



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A
14th & 15th 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 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.



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

ASH WEDNESDAY

18/02/2026

Mass Times

9:15am

7:00pm

8:30pm



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

PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160
FORMATION FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR
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
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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty an all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

- (R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
 2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
 3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)
 4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.
We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.
'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.
'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.
'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Antonio Yrota Jr., Angelina Quinquileria,
Christopher Pineda, Abraham Lagrito, Feliza S
Regala, Ramon N Rivera, Rodolfo Reyes Dasig,
Joseph Gatt, Grazio M. Anne, Joe Bigeni,

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.

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gifts, for gatherings, parties, or a well deserved sweet treat after
Sunday mass. We also offer catering. View our flavours and
offers on our Instagram and Facebook page. For enquiries or to
place an order, please email us or give us a call.*

Thank you for your support for our small business.



COFFEE MACHINE DONATION REQUEST

The presbytery is currently in need of a coffee
machine. If any parishioner has a second-hand
coffee machine in good working condition that they
would be willing to donate, it would be very much
appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you
are able to help.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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

REGISTRATION IS THIS WEEKEND!

14th & 15th 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

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.

The team at Be The Witness have added two new dates for chorus auditions.

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 either:

Monday 16th February - 6:30pm-8:30pm
OR

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.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 21st - 22nd of FEB 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	Justino G	Mary B	Myla P
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Joy N	Linda N	Clarita R
Selina V	Micaela L	Fernando S P	Joshua S P	Rita D
Sun 10:30am	Nora P	Sonny B	Beth K	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret T	Anthony P	Evelyn E	Jennifer F

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 21st - 22nd of FEB 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Thomas P D	Milan G	Kava M
Sun 9:00am	Maddison L	Joaquin L	Elena S
Sun 10:30am	Angelina U	Mauryce P	Amelia S
Sun 5:30am	Aaliyah P	Erich D	Euane B D

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 20th - 22nd of FEB 2026

Group 2
Margaret T
Peter T
Ryan R