



**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

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/ChristmasMassTimes2024](http://bit.ly/ChristmasMassTimes2024)



## THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

**8 DECEMBER 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths: all people  
shall see the salvation of God.*  
Alleluia!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
(chosen by the 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.

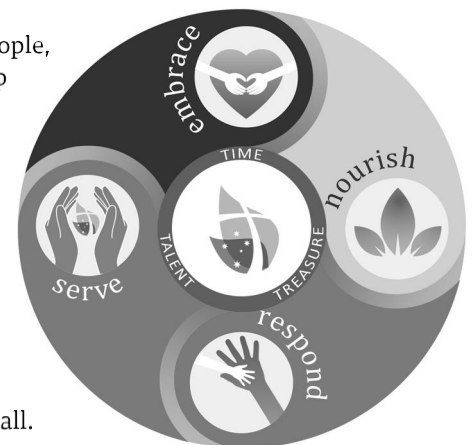
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



## PARISH CLERGY

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

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY – 9 DECEMBER

1pm Rosary, Leppington

### TUESDAY – 10 DECEMBER

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,  
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY – 11 DECEMBER

8am Mass, Oran Park

### THURSDAY – 12 DECEMBER

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

### FRIDAY – 13 DECEMBER

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

### SATURDAY – 14 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID

My thanks to Bishop Brian, Fr Feleki, Fr Bernard, Deacon Sam and all those who gathered last Saturday evening for my 'Mass of Thanksgiving'. I was blessed that through the 'joys of technology' I could be united with all who gathered virtually and in-person for the Mass. My family and I could feel the assurance of your Oran Park prayers here on the Illawarra coast.

As I mentioned in my message that was played at the end of the Mass: "When I was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia, I had to step away from my ministry as your Parish Priest sooner than you and I ever imagined. However, I remain confident that all we were able to accomplish together, through God's grace, during my nearly 10 years of ministry as your pastor will continue to bear fruit over the next 10 years and beyond, through the witness and good deeds of your lives".

I want to thank you for your ongoing prayers for me and my family. Your faith, kindness, and support are a source of hope and encouragement as I navigate this journey. Please know that I am praying for all of you as well, asking God to bless you abundantly.

My prayer for each of you is that you will remain steadfast in faith and trust in the goodness of God, who carries us through every moment of life.

*A blessed Advent, Fr David*



## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*Sue Gersbach, Daad Sorouni, Harvi Chessell, Macario Reyes, Amparo Rodil, Isabelo Sitjar, Dolores Sitjar, Maria Teresa Sitjar, Mai La Rice, Dolores Doyle, Shelly Dempsey, George Zarb, Jimmy Mifsud*

*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*

## GAUDETE SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next Sunday, we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – also known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Christmas is near and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. **Consider wearing something ROSE or PINK** to Mass next weekend – it is a wonderful way to celebrate this halfway point on our Advent Journey.

## TURNING POINT CAMDEN CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for our Turning Point Christmas Hampers.

We were able to deliver 20 hampers to support families who continue to experience hardship in our community at this special time of year.

## SPECIAL PIETY STALL ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr David has kindly offered a selection of his religious items to share with parishioners. These will be available for purchase at a special piety stall on the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 December.

In keeping with Fr David's wishes, all proceeds will go toward supporting our parish ministries.

Fr David is deeply thankful for your kindness and generosity and for the ongoing thoughts and prayers offered during his treatment.

Your support means so much to him.

## **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.