



**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 5PM** St Mary  
MacKillop Church  
ORAN PARK  
94 Oran Park Drive

**SUNDAYS 8AM** St Mary Mother  
of God Church  
LEPPINGTON  
Cnr Ingleburn &  
Dickson Roads

**SUNDAYS 8AM 10AM 5PM** St Mary  
MacKillop Church  
ORAN PARK  
94 Oran Park Drive

**SUNDAYS 12.00 NOON** Chaldean Mass  
ORAN PARK

To assist families already wanting to plan for Christmas 2023, we are pleased to announce that the schedule for our 2023 Christmas Masses is now available:

### Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24 December

5pm & 7pm - School Hall, Oran Park  
Chaldean Holy Mass 9.30pm – St Mary MacKillop Church, Oran Park

### Christmas Day - Monday, 25 December

8am - St Mary Mother of God Church, Leppington  
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/2023christmassmass](https://bit.ly/2023christmassmass)



## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

## 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.

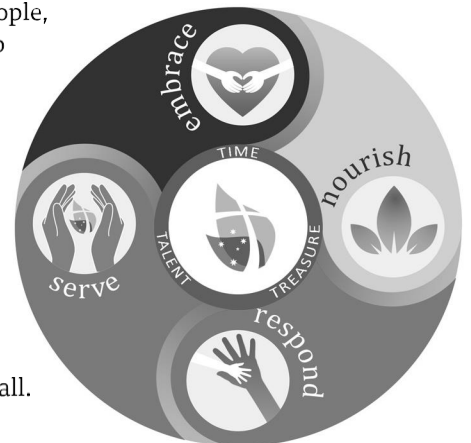
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 4 DECEMBER

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

### TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

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

### THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Communion Service,  
Oran Park

### FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

9.30am Mass, Oran Park –  
Solemnity of the  
Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

### SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

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## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from  
Wednesday, 27 December 2023 to Tuesday, 2 January 2024

### “TOY RAFFLE” SUPPORTING RIO’S LEGACY DO SOMETHING SUNDAY FOCUS FOR DECEMBER

Our ‘Do Something Sunday’ focus for DECEMBER will be to support ‘Rio’s Legacy’ and specifically their goal to build Australia’s fourth children’s hospice here in Western Sydney. This hospice will not only provide a safe haven for children facing serious health challenges but also offer respite and support to their families, so they can cherish every moment together.

**At the heart of our December ‘Do Something Sunday’ focus will be a special Toy Raffle – with all proceeds going to support ‘Rio’s Legacy’ and specifically their children’s hospice appeal.**

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses THIS weekend.

**Tickets are: \$2 each OR 3 for \$5**

The raffle will be drawn after the 10am Mass  
on Sunday, 17 December.

By rallying behind ‘Rio’s Legacy’ during December, we are shining a spotlight on the urgent need for a fourth children’s hospice in Australia. Our support goes beyond financial assistance – it is a symbol of solidarity, showing families whose children are faced with life-limiting conditions, that they’re not alone in their journey.

### “PARTNERS IN MISSION” PASTORAL LETTER FROM FR DAVID

As we embrace a new liturgical year with the Season of Advent, and we look forward in hope to the coming year 2024, our Parish Priest, Fr David, has written a pastoral letter to draw our attention to a matter of significant importance regarding our Parish’s future and the sustainability of our vital works and ministries. Copies of this letter will be distributed at Parish Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Advent.

Alternatively, a copy of the letter can be downloaded here:

**[bit.ly/adventpastoralletter](https://bit.ly/adventpastoralletter)**

### 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.



## SPECIAL MORNING TEA

To coincide with the draw of our **Toy Raffle, for 'Rio's Legacy'**, our **December 'Do Something Sunday'** focus, we would like to invite you to a Special Morning Tea following the 10am Mass on Sunday, 17 December, at Oran Park. **Our Morning Tea will be Christmas themed to celebrate as a Parish Family the gifts we are thankful for in our lives. So, all are invited to bring 'Christmas themed' morning tea items to share, and to wear Christmas clothing.** While we are celebrating, we will be drawing the prizes of our Toy Raffle. The generosity towards this focus has been overwhelming and, in addition to several major prizes to be won, there will be many minor prizes which winners will get to **choose themselves** from the display in the Parish Office.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**17 DECEMBER**  
Special Morning Tea &  
Toy Raffle Draw

## MY END OF YEAR GATHERING

All MacKillop Youth members wishing to attend the End of Year social, please collect a permission note from the Welcome Table.

## PARISH NATIVITY WALL

This Christmas marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi creating a Living Nativity Scene/Creche in the small Italian village of *Greccio*, to bring Bethlehem close to those who would never have the chance to be in the birthplace of Jesus Christ.

To celebrate this great anniversary, you are invited to take a photo of your nativity scene (or of a nativity scene that is special to you) and to upload it onto our 'virtual Nativity Scene wall' via the bit.ly link or QR code:

[bit.ly/nativitywall](https://bit.ly/nativitywall)



We are also invited during Advent to visit this virtual wall and to celebrate the richness and diversity of our Nativity Scenes.

## UPDATE FROM FR FR DAVID

Thank you to those who have been praying the Novena Prayers for Fr David through the intercession of both St Mary MacKillop and the Servant of God Eileen O'Connor. Despite some expected chemo side effects, Fr David is travelling ok. His next chemo session is on Wednesday 6th December. The special Novena Prayer leaflet to St Mary MacKillop and Eileen O'Connor can still be downloaded from the Parish

Website: [bit.ly/frdavidnovena](https://bit.ly/frdavidnovena)

Please continue to pray for Fr David during his chemotherapy.



Imagine a free, fun, informal evening, where everyone can come to the table with questions about life, faith and meaning – that's Alpha.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome.

No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited !

**If you would like to join our 2024 Alpha (numbers are limited), beginning February 2024, please register using this QR Code or visit the Alpha Table after Mass to collect an Invitation Card.**



## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

### **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.

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS SONG**

### **ONE BREAD ONE BODY** © John Foley S.J.

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 SONG**

### **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, 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.