



**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

**SUNDAYS** Chaldean Mass  
**12.00 NOON** ORAN PARK

**THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY**

**7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**FIRST READING**  
Isaiah 60:1-6

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**SECOND READING**  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER and Preface (to be chosen by priest-celebrant)**



**EPIPHANY**

Over the past few years, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we have had 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 **2024 Epiphany Day Blessing** are available from the Welcome Table this weekend.

*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.

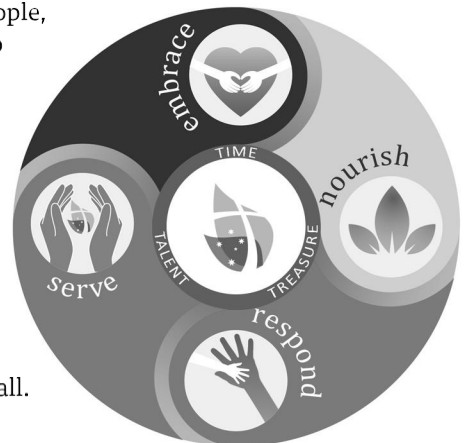
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.**

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY 8 JANUARY *BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

9am Mass, Oran Park

**NOTE: There will be no  
Rosary at Leppington today**

### TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY

**NOTE: There will be no  
8am Mass during  
Fr David's absence**

### THURSDAY 11 JANUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Online

**NOTE: There will be no  
Praying of the Rosary or  
Communion Service at Oran  
Park Church during the month  
of January**

### FRIDAY 12 JANUARY

**NOTE: There will be no  
Friday Mass at Oran Park  
Church during the month of  
January**

### SATURDAY 13 JANUARY

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

## PARISH MASS – MONDAY, 8 JANUARY

To mark the close of the Christmas Season, a Mass will be held at our Oran Park Mass Centre on Monday, 8 January @ 9am to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.



Next weekend, we will remember the birthday of our Patron Saint, St Mary MacKillop (15th January)

*“Let us try to keep God with us by charity in thought, word and act ...”  
Mary MacKillop*

### Message from our Parish Priest, Fr David

As I come to the end of my current chemo cycle, I want to thank all those who, from the first day my diagnosis of ‘metastatic prostate cancer with pulmonary metastases’ was announced, have prayed for me, supported me and encouraged me.

Your kindness and prayers have been a beacon of strength and hope for me and my family during this time.

Now that this chemo cycle has come to an end, I will now face some post-chemo tests and scans in coming weeks, and while staying in my residence begin a period of ‘recuperation leave’ leading up to Ash Wednesday (14 February)

While I have been blessed that, from time to time, the chemo side effects abated to allow me to celebrate some Parish masses and be active in some aspects of Parish life, I look forward to ‘formally’ returning to Parish ministry - albeit, on the advice of my medical team, at a slower pace - as we begin our Lenten journey.

May our Patron, St Mary MacKillop, to whom I attribute the positive and welcome outcomes of previous treatments, along with the Servant of God (please God, soon to be saint) Eileen O’Connor continue to pray for you and me that, like them, we will realise during this Christmas Season that Jesus wants to be born every day - in the manger of our lives. He seeks to be born amidst our joys and struggles, in our moments of sickness and health. He wants to be born, no matter our fears or our dreams, our hopes or our disappointments.

As has become my custom after the conclusion of previous oncology treatments it is my hope in coming weeks to be able to return to the tombs of Mary MacKillop and Eileen O’Connor to say ‘thank you’ for their ongoing intercession and their inspiring witness.





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**MACKILLOP  
YOUTH**

## YEAR 7 2024 TASTER SESSION

Are you interested in joining Mackillop Youth in 2024?

You are invited to join us from 6.30-8.30pm on Friday 9th February, 2024 for an evening of food, fun and faith formation.

Scan the QR code below to complete the expression of interest form.



We will contact you with further details once the school term begins.

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

A reminder that our 2024 Sacramental Calendar is now available for download from the 'Youth Sacraments' page on our Parish website.

## DO SOMETHING SUNDAY JANUARY/FEBRUARY

St Vincent de Paul 'Food Pantry Drive'

In 2024, our 'Do Something Sunday' focus will revert back to the '2nd Sunday every 2 months'

Our first 'Do Something Sunday' will be the weekend of 10-11 February.

On this weekend, we would like to support the Camden/Oran Park chapter of St Vincent de Paul by 'restocking their pantry'. Over the Christmas and New Year period, St Vincent de Paul have assisted many local families by opening their Food Pantry.

St Vincent de Paul have provided a list of items, which are not easily accessible from other sources, which will complement the basic pantry items they hold.

Please collect the list of required items from the Welcome Table.

## CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES JANUARY 2024

Due to the limited availability of Clergy during January, the following changes are in place for weekday Masses in our Parish during January 2024:

Tuesday:

Adoration and Reconciliation @ 6pm – Mass @ 7pm

Thursday:

No Communion Service in January

Friday:

No Mass in January

Our current weekday Mass Times will resume from 1 February

For weekday Mass Times in neighbouring Parishes, please visit the following website:

<https://www.dow.org.au/parish-mass-times/parishes/>

## CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2024

Brochures are now available from the Welcome Table for the Carmelite Retreat Program 2024.

Set in the scenic hills of the Macarthur region, the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre is set on beautiful grounds and offers a lush and peaceful setting for any retreat experience. They offer a wide range of facilities with comfortable, contemporary accommodation.

## JOIN US AS LENTEN GROUP HOSTS AND FACILITATORS !

As Lent approaches early this year, starting on February 14, we are excited to invite members of our Parish to become hosts and facilitators for our Lenten Groups. These gatherings are an opportunity to deepen our spiritual journeys and foster community connections during this meaningful season.

Whether you open your home, or prefer utilising one of the Parish meeting spaces, your role as a host or facilitator is invaluable.

If you feel called to lead or support a Lenten Group, we encourage you to reach out to the Parish Office via email, or simply mark your contact details on the 'sign-up sheet' available at the Welcome Table. Let's come together and make this Lent a time of reflection, growth and shared fellowship. Your participation as a host or facilitator will help enrich the Lenten experience for our entire Parish community.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to our shared spiritual journey. We look forward to confirming our Lenten Group hosts and facilitators in the coming weeks.

## **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**

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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.