



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Second Sunday
of Lent
Year A
28th FEBRUARY
- 1st MARCH
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>
and fill in or you can scan this QR code.



ROOTY HILL LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

Parents and Children of age 6-17yrs
Every Friday 6pm-7pm Parish Centre

For more information contact Boy Torres on 0468 853 857

ROOTY HILL PRAESIDIUM

Every Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm
Parish Centre Small Room

PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160
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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
Jeanette 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

Nationwide Holy Hour - Sunday 1 March - This Sunday, 1 March, marks the official beginning of Australia's prayerful preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in 2028. To unite with Catholics across the country, our parish will host a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration immediately following the 10:30am Mass**. This special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will include silence, and Benediction. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to remain after Mass, or to return if you are attending another Mass, to join in praying for a deep renewal of Eucharistic faith in our parish and throughout Australia. Even if you are only able to stay for part of the hour, your presence and prayer will be a great gift. Let us begin this time of preparation by turning our hearts to the Lord truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy. With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been

revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Caridad Cabitac, Aurora Estoque Montaos,
Rodolfo Manalo & Reynaldo Alovera.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Mary Mallett, Dante & Arceli Guerrero,
Albino & Jovita Guerrero, John
Malachowski & Angelo Attard.

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, Precious Tamayo, Jose Dante Guerrero, Virginia Abuel, Peregrina Valenzuela, Rolando Valenzuela, Rosalinda Cordero, Mariles Hollero & Ann.

Come and join us EVERY WEDNESDAY through LENT in understanding the Gospels and having a closer relationship with Jesus. Starting Ash Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 10.00am.

For more information please contact



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 MARCH 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 8th of MARCH 2026
SUNDAY the 22nd of MARCH 2026

LITURGY TRAINING SEMINAR FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday 7 March

2:00 pm

90 minutes

In the Church

For all readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and adult ministers at the altar (formerly called acolytes). The goal is to improve the quality of our worship, to correct some wayward practices and to introduce some best practices.

Savour 18+ Bible Studies is this Sunday. 7pm in the Parish Centre.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IS TAKING PLACE EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:30PM DURING LENT

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES FOR DEANERIES

From this year, parishes within a Deanery will have the same Safeguarding Training Renewal and Refresher Dates. In 2026, the dates for those in a Deanery to update and complete their Training will be:

- Blacktown Deanery - April 2026
- The Hills Deanery - August 2026
- Cumberland Deanery - November 2026

The remaining Deaneries will renew in 2027. Online Training Modules are always available for those who are entering ministry. Face-to-face opportunities can be found at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For further inquiries and to book in F2F Training dates at your Parish, please contact: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

When should I complete my Safeguarding Training?

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training. Check with your Parish Office when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training.

- If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).
- If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2). If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3). Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>. Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

FIRST CONFESSION

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Sunday mornings 8.30am,
Mary MacKillop Hall
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

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ministers of the Altar

Formerly called acolytes, ministers at the altar prepare the church for the liturgy, serve the altar during the liturgy, and assist with packing up afterwards.

Requirements: to be a practicing Catholic with a devotion to the Eucharist; undergo a training course; be available to serve on a regular roster.

⊕ PLEASE RESPECT OUR PARISH CAR PARK SPACES ⊕

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Community Members, With gratitude for your continued support of our parish, we ask for your cooperation regarding the use of the church car park. These spaces are reserved for parishioners attending Mass and Adoration, especially to ensure accessibility for our elderly and less-mobile members.

As the school term resumes, parents and teachers are kindly asked **not to park in the church car park**.

Your understanding and consideration help us provide a welcoming and prayerful environment for all who come to worship.

Thank you for respecting this request and for your ongoing care for our parish community.

May God bless you.



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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th & 8th of MARCH 2026

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

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th & 8th of MARCH 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Mathias F
Sun 10:30am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 5:30am	Euane B D	Erich D	Samuel S

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th - 8th of MARCH 2026

Group 4
The Portelli Family