

2023 STATIONS OF LIGHT DURING EASTER

This year, on some of the Fridays of the Easter Season (including this Friday 5 May, and then 12 May and 19 May) you are invited to gather at 7pm in our Oran Park Mass Centre to pray the Stations of Light (during a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) and in the presence of the Easter Candle.

WELCOME TO CATHOLIC CARE

This weekend we welcome (to our 8am and 10am Masses at Oran Park) staff from *CatholicCare Wollongong* who are visiting our parish to invite people to consider becoming foster carers.

For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH ONLINE

To coincide with one of the goals in our 2023-2024 Parish Pastoral Plan, which focuses on opportunities for 'Adult Faith Formation', we are pleased to announce that Catholic Theological College (Victoria) are offering 18 online sessions during May. Topics include Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Flyers available from the Welcome Table.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

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

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

30 APRIL 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING
Acts 2:14, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING
1 Peter 2:20-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my sheep,
and mine know me.
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2
(Preface of Easter 4)

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.

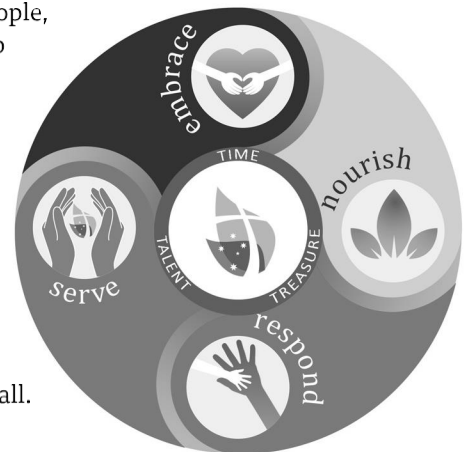
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 1 MAY

1pm Praying of the Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY 2 MAY

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY 4 MAY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY 5 MAY

9.30am Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Oran Park

11am Rosary Service – Oran Park House

12noon St Justin's Easter Mass (Hall)

6.30pm MacKillop Youth

7pm Stations of Light with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oran Park

SATURDAY 6 MAY

10.30am Baptisms - Oran Park

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - Oran Park

JOIN US FOR MACKILLOP YOUTH

TERM 2 2023



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

Friday Nights

Juniors (Years 7-9)
Seniors (Years 10-12)

Friday 5th May (Week 2)



6.30pm – 8.30pm (Oran Park Mass Centre)

For the full TERM 2 program, collect a flyer at the Welcome Table

Alpha is not just about delivering information and knowledge; it is about building relationships and belonging to a community. Therefore food is an important part of Alpha, because eating together provides the opportunity to build genuine relationships.

Already the RSVPs for our parish Alpha have reached 60+ and as anyone who has organized food for this number of people will know firsthand it isn't an easy task to "feed a crowd", especially if you only have a small kitchen space, like the ones on our parish precinct.



So for our 2023 parish Alpha to be successful we are now looking for any parishioners who own local cafes or restaurants, know of owners, or who are just good cooks who might be able to assist us – and even consider 'sponsoring' the food for one of our Alpha nights. As our Alpha is being held in an evening time-slot, we are wanting to provide each week a 'simple one course evening meal'.

If you can assist with providing food for our Alpha guests, sponsoring a meal, or to be a part of the Alpha hospitality team, we need assistance with the following:

- Provide a Meal
- Donate for a Meal
- Assist with Serving
- Assist with Weekly Set Up

Please contact the Parish Office or mark your details down at the Welcome Table and an Alpha Team member will contact you.

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.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged, will be holding a FREE information session for parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor.

When: Wednesday, 10 May

Where: Campbelltown RSL, 1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown
(Morning Tea provided)

To register, please call: (02) 4227 1122 or online at:
www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

DO SOMETHING SUNDAY | May - June

Our next bi-monthly "Do Something Sunday" for MAY-JUNE will be an opportunity for our parish to reach out to the nearly two million people who are internally displaced because of the recent earthquake disaster and a decade and more of civil war in Syria.

The Christian population has been particularly devastated with little aid and support getting to Christian areas. Bishop Robert Rabbat, the Eparch of the Melkite Church in Australia has established an appeal specifically for the people of Syria. He says, *"As time passes and the media pack moves on, the suffering survivors remain with nowhere to go, seemingly without hope, without a future. The greatest tragedy, one even greater than the earthquake itself, would be for them to think they have been forgotten"*

While you can donate to this May-June "Do Something Sunday" focus through the special collection boxes located at both our Mass Centres, with so many people using cashless payment methods, we will also focus one our TAP&GO machines (located in our Oran Park Mass Centre) to be a cashless offering point (during May and June) for this Appeal. Also, if you would like to make a 'tax deductible' offering to this Appeal, you can do so by using the following 'direct deposit' info: **MCF DGR ACCOUNT** Ref: Syrian Appeal BSB: 062784 Account: 100011493 For a receipt please email: mcf@melkite.org.au or ph: (02) 9750 5514

THANK YOU also to those who contributed to our "Do Something Sunday" during Lent, that raised funds to support *Caritas Australia* through their 2023 Project Compassion Appeal. As a parish we raised nearly \$6000 (through our Project Compassion boxes and envelopes) and we know parishioners also supported this Appeal directly through online donations made via the Caritas website.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO OUR MASS PROGRAM

Next Sunday's 5pm Mass (7 May) will be replaced by a Communion Service led by Deacon Sam, and our Thursday 10am Mass (11 May) will be replaced by a Communion Service. Also, while we will have our 7pm Mass (and 6pm Eucharistic Adoration) on Tuesday 9 May, this 7pm Mass will not be preceded by our regular 6pm Confessions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION "FAITH NIGHT"



To coincide with one of the goals in our 2023-2024 Parish Pastoral Plan, which focuses on opportunities for 'Adult Faith Formation', we are pleased to announce that during 2023 we will be holding 'Faith Nights' that will offer an opportunity for prayer, reflection and conversation.

Our inaugural 'Faith Night' will be held on
Friday, 26 May 2023
from 7-9pm.

The 'Prayer Focus' will be 'Hymns of Joy', followed by a 'reflection' given by our fellow parishioner, member of our Parish Pastoral Council and the 2021 Local Hero Australian of the Year, Rosemary Kariuki.

This will be an opportunity for our Parish to celebrate the launch of Rosemary's incredible memoir 'A Joyful Life'.

Rosemary's astonishing memoir highlights how it is possible to develop a positive outlook, even in the face of adversity.

As well as a time for 'conversation' via Q & A, and concluding with a supper, copies of Rosemary's book will be available for purchase and signing.

ENTRANCE HYMN

GATHER US IN

Marty Haugen © 1983 G.I.A Publications

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken.
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty.
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SONG

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever He leads me wherever He goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in His love,
the Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are
going, He promised to be there to help us along,
and over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders He's given to me.

COMMUNION SONG

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

SHINE JESUS SHINE

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1. Lord the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me; Shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

2. Lord, I come into Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me; Shine on me.

SENDING FORTH

CITY OF GOD

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1. Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.