



**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

**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.

**THIS WEEKEND IN THE LITURGY**

**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,**  
**MARY AND JOSEPH**

**FIRST READING**  
Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
The Lord remembers his covenant  
for ever.

**SECOND READING**  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
In the past God spoke to our  
fathers through the prophets; now  
he speaks to us through his Son.  
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.

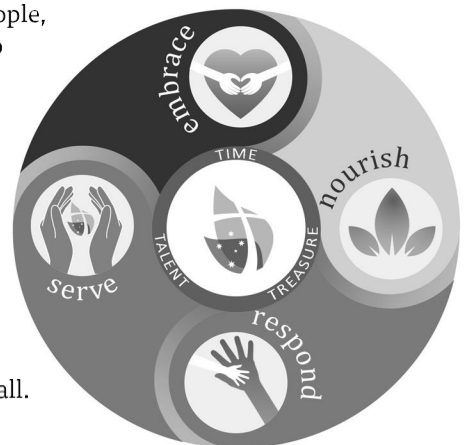
We are sustained by the **Sacraments**  
and nurtured in our faith in **Jesus Christ**.

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  
1 JANUARY**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO  
PRAYING OF THE ROSARY  
THIS WEEK**

**TUESDAY  
2 JANUARY**

6pm Eucharistic Adoration,  
Oran Park

6pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation,  
Oran Park

7pm Mass, Oran Park

**WEDNESDAY  
3 JANUARY**

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

**THURSDAY  
4 JANUARY**

**NOTE: Praying of the Rosary  
will be online only for the  
month of January**

**NOTE: There will be no  
Communion Service during the  
month of January**

**FRIDAY  
5 JANUARY**

9.30am Anointing Mass, Oran  
Park

**SATURDAY  
6 JANUARY**

4pm Sacrament of  
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 (Sunday, 7 January), the Baptism of the Lord (Monday, 8 January) and the Feast of the Holy Family, which we celebrate today.



### EPIPHANY

Over the past few years, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we have had blessed chalk at our Parish Masses and invited 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  
**2024 Epiphany Day Blessing**  
will be available to collect from our Mass Centres  
next weekend.

Next weekend, when we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, we will recall the Magi sharing their gifts.

**Fr David and all the members of our Parish Finance Team would like to thank all those who, during 2023, through your regular support of our Parish through Planned Giving, have so freely shared your God given gifts with our Parish.**

In place of sending out individual Christmas thank you cards to those who supported Planned Giving during 2023, we have donated some of the money that would have been used for these cards and postage to **‘Mary MacKillop Today’**: that since mid-2018 has brought together *Mary MacKillop International*, the *Mary MacKillop Foundation* and the *Josephite Foundation* as a single ministry.

### 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.





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**MACKILLOP  
YOUTH**

## YEAR 7 2024 TASTER SESSION

Are you interested in joining Mackillop Youth in 2024?

You are invited to join us from 6.30-8.30pm on Friday 9th February, 2024 for an evening of food, fun and faith formation.

Scan the QR code below to complete the expression of interest form.



We will contact you with further details once the school term begins.

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

A reminder that our 2024 Sacramental Calendar is now available for download from the 'Youth Sacraments' page on our Parish website.

## DO SOMETHING SUNDAY JANUARY/FEBRUARY

St Vincent de Paul 'Food Pantry Drive'

In 2024, our 'Do Something Sunday' focus will revert back to the '2nd Sunday every 2 months'

Our first 'Do Something Sunday' will be 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.

## 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

Anointing Mass WILL be held on 5 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/>

## 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 4-week preparation process – prior to enrolling in a 1st Reconciliation/ 1st Holy Communion program.

This preparation process, sometimes called 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 4 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 2024 will be held on Tuesday, 18 June, at the regular 7pm evening Parish Mass).

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

[oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au)

**no later than Friday, 9 February 2023.**

## **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.