



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

29 DECEMBER 2024
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
How happy they who dwell in
your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
*Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen
to the words of your Son.*
Alleluia!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
(chosen by the priest celebrant)

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Feleki Tautunu | Administrator
Dn Sam Gennaoui | Deacon

Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family

(from *Amoris Laetitia*)

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Graciously hear our prayer.
Amen



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.

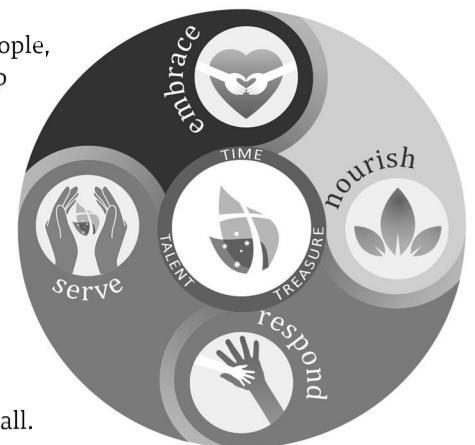
We are sustained by the **Sacraments**
and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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.



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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**MONDAY –
30 DECEMBER**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

1pm Rosary, Leppington

**TUESDAY –
31 DECEMBER**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

5pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Oran Park

5pm Evening Prayer,
Oran Park

6pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

**WEDNESDAY –
1 JANUARY**
*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8am Mass, Oran Park

**THURSDAY –
2 JANUARY**

9.30am Rosary, Oran Park

10am Communion Service,
Oran Park

**FRIDAY –
3 JANUARY**

9.30am Communion Service,
Oran Park

**SATURDAY –
4 JANUARY**

4pm Reconciliation,
Oran Park

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“Christmas is not a day, Christmas is not a season, Christmas is a way of living”

During the next weeks, we will celebrate the **Season of Christmas**. This Season of the Church’s Year is marked by 3 Feast Days: the Epiphany (Monday, 6 January), the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, 12 January) and the Feast of the Holy Family, which we celebrate today.



EPIPHANY

Next weekend, when we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we will have blessed chalk available at our Parish Masses and invite households to take a piece of blessed chalk to bless their homes.

In this ritual, we mark our doorways with blessed chalk as a sign that we have invited God’s presence and blessing into our homes.

Pieces of blessed chalk and copies of the **2025 Epiphany Day Blessing** will be available to collect next weekend.

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 in the new year.

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.

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.

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,
Stephen McLaren*

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

On 1 January, we celebrate the Feast Day of the patroness of our Northern Mass Centre, **St Mary Mother of God.**

We thank God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the blessings of 2024 and we ask for God's guidance as we begin this Jubilee Year 2025.



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us.

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 will provide a list of items shortly which are not easily accessible from other sources and will complement the basic pantry items they currently hold. Items can then be delivered to the Church over 2 weekends (8/9 February and 15/16 February) and a team of volunteers will then transport these 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.

2025 RCIC

Children aged 7 years or older who are not baptised, or who have been baptised in a Christian Church other than Catholic, are still able to make their 1st Reconciliation and/or 1st Holy Communion by taking part in our RCIC program prior to enrolling in our 1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion preparation program.

Those interested in being a part of RCIC are asked to send an email to the Parish Office.

Enrolments for RCIC will open on 3 February 2025.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

John Francis Wade

1. O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OFFERTORY SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Tim Hughes

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain:

Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

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.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

SONG OF PRAISE

SHOUT TO THE LORD

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1. My Jesus, my Saviour;
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Refrain:

Shout to the Lord,
all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares
to the promise I have in you.

SENDING FORTH

JOY TO THE WORLD

GF Handel

Joy to the world! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart, prepare him room;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns
Let *all* their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy.