

St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year A
20th & 21st of DECEMBER
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 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
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YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT:
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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**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

24th, 25th, 26th of December 2025 & the 1st of January 2026

THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN on the 30th of December 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A - 20th & 21st of DECEMBER 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The virgin will conceive.
The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'
Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.
This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ.
To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.
The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mario Visda

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Susan Rigor, Colin Morrison, Josiphine Cortis, Gregoria Bernaldo, Ramon N Rivera, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Patrick & Olga Thomas, Donald & Teresa Thomas, Alfredo & Gabriela Vergara.

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:

Adrian Magee, Jasper Pangilinan, Gloria Amarilla, Katerin Amarilla, Estelita Tupas Bronia Flak & Remedios Rivera.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please make sure you Clearly write the name/s of the person/s and what the intention is (Sick, Deceased, Commemorative Deceased).

If this is not clearly marked, unfortunately the names will not be able to be placed into the newsletter.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING IS ON

WEDNESDAY the 7th JANUARY 2026

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 28th of DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY the 25th of JANUARY 2026

ST AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday, 20th December
4:00pm -5:30pm
Tuesday 23rd December
9.45am–10:45am
7:00pm–8:30pm

ST AIDAN'S MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS

ROTATE CAELI (DAWN MASSES)

TUESDAY December 16th through to WEDNESDAY the 24th of December at 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24/12/2025

6:00pm Vigil
11:00pm Carols



CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25/12/2025

12:00am MIDNIGHT MASS
7:30am Morning Mass
9:00am Morning Mass
10:30am Morning Mass
5:30pm Evening Mass

SATURDAY 27/12/2025

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 28/12/2025
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30am Morning Mass
9:00am Morning Mass
10:30am Morning Mass
5:30pm Evening Mass

WEDNESDAY 31/12/2025

7:00pm Mass

THURSDAY 1/01/2026

9:15am Mass

FRIDAY 2/01/2025

9:15am Mass 7:00pm Mass

SATURDAY 3/01/2026

9:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 4/01/2026

7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass
10:30am Mass 5:30pm Mass

"IN SANTO NIÑO WE ARE ONE"

36th Anniversary

Fiesta Sinulog 2026

Cofradia del Señor Santo Niño of Sydney Incorporated



Main Celebrant: Fr Wim Hoekstra, EV

Sunday, 18 Jan 2026 Concelebrated Mass at 2:00 pm

St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, NSW 2148

All devotees please bring your Santo Niño Statues

Contact Persons:

Ella 0404 871 319 . Marideth 0407 250 562 . Nick 0413 066 490 . Luz 0410 564 331

Marissa 0431 503 333 . Dianne 0420 844 955 . Aline 0416 876 912 . Sarah 0405 756 752

SCHEDULE OF THE 9-DAYS NOVENA MASSES @ 7 PM

Date	Venue	Address
Day 1 Thursday , 8th Jan	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	5 Todd Row, St Clair, NSW 2759
Day 2 Friday , 9th Jan	St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church	326 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750
Day 3 Saturday , 10th Jan	Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church	26 Swanston Street, St Marys 2760
Day 4 Sunday , 11th Jan	St Aidan's Catholic Church	9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766
Day 5 Monday , 12th Jan	St Paul, the Apostle Catholic Church	40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills, NSW 2153
Day 6 Tuesday , 13th Jan	The Good Shepherd Catholic Church	136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, NSW 2761
Day 7 Wednesday , 14th Jan	St Andrew, The Apostle Catholic Church	40 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2148
Day 8 Thursday , 15th Jan	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church	125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill, NSW 2763
Day 9 Friday , 16th Jan	Our Lady of the Rosary Church	8 Diana Avenue, Kellyvile NSW 2155

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.

Savour (18+)

Bible Studies is happening this Weekend!

Sunday at 7pm in the Parish Centre



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.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 27th & 28th DECEMBER 2025

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	Joel A	Terisita A	Rita D
Sun 7:30am	Agnes G-M	Jerome C	Sen C	Clarita R
Selina V	Edith G	Angelo A	Juliet A	Anna S
Sun 10:30am	Micalea L	Walter R	Nora P	Mary B
Sun 5:30pm	Monica F	Vena T	John Q	Sharon Q-C

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 27th & 28th DECEMBER

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Samuel S	Ahok A	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Vlanney T	Rosa T	Jennifer T
Sun 10:30am	Mauryce P	Angelina U	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Erich D S	Amelia S	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 26th - 28th DECEMBER

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R