



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

12 JANUARY 2025
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Oh, Bless the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas.

Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.



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.

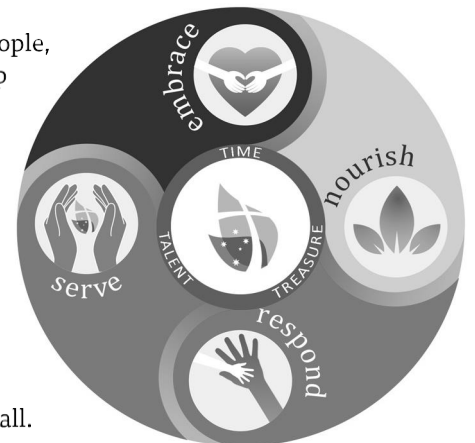
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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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Office Hours : 9am to 1pm Monday - Friday



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**MONDAY –
13 JANUARY**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

1pm Rosary, Leppington

**TUESDAY –
14 JANUARY**

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

**WEDNESDAY –
15 JANUARY**

8am Mass, Oran Park

**THURSDAY –
16 JANUARY**

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

**FRIDAY –
17 JANUARY**

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

**SATURDAY –
18 JANUARY**

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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This week we 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

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.

EXODUS90

Men interested in joining our St Mary MacKillop Exodus 90 Fraternity Group to participate in the 2025 program and would like more information please email:

Ivan Siladji
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OR

Frank Lamasan
franklamasan_au@yahoo.com.au

 Exodus 90

90 days to freedom.

Our culture today has no shortage of ‘modern Pharaohs’ that hold us back from true unity with God. If we’re ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life. **It’s a way out.**

We start Jan. 20, 2025:

Exodus90.com



CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2025

Set in the scenic hills of the Macarthur region, Mt Carmel caters to a wide range of groups including School, Church, Corporate and Special Interest groups. For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program 2025, please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table or visit the website: (<https://mtcarmel.com.au/>)

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.



ALPHA 2025

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 2025 Alpha (numbers are limited), please register your details using this QR Code and a member of our Alpha Team will contact you.



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Stephen McLaren, Vicente Silvestre Jr, Carmelo Delacruz, Carmelo Cauchi, Leonard Hoven, Augusta Soares Luis, Sam Fenech, Richard Laws, Anne Lonsdale, Adrian O'Sullivan

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)

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.



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**MACKILLOP
YOUTH**



YEAR 7 2025 TASTER SESSION

Are you interested in joining Mackillop Youth in 2025?

You are invited to join us from 6.30-8.30pm on Friday 7th February, 2025 for an evening of food, fun and faith formation.

Scan the QR code below to complete the expression of interest form.



We will contact you with further details once the school term begins.

ENTRANCE HYMN

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

Chorus: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in the church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (*Chorus*)

3. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. (*Chorus*)

OFFERTORY SONG

BE NOT AFRAID

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1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

GRATEFUL

Tom Tomaszek © 2003 OCP Publications

Refrain

Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

1. You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.
Even when we doubt your presence
you are faithful to your word.

2. May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name.

SENDING FORTH

HERE I AM LORD

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)