



St Mary MacKillop
Catholic Parish
ORAN PARK

2024 'FOOTSTEPS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP' PILGRIMAGE

The 2024 itinerary for the 'Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop' pilgrimage have been released.

Set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes and spirit of our nation's first saint.

Please share this news with family, friends and fellow parishioners and encourage them to give themselves a great Easter gift by putting in their 'expression of interest' and deposit for the October 2024 departure. As it is expected that this pilgrimage will 'sell out', everyone wanting to attend is encouraged to submit your deposit as soon as possible.

Please collect a flyer from our Welcome Table or visit:

<https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-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

THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY

21 JANUARY 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER and Preface (to be chosen by 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.

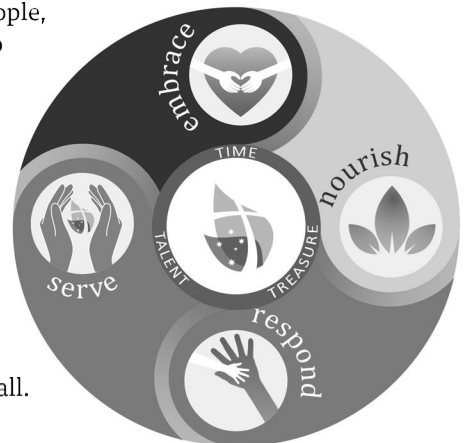
We are sustained by the **Sacraments** and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



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 22 JANUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary,
Leppington

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY

**NOTE: There will be no
8am Mass during
Fr David's absence**

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,
Online

**NOTE: There will be no
Praying of the Rosary or
Communion Service at Oran
Park during the month of
January**

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY

9.30am Mass, Oran Park

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY

4pm Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Fr David would like to invite Parishioners to an Australia Day Mass to be held at our Oran Park Mass Centre on Friday, 26 January @ 9.30am

Mass will be followed by 'lamingtons and a cuppa'.

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES JANUARY 2024

Due to the limited availability of Clergy during January, the following changes are in place for weekday Masses in our Parish during January 2024:

Tuesday:

Adoration and Reconciliation @ 6pm – Mass @ 7pm

Thursday:

No Communion Service in January

Friday:

No Mass in January

Our current weekday Mass Times will resume from 1 February

For weekday Mass Times in neighbouring Parishes, please visit the following website:

<https://www.dow.org.au/parish-mass-times/parishes/>

LENTEN GROUPS – SIGN UP

We thank those who have already generously offered their gift of time to support these Lenten Groups. These gatherings are an opportunity to deepen our spiritual journeys and foster community connections during this meaningful season.

Whether you open your home, or prefer utilising one of the Parish meeting spaces, your role as a host is invaluable.

If you feel called to lead or support a Lenten Group, please contact the Parish Office via email no later than this Friday. Let's come together and make this Lent a time of reflection, growth and shared fellowship. Your participation as a host or facilitator will help enrich the Lenten experience for our entire Parish community.

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.



MACKILLOP YOUTH (MY) IS BACK FOR 2024 !

All those in Yr 7, 2024 (no matter what high school you attend) are invited to gather for a **MacKillop Youth 'Taster Evening'** on Friday 9th February (Week2) from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

This Yr 7 event is an opportunity for those in Yr 7 who are starting high school this year, to experience MacKillop Youth for themselves. The evening will include food, fun and faith formation.

To RSVP, please complete the online sign-up form that can be found HERE: bit.ly/year7mackillopyouth

And then on Friday 23rd February (Week4) from 6.30pm-8.30pm all those in Yr 7-12 are invited to an awesome **Welcome-Back MY night!**

Every second Friday night is MacKillop Youth - a night filled with community, prayer, food, and more! All young parishioners of the Parish in Yr 7 to Yr 12 are welcome to attend - no matter if you have been to MY before or not, what high school you attend or where you are in your faith journey! Been to youth group before? Try bringing a friend this year!

For more information and to RSVP, and to see the Term 1 MY calendar, collect an MY flyer/RSVP form from the Welcome Table.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

26 JANUARY

Australia Day Mass, Oran Park

31 JAN

Term 1 School Begins

9 FEB

MacKillop Youth Taster Session

10/11 FEBRUARY

'Do Something Sunday' - SVdP Pantry Drive

JOURNEY TO PENTECOST



If you are an adult Catholic who previously received the Sacrament of Baptism but missed First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, consider joining us in preparing to receive these Sacraments.

In 2024 we will once again be adding a special process for adult 1st Holy Communion/Confirmation preparation to our Parish Calendar.

This process, called '**Journey to Pentecost**', will begin with an Information Evening to be held after the 7pm Mass (from 7.40pm-8.30pm) on Tuesday, 12 March 2024, and see adult candidates receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or 1st Holy Communion at the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, 18 May 2024.

Please make contact with the Parish Office and we will send you an Adult Sacraments 'Expression of Interest Form'.

2024 RCIC

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 4-week preparation process (RCIC)

Those interested in being a part of RCIC are asked to send an email to:

oranpark@dow.org.au

no later than Friday, 9 February 2023.

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2024

Brochures are now available from the Welcome Table for the Carmelite Retreat Program 2024.

Set in the scenic hills of the Macarthur region, the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre is set on beautiful grounds and offers a lush and peaceful setting for any retreat experience. They offer a wide range of facilities with comfortable, contemporary accommodation.

DO SOMETHING SUNDAY JANUARY/FEBRUARY St Vincent de Paul 'Food Pantry Drive'

Our first 'Do Something Sunday' is the weekend of 10-11 February.

On this weekend, we would like to support the Camden/Oran Park chapter of St Vincent de Paul by 'restocking their pantry'.

Over the Christmas and New Year period, St Vincent de Paul have assisted many local families by opening their Food Pantry.

St Vincent de Paul have provided a list of items, which are not easily accessible from other sources, which will complement the basic pantry items they hold.

Please collect the list of required items from the Welcome Table.

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 men 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.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

COMMUNION

Instrumental Music

SONG OF PRAISE

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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*)