



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

The Baptism
of the Lord
Year A
10th & 11th of
JANUARY
2026

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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

Big, big thank you! Thank You - 25 Years Dawn Masses (Missae Aurorae) Celebration

On behalf of our Parish Priest, Fr Andrew, and our Assistant Priest, Fr Matthew, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in and supported the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Nine Days Dawn Masses Novena. From the envelope donations, we had ten winners of the rice raffle prizes. The winners' names are displayed at the Piety Shop. **Funds raised: Gross: \$5,160.65 Expenses: \$781.35 Net total: \$4,379.30**
All proceeds will go towards the needs of our church. A garden blower has also been purchased for use in our parish grounds. Once again, thank you for your unending generosity and support. May God bless you all.

With gratitude, *Tite Dawn Masses Committee*



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him. Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gloria Lazaro, Micah Kim, Eloida Tan
Mariano & Jonathan De Leon

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Joseph Haliburn Snr.,
Joseph Haliburn Jnr.,
Joe Gatt, Joe Grazio, Maryanne
Bigeni, Josephine "Josie" Dizon &
Remigia "Remy" Decena.

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, Precious Tamayo &
Jared Dadat.

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 CHURCH WILL BE
HELD EVERY 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH AT 12.00PM

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING IS ON
WEDNESDAY the 4th of FEBRUARY 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 25th of JANUARY 2026
SUNDAY the 8th of FEBRUARY 2026

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.



Dear Parishioners
please pick up some blessed chalk
that can be used to bless your house
as is traditionally done on the feast
of the Epiphany.

Church Flower Donation - THANK YOU

The parish extends its sincere gratitude to the
Fatima Group, under the leadership of Nina
Chavez, June Moala, and Christine Nathan, for
their generous donation toward the church
flowers presented to Emma. This thoughtful
contribution is gratefully acknowledged and
deeply appreciated.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS - SCAM ALERT

We have been informed that parishioners are
once again receiving scam text messages
requesting vouchers, falsely sent under the
name of Fr. Andrew Bass. Please be advised
that Fr. Andrew would never send text
messages requesting vouchers or financial
assistance. Kindly disregard these messages
and do not respond.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

FIRST CONFESSION



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

Thursday, 12th FEBRUARY
7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION:

15th & 16th FEBRUARY

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:

Thursday, 19th FEBRUARY,
7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall
22nd FEBRUARY, 2026 1st MARCH, 2026
8th MARCH, 2026 15th MARCH, 2026

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

TUESDAY 17th MARCH &
THURSDAY 19th MARCH, 7.30pm in the Church

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

TUESDAY 24th MARCH, 7.30pm in the Church
THURSDAY 26th MARCH, 7.30pm in the Church

CONFIRMATION



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

THURSDAY 7th MAY,
7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION:

9th & 10th MAY, 2026

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:

THURSDAY 14th MAY
7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall
17th MAY 24th MAY 31st MAY, 7th JUNE, 14th JUNE

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

TUESDAY, 16th JUNE & THURSDAY, 18th JUNE

7.30pm in the Church

(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026, 7.30pm
Thursday, 25th June, 2026, 7.30pm

COMMUNION



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

THURSDAY, 23rd JULY, 2026
7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION:

25th & 26th JULY, 2026

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:

THURSDAY 30th JULY, 2026
7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

CHILDREN'S SESSION:

Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall
2nd AUGUST 9th AUGUST, 16th AUGUST
23rd AUGUST, 30th AUGUST.

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER, 2026 &
THURSDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2026
7.30pm In The Church

(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 2026 12.30pm
SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 2026 3.00pm

First Confession and First Communion for every child in Year 3 who has not received them and every child in year 2 Confirmation Every child in Year 6

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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th & 18th of JANUARY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Mary B	David P	Sharon Q C	Evelyn E
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Vena T	Lata S	Rosemarie E
Selina V	Rita D	Rizaldy G	Nora P	Anna S
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Jerome C	Beth K	Peter T
Sun 5:30pm	Hazyl G	Angelo A	Juliet A	John Q

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th & 18th of JANUARY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Mathias F	Milan G	Kava M
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Khristian G
Sun 10:30am	Rafaelle A	Tifa A	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Vlanney T	Rosa T	Jennifer T

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th - 18th of JANUARY 2026

Group 4
The Portelli Family