



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK



*'Let's be united and pray
for each other at the crib
and at the altar.'*

ST MARY MACKILLOP

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

To assist families already wanting to plan for Christmas 2024, we are pleased to announce that the schedule for our 2024 Christmas Masses is now available:

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24 December

5pm & 7pm - School Hall, Oran Park
Chaldean Holy Mass 9.00pm – St Mary MacKillop Church, Oran Park

Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25 December

9am - St Mary MacKillop Church, Oran Park

Our 5pm and 7pm Christmas Eve Masses will be held in the Hall between St Justin's and St Benedict's. Seating will be provided in the Hall. Families or groups who would like to be seated together are encouraged to arrive together.

The Christmas schedule can also be found on our Parish website:

bit.ly/ChristmasMassTimes2024



THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

1 DECEMBER 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

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.

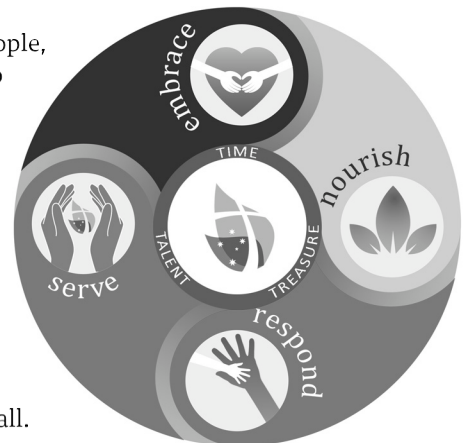
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 2 DECEMBER

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 3 DECEMBER

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 4 DECEMBER

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 5 DECEMBER

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 6 DECEMBER

9.30am Anointing Mass,
Oran Park

SATURDAY – 7 DECEMBER

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed
from Monday, 23 December to
Friday, 27 December 2024

**DURING THIS TIME, THERE
WILL BE NO PARISH
WEEKDAY MASSES**

St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park complies with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles when collecting personal information, including sensitive information, to enable the Parish to provide religious services to its community including administering the sacraments, and pastoral care to the faithful, including to children of the faithful. For more information about how the Parish collects and handles your personal information, see our privacy policy available at the Parish website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Advent, like Lent, is a Season of the Church's year that invites us to be reconciled to God and to one another so that we can "prepare a way for the Lord".

To allow as many Parishioners as possible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in preparation for Christmas, we will be holding the following sessions of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, 3 December : 6pm-6.45pm

Saturday, 7 December : 4pm-4.45pm

Tuesday, 10 December : 6pm-6.45pm

Saturday, 14 December : 4pm-4.45pm

Tuesday, 17 December : 6pm-6.45pm

Wednesday, 18 December : 6pm-8pm

Saturday, 21 December : 4pm-4.45pm



PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

As we look forward to the Jubilee Year with the theme '*Pilgrims of Hope*', Bishop Brian Mascord is inviting each of the communities of the Diocese of Wollongong to journey together in faith and expectation.

This Jubilee, initiated by Pope Francis, calls us to a renewed spirit of hope, unity, and mission as we walk with Christ. It is an invitation to rekindle our trust in God's love and to reflect that joy and hope in our Parishes.

To support this spiritual journey, the Diocese has prepared prayer cards which feature Pope Francis' Jubilee Prayer. This prayer will be integrated into our Weekend Masses, beginning this weekend, the 1st Sunday of Advent, and continue until the opening of the Holy Doors on the Feast of the Holy Family.

Let us approach this Jubilee Year together as a time of renewal, joy, and solidarity in our mission as the Diocese of Wollongong. May our community be strengthened in hope, drawing others to encounter the living Christ through our shared witness.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

We are looking for members of our Parish community to join our 'Parish Anniversary Planning Committee'.

As you may know, in 2025, our Parish will be celebrating its 10th Birthday. To make this an exciting and successful celebration, we are wanting to establish a Parish Planning Committee who will oversee the planning and running of this and future events to be held in our ever-growing Parish.

If you would like to volunteer your gift of time and talent to this Committee, please send your details to the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO MINISTER AT OUR 2024 CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT ORAN PARK?

Those who are registered on the Parish liturgical ministry roster (MSP) are invited to sign up and volunteer to serve in your ministry at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at Oran Park.

Our Christmas Eve Masses will be held in the School Hall at 5pm and 7pm and our Christmas Day Mass will be held in the Church at 9am.

To sign up, please add your name to the Sign Up Sheet available at the Welcome Table.

MACKILLOP YOUTH 2025

All students currently in Year 6 2024, who will be in Year 7 in 2025, are invited to join an evening of food, fun and faith formation at the MacKillop Youth Taster Session.

This gathering will be on Friday, 7 February, from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table to register and a member of our MacKillop Youth team will contact you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BAPTISED CATHOLIC

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 First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion, by taking part in a 5-week preparation process – prior to the start of our 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion preparation program.

This preparation process, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) will be an opportunity for these children, supported by their adult family members, to ‘meet in a small group’ to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic-Christian and to prepare for their Baptism (or for those already baptised in another Christian church, their ‘Reception into the Catholic Church’).

Children who journey through RCIC (and have completed the 5 week RCIC program, along with the 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion program) will, as set down by liturgical practice, receive their Baptism/Reception into the Catholic Church, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation all during the one Mass. (The RCIC Mass for 2025 will be held on Tuesday 17 June at the regular 7pm evening Parish Mass).

Those families interested in being a part of RCIC are asked to send an email to oranpark@dow.org.au

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for our faithful departed who have died recently and whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.

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If you would like a Mass offered for friends or family who have died recently or whose anniversaries are remembered at this time, please leave a Mass Offering envelope, available from the Welcome Table, in the box provided.

We join in prayer for those who are unwell or in need of extra prayers.

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*We invite you to share the names of those who are sick or in need of extra prayers by emailing the Parish Office
(oranpark@dow.org.au)*

A JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE Rome & Krakow with Fr Marek Dutkiewicz

Departing Thursday 1 May 2025 and returning on 13 May 2025

Pilgrimage Itinerary
(10 Nights/13 Days)

Rome - Jubilee (4 nights) *Assisi
*Florence (2 nights) *Krakow
(4 nights) *Kalwaria Zebrzydowska
*Wadowice *Czestochowa
*Trzebinia

For more information, please contact St Paul's Moss Vale Parish office on (02) 4868 1931



GIVE A GLOBAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

A Global Gift is a life-changing gift you can give to someone living in poverty. Give Hope, Joy and Empowerment.

2024 Christmas Catalogues are now available from the Welcome Table.

ENTRANCE **COME AND SET US FREE**

Trevor Thomson

Refrain:

Come, come, Lord Jesus.

Come, come save your people.

Come and set us free.

1. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your love.
Awaken our hearts to your mercy.
Free us, O Lord, from the power of sin.
Set us free.
2. Awaken our hearts to the pow'r of your truth.
Awaken our hearts to your justice.
Teach us and guide us for you are the way.
Set us free.

OFFERTORY **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

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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.

COMMUNION **BREAD OF HEAVEN**

Jesse Manibusan and Sarah Hart

Refrain:

Bread of heaven, Savior broken,

cup of life outpoured;

we your people thirst and hunger.

Come renew us, Lord; come renew us, Lord.

1. From the mountain, blessing spoken
where we came to pray;
with the simple truth before us:
love them in my name; love them in my name.
2. From the garden dark with sorrow,
from the tears you wept,
bloomed the flower of salvation:
new life born of death, new life born of death.

3. From the tomb that could not hold you
in the dark of night,
broke that morning of redemption,
raising us to life, raising us to life.

SONG OF PRAISE **WE ARE TRAVELLERS**

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Refrain:

We are travellers here,

Called to embrace the world, inspired to love,
United we stand as one.

We are travellers here,

Stirred by a burning desire,

Christ offers hope, a spirited holy fire!

The world is in need of healing and grace,

Crossing the bridges of culture and race.

With pioneer courage, make sacred this place.

We offer our lives as pilgrims of peace,

working and praying so love may increase,

a heart full of yearning that hardship may cease.

Our hands are a blessing of care and concern.

We reach out to others, so others may learn;

The Spirit is with us, this we believe!

No boundary, no challenge will silence our dream;

A fire of justice the world has not seen,

Christ ever shining, the life giving stream!

SENDING FORTH **10,000 REASONS**

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.