



**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 has been released.

Set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscape 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

**28 JANUARY 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING**  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The people in darkness have seen  
a great light; a radiant dawn  
shines on those lost in death.  
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**.

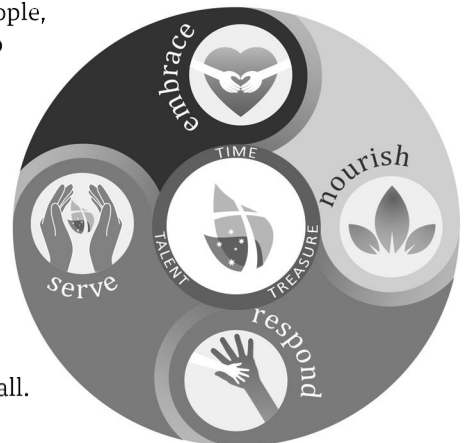
We are a parish that **embraces** everyone with radical hospitality.

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 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.**



**We are the parish of Mary MacKillop.**

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY 29 JANUARY

1pm Praying of the Rosary,  
Leppington

### TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

### WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

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

### THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY

9.30am Praying of the Rosary,  
Oran Park

10am Communion Service,  
Oran Park

### FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY

9.30am Anointing Mass,  
Oran Park

### SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY

4pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

This week, Praying of the Rosary and Communion Service will recommence on Thursdays at Oran Park and our Anointing Mass will be held on Friday, 2 February @ 9.30am, also at Oran Park.



We offer our prayerful congratulations to Deacon Sam Gennaoui as he celebrates the anniversary of his Diaconate Ordination (30<sup>th</sup> January). Deacon Sam was ordained at St John the Beloved Melkite Catholic Church, Greenacre.

## ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 1st RECONCILIATION/1st HOLY COMMUNION OPEN ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY.

Those families who wish to present their children for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion in 2024 are asked to complete **the online enrolment form which will be available** through the 'Youth Sacraments' page on our Parish website from Monday, 19 February. **Online enrolments will close on Friday 8 March.** *Those children who are baptised Catholic and are in Yr3 and above are able to enrol.*

**Don't forget that 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion is now a combined program of 6 weeks.** So rather than families committing to one program for 1st Reconciliation and then another program for 1st Holy Communion, candidates prepare for both Sacraments at the same time. The focus of this combined program is "*From Mass to Mission*" that draws upon the purpose statement of our Parish "*to form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ*". (If a child has already made their 1st Reconciliation and was just wanting to receive their 1st Holy Communion, they are still required to complete the 6-week program).

Please remember, **only those who attend mass and/or reside within the Parish boundary of Oran Park are permitted to submit a sacramental enrolment form.** (Please refer to the Parish website for the boundary map). Those who are parishioners of Camden, Varroville or Eagle Vale Parishes should complete sacramental preparations through their local Parish.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](https://bit.ly/year7mackillopyouth) or collect a flyer from our Welcome Table.

And then on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, which high school you attend or where you are in your faith journey! Been to youth group before? Try bringing a friend this year!



## 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 contact the Parish Office for more information.

## LENTEN GROUPS – SIGN UP

Lenten Groups are an opportunity, as a member of our Parish, to gather 'in small groups' to reflect on the Lenten 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 goes for about 90mins and groups usually finish with a cuppa or supper. Our Parish groups are:

**Host: Chris Chircop** - Sunday @ 6pm (Young Adults)

**Host: Carmen Karauda** - Tuesday @ 7pm (Leppington)

**Host: Erin Gillard** – Wednesday @ 8pm (Online)

**Host: Ian Boorman** – Thursday @ 7pm (Men's Group)

**Host: Di Campbell** – Friday @ 12.30pm (Spring Farm)

Please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact the Parish Office for more information.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### 9 FEB

MacKillop Youth Taster Session

### 10/11 FEBRUARY

'Do Something Sunday' - SVdP Pantry Drive

### 14 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday

### 16 FEBRUARY

RCIC Enrolments CLOSE

### 19 FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation / 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Online Enrolments OPEN

## 13 TWELVE

13Twelve will generously return to Oran Park Mass Centre on 4 February following both the 8am and 10am Masses.

Please come prepared to purchase a famous 13Twelve coffee or hot chocolate and 'catch up over a cuppa' with fellow parishioners. 13Twelve will continue to join us on the 1st Sunday of each month in 2024.

## 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**

### **GRATEFUL**

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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*)