



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Ash Wednesday is 22nd February

While not a holy day of obligation in terms of participating in Mass, Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics. See noticeboard for more info.

In 2023 we will return to the practice of making the sign of the cross with ashes on congregants' foreheads.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be offered at 8am (Oran Park) and there will be a **Liturgy of the Word** with the distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7pm (Oran Park).

There will be no Ash Wednesday Mass at Leppington.

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

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

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

19 February 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL
Matthew 5:38-48

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
While Fr David is away, each of
our priest-celebrants will choose
their own EP and Preface.

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.

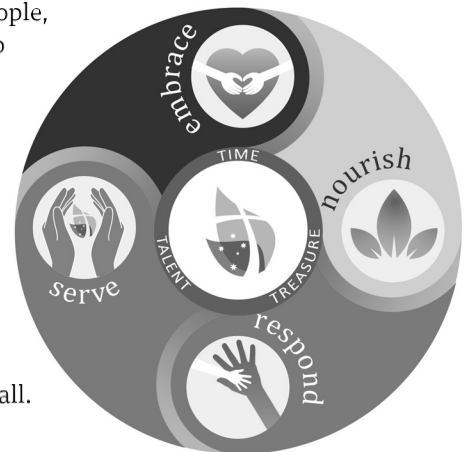
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 20 FEBRUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park
(Note: change of time for these next few weeks while Fr David is away)

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY (Ash Wednesday)

8am Mass, Oran Park

7pm Liturgy of the Word, Oran Park

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Communion Service, Oran Park

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

11.30am Rosary Service, Oran Park House

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of the Cross, Oran Park

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Oran Park

5pm Mass - Oran Park

Fr David will be taking some of his 2023 Annual Leave from Saturday 18th February to Friday 10th March.

While someone will be residing in the Presbytery for security, the 'Parish Emergency Number' (which can be accessed via the Parish Office phone number when the Parish Office is closed) will not be available during the time Fr David is away. All Parish matters are to be directed to the Parish Office either by phone or email. During this time, our Masses will be celebrated by clergy from the Varroville Carmelite Community and ably supported by Deacon Sam.

YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN CONNECT GROUP

Mary Mackillop Young Adults are hosting a **Connect Group during Lent** from Sunday 26th February!

Come and join us for dinner, conversation and reflections on the season of Lent - you'll get more out of this special time of the year, meet like-minded people and have a great time! Sessions will be commencing straight after the Sunday 5pm Mass (approx. 6pm), continuing for six weeks and concluding on Sunday, 2nd April. We will be meeting in the Tenison-Woods Room at St Mary Mackillop Parish, Oran Park. If you'd like to join us, visit the link below and fill in the details and we'll get back to you soon!

<https://bit.ly/youngadultslent>



We have several adults journeying through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process who will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil and be received into full communion with the Church!

Please join us in praying for all involved with our RCIA process; catechumens, candidates and members of our RCIA team, that they'll come to know Jesus more personally and be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Over the last two weekends, we have had to pay for the plumber to come out and unblock toilets filled with toilet paper at our Oran Park Church; we ask especially parents to be vigilant and not let their children go to the toilets unaccompanied.

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.



DO SOMETHING SUNDAY

Our next bi-monthly "Do Something Sunday" will be held THIS WEEKEND 18-19 February and will focus on supporting Caritas during Lent.



This weekend, please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.

While you can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, with so many people using cashless payment methods, we have also accepted the suggestion of Caritas and we have our own **parish online fundraising page for Project Compassion 2023.**

You can use the following QR code to access it.

Boxes and envelopes can then be returned on Palm Sunday (1-2 April).

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

22 FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday

24 FEBRUARY
Stations of the Cross

26 FEBRUARY
Sunday Scripture Club

26 FEBRUARY
Young Adults Connect Group

2023 STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT



Of all the pious exercises connected with the Fridays of Lent, none is more popular than the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross).

Once again this year, on each of the Fridays of Lent (beginning this Friday 24 February) you are invited to gather at 7pm - near the Stations of the Cross in our Oran Park Mass Centre. These Stations will be led by different members of our parish community.

MACKILLOP YOUTH (MY) DURING LENT

Every Friday during Lent (beginning this Friday 24 February) young parishioners (Yrs 7-12) are invited to gather at 6.30pm at our Oran Park Mass Centre

for a simple 'non-meat meal' followed by MY activities.

'Rego Forms' can be collected from the Welcome Table.

2023 LENTEN GROUPS

This week sees the start of our 2023 Lenten Groups.

If you haven't heard from your Group Host, please make contact in preparation for your gathering.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

Limited copies of the "Triumph" Lenten booklet and CD sets are still available from the Mass Centre at Oran Park. (No copies still available at Leppington)

ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION/1st HOLY COMMUNION OPEN ON MONDAY 6 MARCH

Those families who wish to present their children for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion in 2023 are asked to complete the online enrolment form that will be available from

Monday, 6 March through the '**Youth Sacraments**' page on our parish website.

Online enrolments will close on **Friday 17 March.**

Those children who are baptised Catholic and are in Yr3 and above are able to enrol.

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).

Also, just a reminder, **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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell © 1993 OCP Publications

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. (*Chorus*)

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

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN

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.

COMMUNION SONG

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

Chris Muglia, Text: Based on John 6. Text and music © 2007

1. I am the bread of life;
all who believe in me will have eternal life.
I am the bread of life come down from heaven
so that all who eat this bread will never die.

Refrain:

Take the living bread of life,
take the cup of sacrifice; do this in memory of me.
Take the body and the blood,
given freely out of love; do this in memory of me;
do this in memory of me.

2. I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will not hunger again.
I am the bread of life; no one can come to me unless
the Father draws them near to him.

SONG OF PRAISE

WILL YOU LOVE ME

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1. Will you give me your life for ever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways. **R.**

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? **R.**

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? **R.**

SENDING FORTH

SHOUT TO THE LORD

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My Jesus, my Savior;
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Refrain:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.