairuz, James, John &
Carmen Gauci, Peter Clement
Malhiers, Silvia Edubiges Aguilar*

*We join in prayer for those who are
unwell or in need of extra prayers.*

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

(oranpark@dow.org.au)

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to announce a wonderful opportunity to support our Parish and promote your business or service.

We now offer space for advertising which will be featured with a weekend post on our Parish social media pages and space in our Weekly Bulletin which will be available at both Oran Park and Leppington Churches as well as being visible on our Notice Boards in both Churches.

This is a great way to reach our community, while supporting our Parish's ongoing programs and initiatives.

If you are interested in this initiative, or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office: oranpark@dow.org.au

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2025

ONLINE ENROLMENTS OPEN MONDAY, 9 JUNE

Families wishing to prepare their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 are asked to complete the online enrolment form which will be available from Monday, 9 June, on the 'Youth Sacraments' page of our Parish website.

Online enrolments will CLOSE on Friday, 27 June, at 5pm

NO LATE ENROLMENTS ARE ABLE TO BE ACCEPTED

Those children who are in Year 6 and above and are baptised Catholic and have made their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion, are able to enrol.

To complete the online enrolment form, families will be required to upload a copy of their receipt for the 'Sacramental Offering' (payment to be made through the 'Your Parish Giving' tab on the Parish website) and a copy of their child's Baptism Certificate.

All enquires should be directed to oranparksacraments@dow.org.au



Cross+Gen free technology training for seniors

Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen technology program, CatholicCare, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to assist with the technology issues that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, 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 following dates will have afternoon tea provided.

- Tuesday 13 May 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 27 May 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 3 June 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 10 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.

Please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Parish 10th Anniversary celebration

Enjoy the richness of cultures in our Parish, you encourage to wear your cultural costumes. This will make the day a diversity in unity at the family of St. Mary of the cross MacKillop Parish. For those who volunteer to involve in children's activities on the day, please do your working with children check and available for free with service NSW. If need help, please contact Trish Hyett on 0429 919 327 or 4655 8578.

CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2025 17-24 May

As a global celebration, where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, we celebrate the importance of loving God, one another and creation.

We are called for a transformation of hearts and minds towards greater love and care for the planet. This love extends to both the natural world and our fellow human beings.

Today, with the universal church, we celebrate 10 years of inspiration and action since Laudato Si' was promulgated and as a Catholic Earthcare Parish, we celebrate our part in the journey towards the Laudato Si' Goals set before us to achieve ecological conversation.

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our Mother's Day raffles, which were lovingly prepared by our MacKillop Craft Group:

Teresa C, Natalie, Margie, Maree L, Sue W & Alaina

A big thank you to all those who came to support the sales, all of which will go towards our 10th Anniversary celebrations in June.



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We are inviting those adults who might like to discern becoming a Catholic-Christian to take part in our Parish RCIA program, which will begin in August 2025 and go through to the Easter Vigil 2026.

RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about RCIA, please contact the Parish Office (oranpark@dow.org.au)

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Over the weekend of our 10 Year Anniversary (21/22 June 2025) the following changes will apply to Mass Times at Oran Park and Leppington Churches:

Saturday, 21 June

5pm Vigil Mass, Oran Park

Sunday, 22 June

8am Mass, Leppington – NO MASS

8am Mass, Oran Park – NO MASS

10am Mass, School Hall – Bishop Brian celebrant

5pm Mass, Oran Park – NO MASS

An Evening of Liturgical Song and Praise with Tony Alonso

Friday, 23 May
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM AEST, Canapés
from 6:30pm

The Gregorian Theatre,
St Gregory's College
100 Badgally Rd, Gregory Hills NSW
2557, Australia

Tickets: \$25 + booking fee



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