



**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

**5 JANUARY 2025**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

## PARISH CLERGY

**Fr Feleki Tautunu** | Administrator  
**Dn Sam Gennaoui** | Deacon



## EPIPHANY

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we have blessed chalk available at our Parish Masses and invite 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  
**2025 Epiphany Day Blessing**  
are available to collect from the Welcome Table.

## 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.

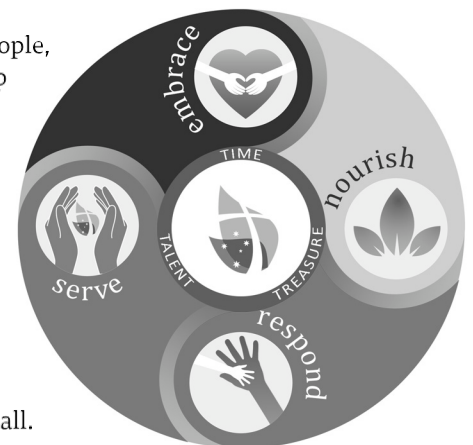
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**MONDAY –  
6 JANUARY**

***EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

1pm Rosary, Leppington

**TUESDAY –  
7 JANUARY**

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,  
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

**WEDNESDAY –  
8 JANUARY**

8am Mass, Oran Park

**THURSDAY –  
9 JANUARY**

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

**FRIDAY –  
10 JANUARY**

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

**SATURDAY –  
11 JANUARY**

4pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park



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

*“Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart.” St Mary MacKillop*

### **New Year Message from our Emeritus Parish Priest Fr David**

Dear Friends,

As we begin the new year, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the ongoing prayers and support you have offered to my family and me since my diagnosis with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in October. Your kindness and faith have been a source of great strength and comfort to us during this challenging time. In the early weeks of the new year, I will be meeting again with my haematology and oncology teams, to seek their counsel on my ongoing chemotherapy treatment and other care that will continue through the year.

As I am sure you are aware, this coming year holds special significance for all of us as we celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, embracing the theme ‘*Pilgrims of Hope*’. While I, like many of you, will not be able to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors, I pray that this year will still be a pilgrimage of hope for us all. For my part, I hope to be a pilgrim of hope, opening the door of my heart to trust in God’s presence and grace, no matter what lies ahead with my treatment.

St. Mary MacKillop reminds us, *“Let us all have courage in the future, which is in God’s hands.”* and Servant of God Eileen O’Connor inspires us with her words: *“Hope is the light that shines in our darkest hours.”*

During these opening months of the Jubilee, if my treatment schedule allows, it is also my hope to re-visit Mary MacKillop’s resting place in North Sydney and Eileen O’Connor’s resting place in Coogee, drawing inspiration and strength from their lives of faith and hope.

Be assured that my family and I hold you in our prayers and wish you and your loved ones a blessed and hope-filled New Year.

*In Christ,  
Fr David*

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### **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.



## NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: The new Parish Office hours are Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm.

### LITTLE JOEYS PLAYGROUP COORDINATORS WANTED

We are looking for additional coordinators to assist with the Little Joeys Playgroup which meets in the Penola Room on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 11:00am during school terms.

This is an opportunity to engage with other parents, carers and young children. The coordinators facilitate the running of the playgroup and share in setting up of the room, making new attendees feel welcome, organising activities for the children and pack up of the room.

For further enquiries or to express interest, please contact Bernadette on 0404386494.

### PARISH EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

There is still an opportunity for you to be a part of our Parish Event Planning Committee.

If you would like to share your gifts of Time or Talent, please come along to an informal meeting following our 7pm Mass on Tuesday, 7 January.

### DO SOMETHING SUNDAY - FEBRUARY St Vincent de Paul 'Food Pantry Drive'

Our first 'Do Something Sunday' for 2025 will be in February. We will again be supporting the Camden/Oran Park Chapter of St Vincent de Paul by 'restocking their pantry'. Over Christmas and the New Year period, St Vincent de Paul will assist many local families by opening their Food Pantry.

St Vincent de Paul have provided a list of items which is available from the Welcome Table. These items are not easily accessible from other sources and will complement the basic pantry items St Vincent de Paul currently hold.

Items can then be delivered to the Church over 2 weekends:

**8/9 February  
OR  
15/16 February**

As we have limited storage at the Church, we ask that items be left over these 2 weekends only.

A team of volunteers will transport these donations to St Vincent de Paul on the weekend of 22/23 February.

*If your family would like to assist in sorting the donations or transporting them to Camden on the weekend of 22/23 February, please send your details to the Parish Office.*

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*Mai La Rice, Dolores Doyle, Shelly Dempsey, George Zarb, Jimmy Mifsud, Juliet Decruz, Stephen McLaren, Vicente Silvestre Jr, Carmelo Delacruz, Carmelo Cauchi, Leonard Hoven*

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.*

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](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au))

### 2025 RCIC

Children aged 7 years or older who are not baptised, or who have been baptised in a Christian Church other than Catholic, are still able to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion by taking part in our RCIC program prior to enrolling in our 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion preparation program.

Those interested in being a part of RCIC are asked to send an email to the Parish Office.

Enrolments for RCIC will open on 3 February 2025.

## **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.