



**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

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>** Chaldean Mass  
**SUNDAYS** ORAN PARK  
**12.00 NOON**

## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**26 February 2023**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

While Fr David is away, each of our priest-celebrants will choose their own Eucharistic Prayer and Preface.

# Lent



Once again, this year, on each of the Fridays of Lent, 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.

**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](http://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.

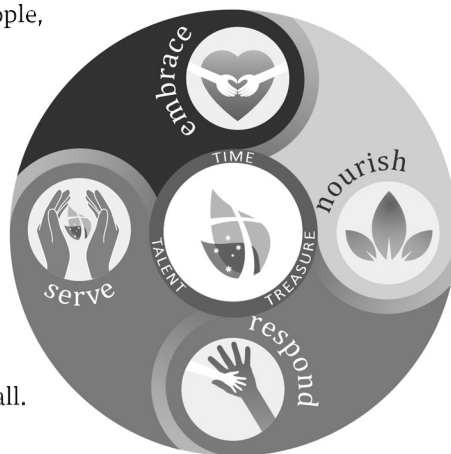
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 27 FEBRUARY

1pm Praying of the  
Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

6pm Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament,  
Oran Park

6.30pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY 2 MARCH

9.30am Praying of the  
Rosary, Oran Park

10am Communion Service,  
Oran Park

### FRIDAY 3 MARCH

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

7pm Stations of the Cross,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY 4 MARCH

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4.30pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation -  
Oran Park

5pm Mass - Oran Park

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

26 FEBRUARY  
Young Adults Connect Group

2 MARCH  
NSW Election Candidates  
Forum

## NSW Election Candidates Forum – 2 March 2023

Grace Anglican Churches, Camden Valley, is hosting a Candidates Forum for the electorate of Camden. Come and hear from the major candidates on issues that you care about.

Date: 2 March Time: 7pm

Where: Grace Anglican Churches, 1/10 Bluett Drive, Smeaton Grange

The forum will also be livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@graceanglican>

## JOURNEY TO PENTECOST

**If you are an adult Catholic who previously received the Sacrament of Baptism but missed First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, consider joining us in preparing to receive these Sacraments.**

In 2023 we will be adding a special process for adult 1st Holy Communion/Confirmation preparation to our Parish Calendar.

This process, called 'Journey to Pentecost', will begin with an **Enquiry Session on Tuesday 28 March 2023 (7.30pm-8.30pm)** and see **adult candidates receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or 1st Holy Communion at the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, 27 May 2023.**

Please make contact with the Parish Office and we will send you an Adult Sacraments 'Expression of Interest Form'.

## ANOINTING MASS CHANGE OF DATE

While our **Anointing Mass** is usually celebrated on 1st Friday of the month, as Fr David is still away for next few weeks, our March Anointing Mass will be held on Friday 17 March - feast of St Patrick. This Mass will be followed by a 'St Patrick's themed morning tea' hosted by our Parish Pastoral Care Team.

## PLUMBING

Unfortunately, twice in 7 days we have had to pay for the plumber to come out and unblock toilets filled with toilet paper; and 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.



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## ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN!

### A Vocation Open to ALL men – including married men. Permanent Diaconate Information Night !



As a parish we are blessed to have Deacon Sam Gennaoui minister alongside our Parish Priest Fr David as a member of our parish clergy. Deacon Sam is a married man, who has been ordained to the permanent diaconate.

In our Parish, as a permanent deacon and a member of the clergy of our Diocese, Deacon Sam proclaims, preaches and teaches God's Word, assists Fr David and other priests at the Liturgy, ministers to the sick and dying, leads the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, blessed homes and undertakes pastoral visitation, presides at Baptisms and Catholic funeral services, officiates at marriages, imparts blessings, and exercises administrative leadership.

As our parish continues to exponentially grow, we are keen for more men to discern the vocation of permanent diaconate; and to specifically serve in our parish as permanent deacons.

Catholic men, and their wives if married, who are between the ages of 30 and 65 who are considering a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate (or who would like to find out more about the vocation of the permanent diaconate and the formation process to become a deacon) are invited to our inaugural **Parish Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night** that will be held at our Oran Park Church on Wednesday 22 March, 2023 from 7pm-9pm.

The 'agenda' for this evening will include: a time of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (presided over by Deacon Sam), some sharing from Deacon Sam and Deacon Tony Hoban (National Chair – National Association of Deacons) on the vocation of the Permanent Diaconate (along with the foundational requirements for those wishing to discern this vocation) and a time for Q&A. The evening will conclude with supper.

Along with Deacon Sam and Deacon Tony, our Parish Priest Fr David and Fr Patrick Vaughan (who has been entrusted by Bishop Brian with accompanying diaconate enquirers for our Diocese) will be attending. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Parish Office [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au) no later than 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Bring your questions and a heart open to the Lord's will. We invite you to please pass along this information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know. Let us pray together for those men God is calling to become permanent deacons within our Parish.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> 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**.*

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.

### REMINDER OF HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Those who have made 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion can receive Communion either in the hand or on the tongue.

**Those who choose to receive Holy Communion in the hand MUST consume the host IMMEDIATELY in the presence of the minister.**

\* Holy Communion cannot be taken back to their seat; and

\* Under no circumstances are they to give Holy Communion to a child or another person back at their seat.

**More information** on correct liturgical practice in receiving Holy Communion can be found on the flyers from the Welcome Table.

## **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. *(to Refrain)*
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. *(to Refrain)*

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN**

### **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.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

During Lent we will have quiet music during  
Holy Communion.

## **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 all 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.