



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

HAPPY
New Year

2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-

13 *R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

2nd READING Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

***We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.***

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

Weekly Reflection

It seems fitting that the Church has dedicated 1 January to the woman who herself knew only too well that "nothing is impossible with God." On this day, we honour Mary, the Mother of God, the mother of all possibilities, the mother of our salvation, the mother of all hope.

The Solemnity of Mary is a timeless celebration that speaks to us powerfully in the 21st century. In a world filled with distractions, noise, and division, this feast calls us to pause and reflect on the profound mystery of God choosing to enter the world through the humble and obedient heart of Mary. Her "yes" to God wasn't just a historical moment – it's a model of faith, trust, and surrender that remains relevant today.

Despite our busy lives, and as we honour Mary, we are invited to renew our commitment to living with faith, humility, and a deep trust in God's plan for our lives.

On another note, this weekend, the church also celebrates the Epiphany of our Lord. This is the moment Christ is revealed to the world. The Magi, guided by a star, teach us how to seek God with faith and perseverance. They recognize Jesus not in power or wealth, but in humility, reminding us that God often comes to us in simple and unexpected ways.

When the Magi bow in adoration, they show that true wisdom leads to worship. After encountering Christ, they return home by a different path – signifying that no one meets Jesus and remains the same. The Epiphany calls us to follow Christ's light, adore Him sincerely, and carry His presence into our daily lives.

Wishing you all a happy, holy and peaceful New Year.

Deacon Sam

IN OUR PARISH

Monday 5 January
1pm Rosary, Leppington.

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

Wednesday 7 January
8am Mass

Thursday 8 January
10am Mass

Friday 9 January
9.30am Mass

Saturday 10 January
4pm Reconciliation &
5pm Mass, Oran Park

Sunday 11 January
8am Mass, Leppington
8am Mass, Oran Park
10am Mass, Oran Park

5pm Mass, Oran Park

Chaldean Holy Mass
12:00noon Sunday



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.

Anthony Vella, Frank Tipler, Margaret Noronha, Joe Tabone, Fernando Bareto Daluz, Anna Torcaso, Juliet Decruz, Stephen McLaren, Luigi Costa, Sam & Maria Gauci, Denise Segatto, Carmelo Dela Cruz, Vincente T Silvestre Jr, V.I. Issac

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

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.



Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)

EXODUS 90

UNCOMMON

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RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

Children 7 years and above who are not baptised or who have been baptised in a Christian church other than Catholic, are still able to make their 1st Reconciliation and/or 1st Holy Communion by taking part in our Parish RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) program prior to enrolling in our 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion preparation program. Those families interested in being a part of RCIC are asked to send an email to oranpark@dow.org.au. Enrolments for RCIC will be available on the Parish website from 2 Feb 26. Answer: St. John was in the prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk; lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

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.



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 (Piety Stall) and Leppington (Welcome Table).



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2026 CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM

Through a range of day, weekend, and weeklong retreats, this year's Carmelite Retreat Program offers opportunities for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth and community.

Whether you are new to Carmelite spirituality or a seasoned pilgrim, you'll find nourishment and inspiration for your journey with God. Please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table or contact the Mt Carmel Retreat

Centre : bookings@mtcarmel.com.au

