



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

The Epiphany
of the Lord
Year A
3rd & 4th 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:

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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

*Happy
New Year*
2026

As one parish family, we entrust the New Year
to God's loving care. May He strengthen
our faith, deepen our unity, and fill our
homes with peace and joy.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Year A - 3rd & 4th Of
JANUARY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it

was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Norberto Porlaje, Mario Visda, Beth Gloria, Eloida Mariano & Mario Leguizamon

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Suzanne Marguerite, Diosita Teoxon, Aquilino Cagadan & Karen Bartolo.

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 7th of 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 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.



"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, Kellyville NSW 2155

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
(CONFIRMED by Very Rev Peter Williams AM VG)

Thursday, 25th June, 2026, 7.30pm
(CONFIRMED by Very Rev Peter Williams AM VG)

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***



Savour (18+) Bible Studies is happening
this Weekend! Sunday at 7pm in the
Parish Centre

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th & 11th of JANUARY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita D	Justino G	Myriam A	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Agnes G-M	Anthony P	Clarita R	Lata S
Selina V	Elvie Y	Lina V	Edith G	Assunta
Sun 10:30am	Micaela L	Walter R	Beth K	Myla P
Sun 5:30pm	Nati L	Joy N	Linda N	Evelyn E

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th & 11th of JANUARY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Noah T	Lucas T	Ciara T
Sun 9:00am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Mikaela Rose I
Sun 5:30am	Euane B D	Aaliyah P	Erich P

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 9th - 11th of JANUARY 2026

Group 3
Josephel P
Beth K
Jemma M