



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



THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

15 DECEMBER 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.*
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.

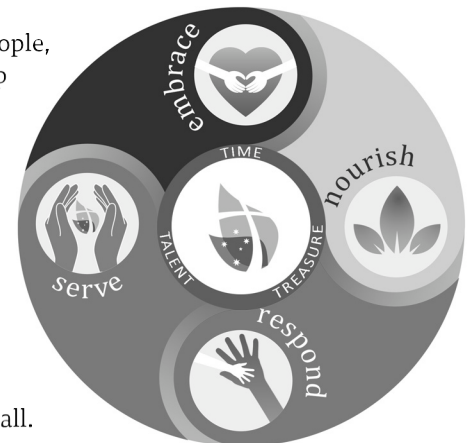
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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 – 16 DECEMBER

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 17 DECEMBER

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 18 DECEMBER

DUE TO CHURCH BUILDING
WORKS, THERE WILL BE NO
MASS AT 8AM, ORAN PARK

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

THURSDAY – 19 DECEMBER

DUE TO CHURCH BUILDING
WORKS, THERE WILL BE NO
ROSARY AT 9.30AM OR
MASS AT 10AM, ORAN PARK

FRIDAY – 20 DECEMBER

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY – 21 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 OR
ROSARY**

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 1st 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.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note, from Friday, 27 December 2024, due to staffing changes in our Administration Team, the Parish Office will be closed on Mondays.

The new Parish Office hours from this date will be Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm.

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.

CHRISTMAS 'TRADITIONAL' MORNING TEA Sunday, 22 December

The Hospitality Team would like to invite everyone to come together to celebrate our wonderful multicultural Parish Family at a special Christmas 'Traditional' Morning Tea following our 10am Oran Park Mass on Sunday, 22 December.

Everyone is welcome to bring a cake, slice or plate to share or just join us to celebrate together.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Advent

Since 1968, the Pope has officiated at a special ceremony in St Peter's Square during Advent. Children of Rome flock to St Peter's Piazza for the 'Midday Angelus' where the Pope blesses the figurines of the Baby Jesus brought from their homes.

While traditionally held on 'Rose Sunday', **this year the blessing will take place on the 4th Sunday of Advent – 21/22 December.**

We ask everyone to bring your statue of Baby Jesus from your Nativity Set at home to one of our Oran Park Masses to be blessed.

Before the final blessing of the Mass, you will be invited to stand with your "Bambinelli" for the blessing and sprinkling of Holy Water.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE
NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY
AT OUR ORAN PARK CHURCH
DUE TO BUILDING WORKS.**

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, Juliet Decruz*

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)

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.

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.