



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

CHRISTMAS MASSES

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO MINISTER AT OUR 2024 CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT ORAN PARK?

Those who are registered on the Parish liturgical ministry roster (MSP) are invited to sign up and volunteer to serve in your ministry at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at Oran Park.

Our Christmas Eve Masses will be held in the School Hall at 5pm and 7pm and our Christmas Day Mass will be held in the Church at 9am.

To sign up, please add your name to the Sign Up Sheet available at the Welcome Table.

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

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 .

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

17 NOVEMBER 2024
(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
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.

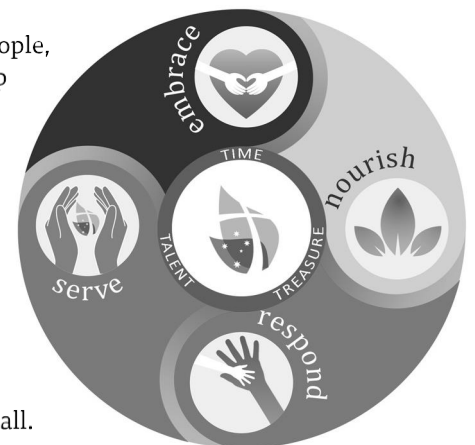
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY – 18 NOVEMBER

1pm Rosary, Leppington

TUESDAY – 19 NOVEMBER

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

6pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY – 20 NOVEMBER

8am Mass, Oran Park

THURSDAY – 21 NOVEMBER

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Mass, Oran Park

FRIDAY – 22 NOVEMBER

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY – 23 NOVEMBER

4pm Reconciliation, Oran Park

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THE OVERVIEW E-NEWSLETTER

The OVERVIEW e-Newsletter
is currently unavailable.

We hope to return to this monthly update
as soon as possible.

2024 ADVENT GROUPS SIGN UP

Advent Groups are an opportunity, as a member of our Parish, to gather in small groups to reflect on the Advent scriptures for the coming weekend, to share your faith, to pray and to 'get to know' fellow parishioners outside the context of the weekly Mass. A session usually runs for about 90 minutes and groups sometimes finish with a cuppa or supper.

Our 2024 Parish Advent Groups are:

Christen Yousseph : Tuesday, 7.30pm
Penola Room, Oran Park

Dianne Campbell : Wednesday, 12noon
(Private Residence, Spring Farm)

Carmen Karauda : Wednesday, 7pm
(Leppington)

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME TABLE OR CONTACT THE HOST DIRECTLY.

MACKILLOP YOUTH 2025

All students currently in Year 6 2024, who will be in Year 7 in 2025, are invited to join an evening of food, fun and faith formation at the MacKillop Youth Taster Session.

This gathering will be on Friday, 7 February, from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Please collect a flyer from the Welcome Table.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BOOK

Our Diocese has again produced a booklet of daily reflections for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. Every household in the Parish is encouraged to have at least one copy of this booklet to use during these upcoming seasons.

Copies of these booklets can be purchased from the Welcome Table for \$5 each

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.



MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID

Dear friends

It's hard to believe that a month has already passed since I shared the news of my Acute Myeloid Leukaemia diagnosis with you.

Although stepping away from my role as your Parish Priest was one of the hardest decisions I've had to make, please know that you are close to my heart and in my daily prayers. Each of you is a true source of strength for me, and I am profoundly grateful for your support, love, and prayers for my family and me during this time.

Throughout my treatment - which includes daily chemo tablets and a week of chemo injections every 21 days - I am facing challenging moments with fatigue, bone pain, and the need for regular blood transfusions, I am doing everything I can to stay strong, and I ask for your ongoing prayers that God will continue to sustain me in both body and spirit.

I pray especially that St. Mary MacKillop and Servant of God Eileen O'Connor will intercede for all of us. Since my treatment began a month ago, St. Mary MacKillop's words, "Trust in God's providence, which is ours today," have brought me great comfort, and I hope they bring encouragement to you as well.

Know that, despite the physical distance, I am always with you in spirit. May God's grace and peace be with you all.

With love and gratitude

Fr David

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION

January 5-12, 2025
Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,
Varroville NSW

Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill & learn and more in the midst of a community of 150+ young people aged 16-35.

Spaces are filling up fast so don't miss out!

More info & bookings:

summerschool.org.au

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BAPTISED CATHOLIC

Children 7 years and above who are not baptised or who have been baptised in a Christian church other than Catholic, are still able to make their First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion, by taking part in a 5-week preparation process – prior to the start of our 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion preparation program.

This preparation process, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) will be an opportunity for these children, supported by their adult family members, to 'meet in a small group' to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic-Christian and to prepare for their Baptism (or for those already baptised in another Christian church, their 'Reception into the Catholic Church').

Children who journey through RCIC (and have completed the 5 week RCIC program, along with the 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion program) will, as set down by liturgical practice, receive their Baptism/Reception into the Catholic Church, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation all during the one Mass. (The RCIC Mass for 2025 will be held on Tuesday 17 June at the regular 7pm evening Parish Mass).

Those families interested in being a part of RCIC are asked to send an email to oranpark@dow.org.au

CHRISTMAS HAMPER GIFT TAGS

To support our November 'Do Something Sunday' - providing items for Christmas Hampers for clients of Turning Point - parishioners are asked to collect one or more gift tags, available from the Welcome Table, which have a nominated item.

These items are then to be returned to the designated crate to be packed into Hampers ready for delivery to Turning Point.

All items will need to be donated no later than 1 December.



ENTRANCE

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

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Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters, each of us called
to walk in your light.

2. We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of the gifts
the Spirit provides.

OFFERTORY

WE COME TO YOU

Josh Blakesley

1. By your body and blood,
by your life and your love, renew us.
May your sacrifice be;
forgiveness in me; heal us.

Refrain:

We come to you.
We come to you broken, hungry.
We come to you.
We come to you. Make us whole again.

2. In the body of Christ
we are brought to new life; restore us.
May the flesh that we eat
and the blood that we drink; save us.

3. By the faith we profess,
and the sins we confess, mould us.
We are brought to our knees
at the altar of peace; change us.

COMMUNION

KING OF MY HEART

Greg Walton

1. Fill me, I'm an empty vessel; make me whole,
king of my heart, king of my heart.
Fill me, I'm an empty vessel; make me whole,
king of my heart, king of my heart.

Refrain:

You are Lord, Lord.
You are Lord and king of my heart.

2. Bread of life, blessed and broken; make us whole,
king of our hearts, king of our hearts.
Bread of life, blessed and broken; make us whole,
king of our hearts, king of our hearts.

Refrain II

You are Lord, Lord.

You are Lord and king of our hearts.

3. Sacred cup of our salvation; make us whole,
king of our hearts, king of our hearts.
Sacred cup of our salvation; make us whole,
king of our hearts, king of our hearts. (to Refrain II)

SONG OF PRAISE

OPEN MY EYES

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1. Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

4. I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you, rest now in me.

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*)