



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

PARISH BULLETIN

1 FEBRUARY 2026

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13: In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:7-10: R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

2nd READING: 1 Cor 1:26-31: God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia! (Mt 5:12)

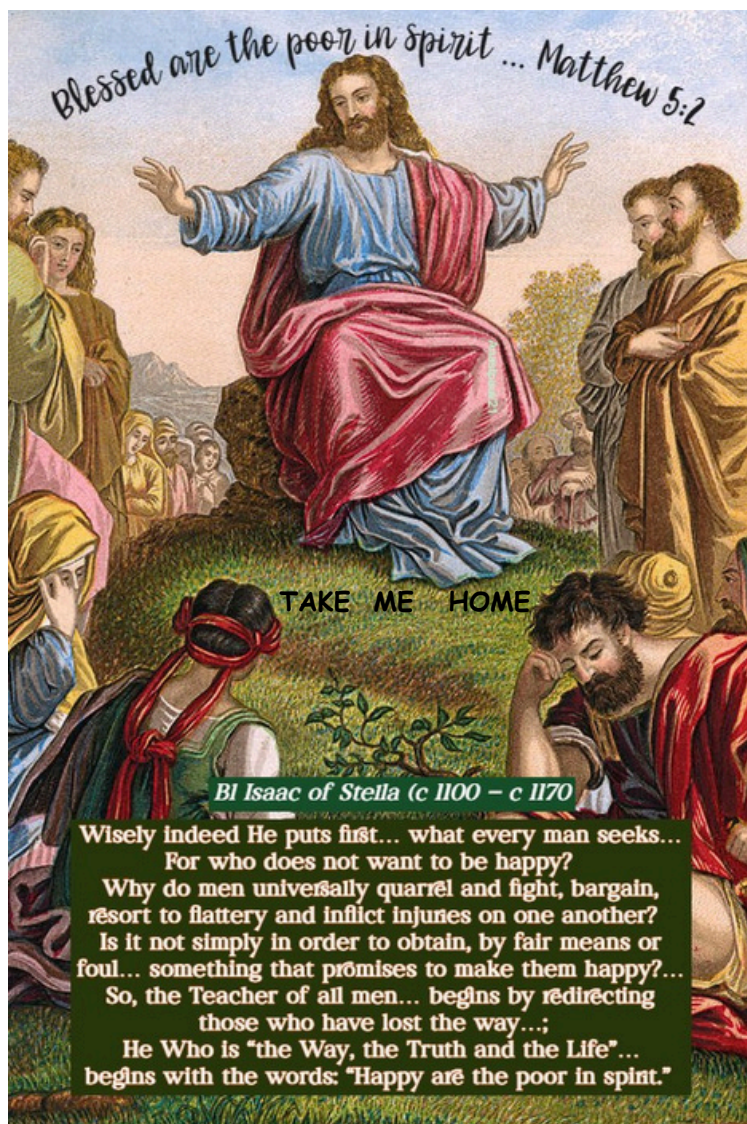
GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12: Happy are the poor in spirit.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. We also join in prayer for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers.

Miroslav Bogovic, Frank Vella, Anthony Vella, Mathew Cherian, Adrian O'Sullivan, Ron & Pauline Rice, Raymond Stubbs, Hermie Jr, Margaret Noronha, Katherine Chin, V.I. Issac Vandanath, John Mathew Narithookil, Con Kontista, Cliff Dornan, Maria & Sam Gauci, Doris Gauci, Joe Tabone, Denise Segatto

We invite you to share the names of those who are sick or in need of extra prayers by emailing the Parish Office



Congratulations

We offer our prayerful congratulations to **Deacon Sam Gennaoui** as he celebrates the anniversary of his **Diaconate Ordination** (30 January).

Deacon Sam was ordained to the Diaconate at St John Catholic Church on 30 January 2011



Monday 2 February
1pm Rosary, Leppington

Tuesday 3 February
9:30am Rosary on Zoom
5pm Devotions
6pm Reconciliation & Adoration
6:40 Evening Prayer & Benediction
7pm Mass, Oran Park

Wednesday 4 February
8am Mass, Oran Park

Thursday 5 February
9:30 Rosary at Church (Zoom Available)
10am Mass, Oran Park

Friday 6 February
9.30am Mass, Oran Park
6:30pm Praise & worship with Adoration

Saturday 7 February
4pm Reconciliation &
5pm Mass, Oran Park

Sunday 8 February
8am Mass, Leppington
8am Mass, Oran Park
10am Mass, Oran Park
5pm Mass, Oran Park

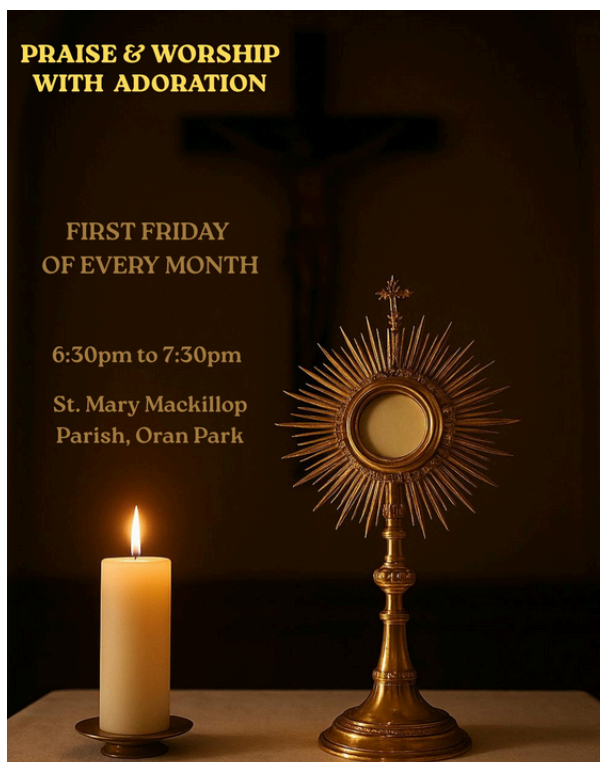
Chaldean Holy Mass
12:00noon Sunday

PRAISE & WORSHIP WITH ADORATION

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:30pm to 7:30pm

St. Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park



Rosary

If you would like to pray the Rosary with us from home on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9:30Am. Please use this QR Code or Zoom ID below:



Meeting ID 983 7876 0423

NEW to our Parish ?

Whether you are here for the very first time, or have been here for a while, we would love to connect with you. Please scan the QR Code and a member of our Welcome Ministry will be in touch soon.



TAKE ME HOME

REQUEST FOR PALM FRONDS

If any parishioners have pieces of 'blessed palm' (from Palm Sunday last year), please bring them back next weekend and place them in the containers which will be available at our Oran Park and Leppington Mass Centres. These blessed Palm Fronds will be burnt to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday (18 February)

JOIN US FOR MACKILLOP YOUTH

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Friday Nights

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



Friday 20th February (Week 4)

Friday, 6 March (Week 6)

Friday, 20 March (Week 8)

**PLEASE JOIN US FROM
6:30PM - 8:30PM IN THE
PENOLA ROOM**



Good Friday Stations at 10 a.m.

Combined (Years 7-12)

Friday, 3 April, 10 a.m.

Further details to be provided
closer to the event

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Can you spare 30 minutes a week

to share God's love with students in our local state schools?



**Our parish is seeking volunteer Catechists
(or Classroom Helpers)
to support the faith journey of students
in our local state schools.**

**This is a rewarding opportunity
to live your faith by sharing
God's love with the children.**

WHAT'S REQUIRED ?

30mins per week (on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday,
during school terms only).

No experience needed. Training and support are provided.

For more information please contact

Julie Balan on 0439 464 036 or the Parish Office.

LENTEN GROUP HOSTS

As Lent approaches early this year, beginning 18 February, we are excited to invite members of our Parish to become HOSTS for our Lenten Groups. Whether you open your home or prefer utilising one of the Parish meeting spaces, your role as a HOST is invaluable. If you feel called to lead a Lenten Group, we encourage you to simply add your contact details to the sheet available at the Welcome Table.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to our shared spiritual journey. We look forward to confirming our Lenten Group HOSTS in the coming weeks and to then invite others to join these groups.



Project Compassion Donation Envelopes: How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty with us this Lent.



WOMEN OF THE CROSS 2026

Feb 18th
March 18th
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th
August 19th
Sept 16th
Oct 21st
Nov 18th
Dec 9th

Wednesday nights
- 7pm - Penola
Room

COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS

Grief can feel heavy and lonely, especially in the quiet moments. You don't have to carry it on your own. Compassionate Companions, run by Grief Care, is a welcoming space to gently connect with others who understand loss, grief and bereavement.

Held in a calm, supportive setting at Macarthur Memorial Park, these monthly gatherings offer time for conversation, reflection and shared understanding. Morning tea is provided and all are welcome. Please see the Notice Board for more information.

PASTORAL CARE What is Pastoral Care?

It is offering Spiritual, emotional and practical help. Its foundation is in the idea of a shepherd caring for their flock. Providing a listening ear, a presence and empathy and the sharing of Gods word through prayer and reading of the bible and sharing in the Eucharist. Our Parish need Pastoral care volunteer members. The need is great for Pastoral Care volunteers to visit Parishioners in their homes, nursing homes, hospitals. These Parishioners are unable to come to church for various reasons. *If you feel this is a ministry you could help in with your time, of at least 1hr a week we would love to hear from you.*

Please contact Ken Garland or Carmen Karauda at ken.garland45@gmail.com ckarauda@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

Currently this program is 5 x one hour sessions, held on Saturday afternoon. The program is for children who are 7 years of age or above, who have not been baptised into the Catholic Faith or who have been baptised in another Christian Faith, and who wish to be initiated/received into the Catholic faith by receiving the sacraments as set down by Liturgical Practice.

Anyone who is interested in being part of the RCIC Program can email any enquires to oranparksacraments@dow.org.au or enroll via the Parish website.

Enrolments will be open from 2nd February 2026.

SEEKING PEACE AND HEALING ?

CatholicCare Counselling Can Help

Life's burdens can feel heavy, but you are not alone. CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by the values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief, or personal concerns, our counsellors walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Reach out today and let us walk with you:

Call (02) 42549395 or visit

<http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

2026 KINDY BAG BLESSING

Each year our Parish offers the opportunity for families to have school bags of children enrolled in Kindergarten to be blessed. This year, at the 5pm Mass on Sunday, 8 March, and Sunday, 15 March, St Justin's Kinder will be invited to bring their school bags to Mass for the blessing. On Sunday, 22 March, Kindergarten students attending other schools are welcome to bring their school bags to Mass for the Blessing.

PARISH 10TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Orders are now open for you to purchase your copy of our Parish 10th Anniversary Book for \$30 per copy. Please scan the QR Code or use the link <https://bit.ly/10ANN> to register your order and a member of our Parish Admin. Team will contact you to arrange collection. Cash purchases are now available at Oran Park(PietyStall)Leppington (Welcome Table).



TAKE ME HOME

Assistance for Parents in Macarthur for Back-to-School Expenses:

Do you live in the Macarthur region, have kids at school, and could use \$50 per child to help with those expenses? Macarthur Social Justice Network has funds available to be used toward the purchase of shoes, uniforms, winter coats and gloves, books and materials, subscriptions, or other miscellaneous school expenses. Visit www.msjn.org to find out more and submit your request. Available while funds last.

2026 SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

Our Parish 2026 Youth Sacramental Calendar is now available on the Parish Website. Those families wishing to enrol their children in 2026 for RCIC, 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation are asked to visit the website and note when online enrolments will be available.