



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

2ND & 4TH Chaldean Mass
SUNDAYS ORAN PARK
12.00PM

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

1 January 2023
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son, Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

PREFACE – Blessed Virgin Mary I

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

“The bells are just ringing the New Year in and I heartily wish you a happy and holy one”

(Mary MacKillop, 1.1.1880)

This Sunday, 1 January, we celebrate the **feast day of the patroness of our Northern Mass Centre**, St Mary Mother of God. We thank God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the blessings of 2022 and we ask for God's guidance as we begin this New Year of Grace 2023.

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

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.

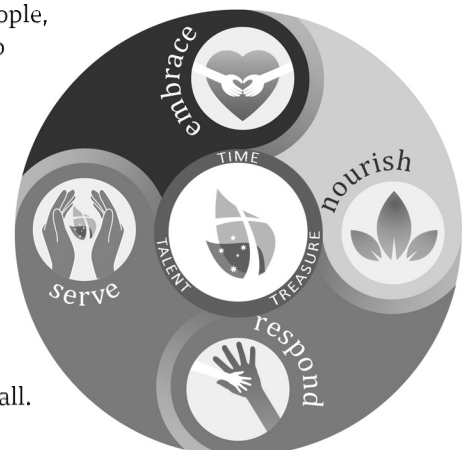
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY

2 JANUARY

1pm Rosary at Leppington
(including Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament)

TUESDAY

3 JANUARY

6.00 Sacrament of
Reconciliation

6pm Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

7pm Mass at Oran Park

WEDNESDAY

4 JANUARY

8am Mass at Oran Park

THURSDAY

5 JANUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary at
Oran Park

10am Mass at Oran Park

FRIDAY

6 JANUARY

9.30am Mass at Oran Park
(with Anointing of
the Sick)

SATURDAY

7 JANUARY

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation

5pm Mass at Oran Park

**"Christmas is not a day, Christmas is not a season,
Christmas is a way of living."**

During the next few weeks, we will celebrate the **Season of Christmas**. This Season of the Church's Year is marked by three feast days: the Epiphany (Sunday, 8 January), the Baptism of the Lord (Monday, 9 January) and the Feast of the Holy Family (that was celebrated on Friday, 30 December).

Next weekend, when we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, we will recall the Magi sharing their gifts. **Fr David and all the members of our Parish Finance Team would like to thank all those who, during 2022, through your regular support of our parish through planned giving, have so freely shared your God given gifts with our Parish.** In place of sending out individual Christmas thank you cards to those who supported planned giving during 2022, we have donated some of the money that would have been used for these cards and postage to **'Mary MacKillop Today'**: that since mid-2018 has brought together *Mary MacKillop International*, the *Mary MacKillop Foundation* and the *Josephite Foundation* as a single ministry.

2023 EPIPHANY DAY BLESSING

As you may recall, over the past few years on the feast of the Epiphany we have blessed chalk at our parish Masses and invited households to take a piece of blessed chalk to bless their homes. In this ritual, we mark our doorways with blessed chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes. Pieces of blessed chalk and copies of the **2023 Epiphany Day Blessing** will be available to collect from our Mass Centres next weekend.

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.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 56th WORLD DAY OF PEACE
1 JANUARY 2023**

“Covid-19 plunged us into a dark night. It destabilized our daily lives, upset our plans and routines, and disrupted the apparent tranquility of even the most affluent societies. It generated disorientation and suffering and caused the death of great numbers of our brothers and sisters.



Amid a whirlwind of unexpected challenges and facing a situation confusing even from a scientific standpoint, the world's healthcare workers mobilized to relieve immense suffering and to seek possible remedies. At the same time, political authorities had to take measures to organize and manage efforts to respond to the emergency. In addition to its physical aspects, Covid-19 led to a general malaise in many individuals and families; the long periods of isolation and the various restrictions on freedom contributed to this malaise, with significant long-term effects ...

Three years later, the time is right to question, learn, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed as individuals and as communities; this is a privileged moment to prepare for “the day of the Lord”. I have already observed on a number of occasions that we never emerge the same from times of crisis: we emerge either better or worse. Today we are being asked: What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?

Certainly, after directly experiencing the fragility of our own lives and the world around us, we can say that the greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realization that we all need one another. That our greatest and yet most fragile treasure is our shared humanity as brothers and sisters, children of God. And that none of us can be saved alone. Consequently, we urgently need to join together in seeking and promoting the universal values that can guide the growth of this human fraternity. We also learned that the trust we put in progress, technology and the effects of globalization was not only excessive, but turned into an individualistic and idolatrous intoxication, compromising the very promise of justice, harmony and peace that we so ardently sought. In our fast-paced world, the widespread problems of inequality, injustice, poverty and marginalization continue to fuel unrest and conflict, and generate violence and even wars.

The pandemic brought all this to the fore, yet it also had its positive effects. These include a chastened return to humility, a rethinking of certain consumeristic excesses, and a renewed sense of solidarity that has made us more sensitive to the suffering of others and more responsive to their needs. We can also think of the efforts, which in some cases proved truly heroic, made by all those people who worked tirelessly to help everyone emerge from the crisis and its turmoil as best they could ... What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common ...

To all men and women of good will I express my prayerful trust that, as artisans of peace, they may work, day by day, to make this a good year! May Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace, intercede for us and for the whole world.”

(The full text of Pope Francis' message can be found at www.vatican.va)

ENTRANCE HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

John Francis Wade

1. O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OFFERTORY SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Tim Hughes

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain:

Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

COMMUNION SONG

ONE BREAD ONE BODY John Foley S.J.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth.
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant of free,
Woman or man, no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord, of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

SONG OF PRAISE

SHOUT TO THE LORD

Darlene Zschech © 1993, Wondrous Worship

1. My Jesus, my Saviour;
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:

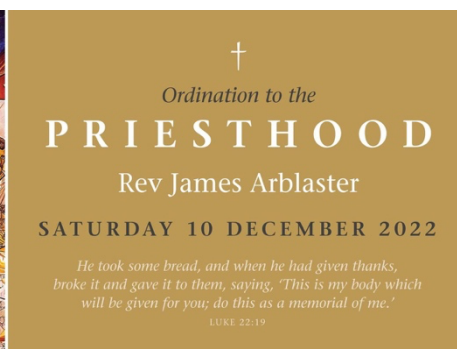
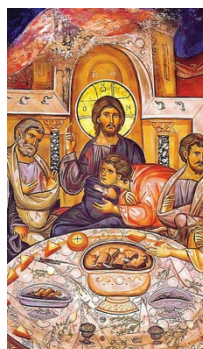
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

SENDING FORTH

JOY TO THE WORLD GF Handel

Joy to the world! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart, prepare him room;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns
Let *all* their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy.



Commemorative Prayer Cards
Are available from the Welcome Table