



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

2ND & 4TH Chaldean Mass
SUNDAYS ORAN PARK
12.00noon

We will celebrate the birthday of our patron St Mary MacKillop (15th January) at all Parish Masses on 14th/15th January.
Also, after the 10am Mass at our Southern Mass Centre, Oran Park, on Sunday 15th January, we will be holding a **“Birthday Party” morning tea** which will include the cutting of a Birthday Cake.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Grab a ‘Welcome Pack’ from the Welcome Table. Make sure you fill in your details on the form found in the Pack so we can reach out to you, also go to the ‘New to the Parish’ page on our parish website marymackillopparish.org.au

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

8 January 2023
The 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!

GOSPEL
Matthew 2:1-12

PREFACE
Epiphany of the Lord

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

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.

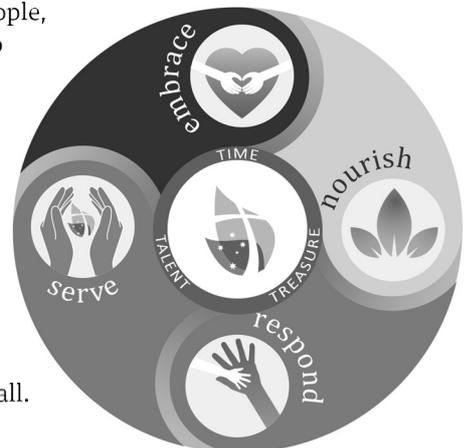
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 9 JANUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary,
Leppington
(including Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament)

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY

7pm Communion Service,
Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY

8am Communion Service,
Oran Park

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,
Oran Park
10am Communion Service,
Oran Park

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY

9.30am Communion Service,
Oran Park

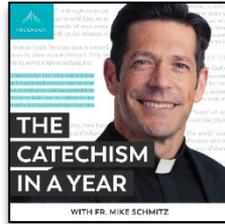
SATURDAY 14 JANUARY

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation
5pm Mass, Oran Park

ASH WEDNESDAY is early this year. To ensure we have the ashes prepared for our Masses/liturgies on 22 February, we ask that anyone who has pieces of 'blessed palm' at home to bring them back next weekend and place them in the basket under the Welcome Table.

CHANGE TO MASS PROGRAMME THIS WEEK

During this week, all weekday Masses will be replaced by **Communion Services** (i.e. Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion) led by Deacon Sam (Tue-Thur) and an Acolyte on Friday. **Also, there will be no 6pm Adoration or Reconciliation (Confessions) on Tuesday, 10 January.** The regular weekday Mass programme will return the following week.



In OUR VISION we say, 'We are a parish that nourishes the faith of all'. In response to one of the goals in our 2023 Parish Pastoral Plan, that focuses on adult faith formation, Fr David and our Parish Pastoral Council are inviting you to join with fellow parishioners in nourishing your faith during 2023 by reading the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using "The Catechism in a Year" podcast.

By listening to this podcast, we will: read the entire Catechism in 365 days; understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter; and transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen while driving to work, going on your daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or however you like! While this podcast officially started on 1st January, it's not too late to start – for over these weeks of January you are invited to 'catch up' on the podcasts by maybe listening to more than one episode per day.

Find it on any podcast app, on YouTube, or by clicking this link!
ascensionpress.com/ciy

Also, our parish is here to support you on your "Catechism in a Year" journey! We will soon be announcing some opportunities throughout 2023 to gather for guided reflection and prayer on the sections of the Catechism that we have read during the prior months. We will gather either face to face or online via Zoom. Also, in a few weeks' time - through our MacKillop Piety Stall at Oran Park - we will be making copies of the Catechism of the Catholic Church available for purchase for a 'special parish price'.

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.

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.



BLESSING OF HOMES TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 2023

Many traditions and genuine manifestations of popular piety have been developed in relation to the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, which is of ancient origin and rich in spiritual content. Among such forms of popular piety, mention may be made of: the blessing of homes, on whose lintels are inscribed the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often accompanied by processions of children accompanied by their parents, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes.

Taken from **Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy**, par 118.
(Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments)

Since the Middle Ages there has been a tradition that on (or near) the feast of the Epiphany we pray for God's blessing on our homes, marking the door post with blessed chalk (an incarnational image reminding us of the dust of the earth from which we were made). In this ritual, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes.

Standing near the main door of the house the following reading from the Gospel of Matthew (2:7-12) is proclaimed:

Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Then the following prayer is said while the lintel (or another place) is marked with blessed chalk:

The three Wise Men,
C Caspar
M Melchior
B and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became man
20 two thousand
23 and twenty three years ago.
++ May Christ bless our home
++ and remain with us throughout the New Year.

May this Epiphany blessing be a reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary daily lives together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be* are now prayed for the intentions of all who live in the house.

20 + C + M + B + 23

ENTRANCE HYMN

WE THREE KINGS

John Hopkins (arr. Tom Booth)

1. We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

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:

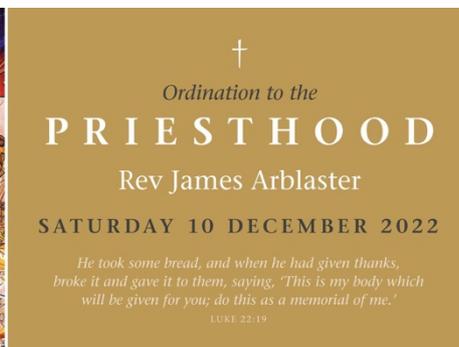
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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.



Commemorative Prayer Cards
are available from the Welcome Table

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