



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

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

19 MAY 2024
Pentecost

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit and
renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in them
the fire of your love.*
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

Preface of Pentecost

PARISH CLERGY

Fr David Catterall | Parish Priest
Fr Feleki Tautunu | Assistant Priest
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

SOCKS FOR SEEDLINGS

Our bi-monthly 'Do Something Sunday'
for May-June will be focused on the
re-establishment of the Parish Community Garden.

**Help support the Garden's reconstruction –
BUY SOME SOCKS! All donations will assist
in purchasing new seedlings and soil**



There are 2 ways to get your hands on some crazy socks!

The Parish Community Garden team will be taking orders for socks
after a number of Mass at our Oran Park Mass Centre during May.

Alternatively, you can purchase your socks online
using the discount code: SOCKS4SEEDS for a 10% discount.

Please note: it is IMPORTANT to use the discount code online to link
your purchase to our fundraiser. Scan the QR Code or visit the page
<https://jollysoles.com.au/collections/individual-pairs>

Then, on the weekend of 22/23 June, you are asked to wear
your socks to Mass to show your support for the Garden.



Would you like to proclaim the Scriptures at Mass?

In our parish we are blessed to have women and men who, during the
'Liturgy of the Word' at Mass, proclaim the scripture readings.

At present we have a number of our Masses at Oran Park where we
only have a few people on the 'readers roster'. If you would like to
take up this ministry, and are able to attend the 2 training/formation
sessions for new readers on 12 & 26 June, please contact the Office.

THE FIRST ANNUAL

YOUNG ADULT CORPUS CHRISTI EVENT 2024

10AM TO 3:30PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, ROSEMEADOW

The parish of Our Lady Help Of Christians (Rosemeadow) is very
excited to invite all young adults (over 18 to 35) from across the
diocese to join us in the first annual Corpus Christi Event! Join us
at this soul quenching day, celebrating the presence of Christ

For catering purposes those young adults who would like to attend
are asked to register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFQ>

Next weekend, Trinity Sunday, we will celebrate as a parish our

2nd Annual CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY

Staff from CatholicCare Wollongong will be speaking at
a number of parish Masses,

and special 'kid-friendly activities' organised by CatholicCare
(including colouring-in tables, face-painting and a visit from the
local Fire Brigade who are bringing their fire-truck) will take place
during our 'After 10am Mass morning tea'.

CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 20 MAY

1pm Rosary, Leppington

Due to work being undertaken in the Oran Park Church from Mon 20 – Wed 22 May, there are a few changes to our regular program this week:

TUESDAY – 21 MAY

No 6pm Confessions or
6pm Eucharistic Adoration or
7pm Mass TODAY at Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 22 MAY

No 8am MASS at Oran Park
TODAY

THURSDAY – 23 MAY

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 24 MAY

Our Lady Help of Christians

9.30am Mass, Oran Park –
followed by the Blessing
of our relocated Marian
Shrine at Oran Park
(and the praying of the
Rosary)

SATURDAY – 18 MAY

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park



**We offer our prayerful
congratulation to those
adult parishioners who have
completed the 'JOURNEY TO
PENTECOST' program and
who this weekend, during the
5pm Vigil Mass for Pentecost,
will receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation.**

MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID ON CHANGES TO BE MADE AT OUR ORAN PARK CHURCH

Last November on the *Solemnity of Christ the King*, Bishop Brian shared his transformative vision for parishes in our Diocese. I am sure that those of us who have had a chance to read and reflect on the Vision documents that were handed out on the weekend of Christ the King (and are once again available from the display stand next to the Oran Park Welcome Table) will agree, the Bishop's vision has been (and will continue to be) very helpful for our parish to reflect on who we are and who we are called to be. Since June 2015 when we were founded, the Oran Park Parish has strived to be a community that puts into action many of the things that the Bishop's name in this vision. But as they say, we as a parish cannot rest on our laurels, or just say we will only keep on doing on what we have been doing.

So after spending some time with this document in discernment and prayer, it's clear that the phrase in the Bishop's Vision - found on the page 'In the parish I see' (pp13) - that both the parish clergy and a number of parishioners have said we as a parish need to address through practical changes and initiatives is the phrase '**I see vibrant eucharistic celebrations where God is worshipped with reverence and awe**'. I know that those who participates in masses at our Oran Park and Leppington churches would say that our parish Masses (many of whom have standing room only) are vibrant eucharistic celebrations; however it's clear we need to foster more reverence and awe - before, during and after these Masses. When the late Bishop Peter Ingham and I were looking at how the temporary church building at Oran Park would be arranged, it was decided that (as we thought the main body of the church would need to be set up and packed up every weekend or even on a daily basis, to allow the space to be used not only for masses but for parish meetings etc) the Tabernacle should be put into a 'little room off on the side' so 'when the blinds in this little room were pulled down' the Blessed Sacrament would be respected and the church building would basically function as 'the parish hall'. But not only has the church building never been used as 'the parish hall', the relegation of the Tabernacle to a small room has not allowed parishioners and visitors the space they have requested (and are more frequently requesting) for personal prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and it has led to a lack of 'reverence & awe' in the main body of the Church.

At the same time the numbers wanting to come to the church for personal prayer during the day, the numbers wanting to gather for communal devotions (such as the praying of the Rosary) and the those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation have all increased.

So, after consulting directly with Bishop Brian, he has agreed for the Tabernacle to be moved back into the main body of the Oran Park church, and to turn the small room that currently is 'shared' by the confessional and Tabernacle, into a space solely used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At the same time, this change will allow us to **relocate the Statue of Mary to create a better area for personal and communal Marian devotions** (such as the Rosary). This change will also take place at the same time the Tabernacle is moved.

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To coincide with these physical changes to our church building, that will take place from Monday to Wednesday this week, Fr Feleki, Deacon Sam and I will be using the homilies (and associated newsletter articles) during the remainder of May and into June to reflect on the importance of creating an atmosphere of silence inside the Church building before Mass, along with assuming 'postures of reverence' not only as we enter and leave the church (such as genuflecting or bowing to the Blessed Sacrament) but also during the Mass, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer. We acknowledge that our church doesn't have a foyer or area where people can congregate and meet prior to entering the main part of the church, and we acknowledge that we don't pew with kneelers, and so it's not always easy to foster silence in the church before Mass or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer (that is the posture commonly assumed in most Catholic Churches). At the same time, we acknowledge that not everyone – myself included – can easily kneel due to age or injury. However, this doesn't mean we shouldn't try to foster some time for silence in the church before Mass begins, or those who are able to kneel shouldn't kneel, or those of us who cannot kneel should not assume a 'posture of reverence' such as bowing our heads during the Eucharistic Prayer. During the remainder of May and into June and beyond, I pray that we as a parish will commit ourselves to working together to ensure that in the spirit of our Bishop's vision for parishes we will grow from strength to strength, and continue to be a parish that celebrates "vibrant eucharistic celebrations where God is worshipped with reverence and awe" (#CSGM, pp13) *Fr David*

Fr David has signed up for Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia's *Walk for Him* to raise funds for prostate cancer research and support services for those, like him, diagnosed with prostate cancer. **To support this initiative, you can make a DONATION to Fr David's fundraising page** using this link: www.walkforhim.org.au/fundraisers/frdavidcatterall (or use the QR code below) or you can write 'Walk for Him' on an envelope and place your donation on a collection basket at Mass.



- you can join with Fr David and fellow parishioners, **WALKING from our Oran Park Mass Centre to Leppington** (8km – approx. 2hrs with one break along the way) on Sunday, 16 June** (starting after the 10am Mass) To register for the walk go to: <https://walkforhim.eventbrite.com.au>
(** Finishing at Willowdale Hotel for Lunch 1pm/1.30pm)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

10 JUNE

Confirmation Enrolments open

16 JUNE

'WALK for HIM' with Fr David

22/23 JUNE

'SOCKS4SEEDS'

Wear your Socks to Mass

ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION 2024 OPEN MONDAY, 10 JUNE

Those families who wish to prepare their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024 (which will be held on Saturday, 21 September) are asked to complete **the online enrolment form which will be available from Monday, 10 June**, through the 'Youth Sacraments' page on our Parish website. Online enrolments will close on Friday 28 June at 5pm. *Those children who are in Yr6 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' and upload a copy of their child's Baptism Certificate. More details on how to make this 'Sacramental Offering' and how to upload these documents can be found on the online Enrolment Form.

KEEPING YOUR CHURCH CLEAN AND TIDY

Over recent weeks, a significant amount of food debris has been left in the Oran Park Church. As the adage goes "Cleanliness is next to godliness". So it is our heartfelt desire that all parishioners ensure our Church remains clean and a fitting place for the glory of God. While we do have a dedicated family who clean our Church weekly, and we understand that infants/babies may need to be fed during Mass or some parishioners (such as those who are diabetic) may need to consume items for 'medical reasons', outside these exponential circumstances **NO food or beverages (except water that is in sealed water bottles) are to be consumed in the church building.** At the same we are finding that at the end of Mass, chairs are being left 'unclipped' or paper and other items left under seats. **We ask that at the end of each Mass – mindful that there are other Masses held on the weekend – that chairs be 're-clipped' and aisles straightened, and any rubbish be deposited in the bins found at the doors of the church.** A clean and ordered church will ensure all parishioners and visitors are able to worship in a space and place that is neat and tidy.

ENTRANCE

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

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Refrain

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters, each of us called
to walk in your light.

2. We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of the gifts
the Spirit provides.

3. No more harm on the mountain of God;
swords into plowshares. Free us, O Lord,
from hardness of heart.

4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy, waters of hope
that flow from your side.

OFFERTORY

OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan © 1988 OCP Publications

1. Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

4. I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you, rest now in me.

COMMUNION

BREAD OF HEAVEN

Jesse Manibusan and Sarah Hart

Refrain:

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,

cup of life outpoured;

we your people thirst and hunger.

Come renew us, Lord; come renew us, Lord.

1. From the mountain, blessing spoken
where we came to pray;
with the simple truth before us:
love them in my name; love them in my name.

2. From the garden dark with sorrow,
from the tears you wept,
bloomed the flower of salvation:
new life born of death, new life born of death.

3. From the tomb that could not hold you
in the dark of night,
broke that morning of redemption,
raising us to life, raising us to life.

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, Father, Spirit, Son
the lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

SENDING FORTH

CELEBRATE

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Refrain: Celebrate what we have been given.

Celebrate what we have received.

Celebrate the spirit of Jesus,
alive in our hearts.

1. No longer shall you be people who walk in darkness.
It is the spirit who draws you into the light.

2. Even the earth cries out. It longs to receive new life.
It is the spirit who fills the world with new life.

3. You who are gather'd here
share life and love together.
It is the spirit who calls you out to give.

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Our Parish – with the support of our MacKillop Crafters
Group – will again this year be hosting a 'Biggest
Morning Tea' to support the Cancer Council.

**Come and join with Fr David, fellow parishioners
and friends of our Parish on Tuesday, 18 June 2024
at 10.30am.** This event will begin with
a special 'Prayer Service of Hope'.