



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FIRST SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT
Year A
29th & 30th of
NOVEMBER
2025

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PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00am - 4:30pm

WEEKLY MASSES

Monday: 9.15am
Tuesday: 9.15am
Wednesday: 9:15am & 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 9:15am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am & 6:00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am,
5.30pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday 9:45am - 10:15am
Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am
4:00pm - 5:30pm



PERPETUAL ADORATION IS CARRIED OUT
IN THE CHURCH 24/7

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - If you are
interested in participating in our Perpetual
Adoration which begun on Sunday, 20th
November 2022, please just click on this link [https://
forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69](https://forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69) and fill in or you can
scan this QR code.

ST AIDANS PARISH LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM
Parents and Children of age 6-16 years.
6:00pm-7:00pm
Every Friday at St Aidan's Parish Centre. For more
information please call Boy Torres on 0468 853 857

PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160
FORMATION FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR
Precious Tamayo
EMAIL: catechism.corner@outlook.com

YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT:

Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544
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JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month 11:30am - 2:00pm
In the Mary Mackillop Hall

YOUTH CHOIR

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month -
at the 10:30am Sunday Mass (*Subject to Change*)

ST AIDANS YOUTH

Every 3rd Friday of the Month 7:30pm - 9:00pm
In the Parish Centre

SAVOUR (18+)

Every last Thursday of the Month 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration inside the Church followed by fellowship
Bible Studies is on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
of the Month at 7pm in the Parish Centre

SRE & RCIA CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs R Estigoy - (Contact Parish Office)

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Elizabeth Portelli - (Contact Parish Office)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By Appointment

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

At least six months notice is required,
plus birth and Baptism certificates.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

ST. AIDANS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Naomi Crowley - (02) 8886 9800
ST. AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Janette Holland - (02) 8882 0700
CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS
Paul Stenning - (02) 8886 9500

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY

Name of Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 067 950
Account Number: 00000529
Account Name: Rooty Hill Catholic Church
Reference: YOUR NAME IN FULL

ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following Holy Hour times:

Monday: 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight Wednesday: 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

If you are able to help during any of these hours, please complete the
Adoration Volunteer Form located on the bench in the foyer of the church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of Judgement of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

We pray for all the deceased relatives and friends listed in the November Masses list

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

For those among us who are sick, may they be healed through the wounds of the crucified Jesus and the intercessory prayers of The Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, especially:
Bronia Flak, Luzviminda G Rivera, Marie Josee Pan-Yan, Monina Ceno Borja, Marivi Q Gonzales, Gloria Cotoco, Amparo Javillonar, Nenita Gonzales, Jared Dadat, Alfonso Diaz, Josefina Diaz, Andy Diaz, Nelynn Diaz, Jemuel Apostol, Jinish, Stan Pakulski, Christina Susi, Eric Rehani, Soo Utuai & Jasper Pangilinan.



BIBLE STUDY & CATECHISM FOR MATURE ADULTS

The 2nd Thursday of December:
11 December

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Venue: Parish Centre, Rooty Hill
North Road entrance

Coffee & tea provided

Contact persons for inquiries:

Rose Cordero - 0423 511 091

& Paulette Abolencia - 0434 288 931

RORATE CAELI MASSES (DAWN MASSES)

We will be celebrating Rorate Caeli Masses at 4:30 AM from Tuesday, 16 December 2025 to Wednesday, 24 December 2025. All are welcome to attend.



Bishop's Christmas Appeal - supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION - ENVELOPES ARE IN THE GATHERING AREA OF THE CHURCH

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
AT ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH WILL BE HELD EVERY 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 12.00PM

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING IS ON WEDNESDAY the 3rd DECEMBER 2025

7.30pm Parish Centre - Rooty Hill Road North Rooty Hill
(Please fill in the Baptism Registration Form at the Parish Office during office hours and bring the child's birth certificate with you)

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE INSTRUCTION EVENING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH. GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 14th of DECEMBER 2025
SUNDAY the 28th of DECEMBER 2025

Blacktown Parish presents 'The Witness'

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" - telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. The parish is currently looking for a variety of roles to be filled for the production, including director, choreographer, singers and dancers. An information session and commissioning Mass will be held on Saturday 29 November from 9am at St Patrick's Church.

To learn more, or express your interest, please visit <https://www.privyr.com/form/5W7h1SmG#the-witness-musical-cast-crew>

SCHOOL PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF REMINDER

We have again noticed several vehicles parked in the church carpark in areas that are not permitted. This includes:

Disability parking bays without a valid Permit No-parking and no-standing zones Across the Priest's garage and driveway access

We kindly remind all parents and carers to always follow the posted parking rules. These restrictions are in place to ensure **safety, accessibility, and respect for Parish Property**. Parking illegally not only creates hazards during busy pick-up times but also prevents those who genuinely need disability spaces from accessing them.

Please allow extra time during drop-off and pick-up and use only the designated parking areas. Your cooperation helps keep our parish community safe and respectful for everyone.

POLICY ON HIRING ANY OF OUR FACILITIES
Under the direction of the Diocese, if you are requesting to hire MacKillop Hall/Parish Centre for a function other than parish related meetings. You need to provide us with a "Certificate of Currency", for a *minimum of \$20 million Public Liability Insurance*. The Diocese has recommended an insurer that can assist in providing this insurance. For details, please contact the parish office. In consideration of rising costs, there will be a review of the fees to hire the MacKillop Hall and Parish Centre.

GROUPS USING THE MACKILLOP HALL OR PARISH CENTRE



If you are using these facilities over the weekend you will need to obtain the keys during office hours on the Friday between 10am - 4:30pm and also return them during office hours on Tuesday 10am - 4:30pm. Thank you.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant

- * Catholic Chaplain - Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
- * Parish Secretary (permanent part-time) - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

PN PROFESSIONAL TILING

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The First Church Collections plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals

go directly towards supporting the various ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta, including the clergy stipends.

The Second Church Collection

goes directly into our Parish Account. This account is used for administrative expenses, repairs & maintenance, insurance, church supplies, wages, sacrament supplies, SRE resources, telephone, gas, electricity, rates.

Thank you for supporting our Parish & the Catholic Church

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th & 7th DECEMBER 2025

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita D	Joel A	Terisita A	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Joy N	Linda N	Rosemarie E
Selina V	Hazyl G	David P	Evelyn E	Edith G
Sun 10:30am	Celestine S	Sonny B	Justino G	Beth K
Sun 5:30pm	Nora P	Anthony P	Vena T	Peter T

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th & 7th DECEMBER 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Noah T	Lucas T	Ciara T
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Mathias F
Sun 10:30am	Lauren N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 5:30am	Mauryce P	Angelina U	Annie V

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 5th - 7th DECEMBER 2025

Group 5
Glenda S
Gregorio S
Joe G