



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Third Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time  
Year A  
24th - 25th of  
JANUARY 2026

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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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, 20<sup>th</sup>  
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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to be trained to *distribute Holy Communion to the elderly at Minchinbury Manor, Minchinbury*. This ministry *requires approximately 90 minutes of your time on a Sunday*. Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have already completed their course are encouraged to volunteer. **If you feel called to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office via email at [rootyhill@parracatholic.org](mailto:rootyhill@parracatholic.org)**

## 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  
EMAIL: staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com

### 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

## 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.





# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A - 24th & 25th Of  
JANUARY 2026

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

## FIRST READING                      Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1.     The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2.     There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. (R.)
3.     I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been

telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL                                      Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:  
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Rodolfo Manalo, Raul De Leoz Brugada,  
Rosita Punzalan, Grace Maree Kelly,  
Generoso Sunga

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Patrick & Olga  
Thomas, Anthony & Teresa Thomas,  
Emmanuel Mante, **Edilberto Tongcua** .

## 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,  
Jinkee Embarr & Milagros Diones.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ALTAR SERVER ALBS

We have recently become aware that there is  
currently no one responsible for washing the Altar  
Servers' Albs. We are seeking the help of a kind  
and generous volunteer to assist with this  
important task. This could involve taking the Albs  
home each week to wash and returning them  
ready for the weekend Masses, or we could  
establish a roster shared among several families.  
If you are interested in helping and being part of  
this team, please email the parish office at  
rootyhill@parracatholic.org.  
Your support would be greatly appreciated.



**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.

## SAVOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP

Come join us for our first Gregorian chant workshop in  
preparation for Savour: Adoration!

**When: Sunday January 25th @7pm**

**Location: St Aidan's Parish Centre**

### 2. ADORATION & FELLOWSHIP

Happy January friends! We are starting 2026 strong  
with our monthly Thursday Savour adoration nights

Join us for our monthly Young Adults adoration and  
fellowship where we savour sweet silence with Jesus in  
Eucharistic adoration before heading out for dinner,  
drinks and fellowship with each other at West HQ.

**When: Thursday January 29th 2026**

**6:00pm: Angelus and silent Adoration**

**7:20pm: Benediction**

**7:30pm onwards: Fellowship at West HQ**

*Confession will also be available during this time. Invite  
your friends, come and Savour!*



## **RCIA Workshop**

Exploring the Rituals during  
Lent for the Elect

**FEBRUARY 12 2026 7PM - 9PM**  
**BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE**  
**1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN**

**RSVP by 9th February: ofw@parracatholic.org | 0460 037 795**

# 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

Be The Witness, a production being brought to life by a team at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, is gathering momentum across our Parish and the Diocese with vocal auditions now having commenced. We would love to extend the invitation to all those in our parishes to our **open auditions on Sunday 1st from 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm and Monday 2nd of February from 6pm-8pm**, which will take place **at the Parish Office at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown**. Please register to audition by emailing [music@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au)

We would also love to invite anyone who is interested in assisting in any way in any of our teams – production, event management, communications, finance, fundraising, and prayer – to get in touch using the QR code provided. We are also currently looking for a director and choreographer. Musicians and dancers can also scan the relevant QR codes to register their interest and be kept informed of upcoming Live Band and Dance auditions.

#### Registration for Core team



#### Dancers



#### Musician



"LET US BE CLOSE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH ILLNESS AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES."  
POPE FRANCIS

CELEBRATING

## World Day of Prayer for the Sick

MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At the conclusion of Mass, a special blessing will be given for all carers and those who minister to the sick.

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 11AM 2026

Main Celebrant: Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. DD.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church,  
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Refreshments available following Mass. For catering purposes, RSVP to:  
[ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) | 0460 037 795

### PN PROFESSIONAL TILING

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## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 31st of JAN - 1st of FEB 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	Joel A	Terisita A	John Q
Sun 7:30am	Agnes G-M	Jerome C	Sen C	Rosemarie E
Selina V	Edith G	Angelo A	Juliet A	Anna S
Sun 10:30am	Marilyn W	Sonny B	Beth K	Peter T
Sun 5:30pm	Evelyn E	Ryan R	Sharon Q	Nora P

### YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 31st of JAN - 1st of FEB 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Thomas P-D	Mathias F	Chayo Thomas D
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 10:30am	Rafaelle A	Tifa A	Erich D
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Euane B-D	Samuel S

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th of JAN - 1st of FEB 2026

Group 6
June M
Maria G
Dennis G