



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
Year A
21st & 22nd of
FEBRUARY
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 began 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
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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

LAWN MOWER

We have a lawn mower that has been sitting in storage for quite some time, it isn't operational and is looking for a new home. If any parishioner would like to take it on, it is available to you. A donation would be welcome. Please contact the parish office for more information on 02 9625 8404 or email rootyhill@parracatholic.org





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him
and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not
said.*

FIRST READING **Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

A reading from the book of Genesis
Creation of our first parents, and sin.
The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then
he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man
became a living being.
The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the
east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The
Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of
tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of
life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the
middle of the garden.
The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that
the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God
really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the
garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat
the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the
tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not
eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent
said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in
fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened
and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The
woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to
the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it
could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She
gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he
ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and
they realised that they were naked. So they sewed
fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3**

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your
compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and
more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always
before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is
evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast
spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of
fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth
shall declare your praise. (R.)

SECOND READING **Romans 5:12-19**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin
death, and thus death has spread through the whole
human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in
the world long before the Law was given. There was no
law and so no one could be accused of the sin of '

law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to
Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was
not a matter of breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that
through one man's fall so many died, it is even more
certain that divine grace, coming through the one man,
Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.
The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one
man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a
verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes
grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death
reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's
fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will
cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift
that he does not deserve, of being made righteous.
Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on
everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone
life and makes them justified. As by one man's
disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's
obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL **Matthew 4:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.
Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty
nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter
came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell
these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture
says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him
stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of
God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil
showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their
splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at
my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Sa-
tan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked
after him. *The Creed is said.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that
comes forth from the mouth of God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Guillermo M Santos Jr., Fernando C. Santos, Mary Ann Fabricante, Martin Albutra, Kaniamma,

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Prostasio Puno

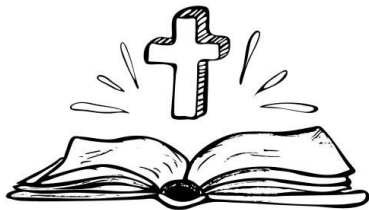
PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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 Mary Testa on 0403 302 283



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 22nd of FEBRUARY 2026
SUNDAY the 8th 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.

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.

Young Adults' Retreat: Ut Videam Domine (That I May see, Lord)

Dates: 13-15 March 2026

Location: Benedict XVI retreat Centre, Grosevale

Cost: \$275

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJJEAA>

Registrations close 25th of February.
Get in soon !



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

FIRST CONFESSION

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

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.

BE THE WITNESS

We would like to invite all those interested to come and audition for this amazing evangelical musical production at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown



on:
 Monday 23rd February - 6:30pm-8:30pm
 To register and book your time, please scan the QR code and fill in your details.

Come, Be The Witness!

⊕ 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.



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

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th of FEB - 1st of MARCH 2026

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

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th of FEB - 1st of MARCH

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Noah T	Lucas T	Ciara T
Sun 9:00am	Mikaela Rose I	Akeisha M	Khristian G
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 5:30am	Thomas P-D	Annie V	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 27th of FEB - 1st of MARCH 2026

Group 3
Josephel P
Beth K
Jemma M