



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the
Lord
Year A
28th & 29th
of 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



FALL BACK
Turn your clocks back

IN NEW SOUTH WALES, DAYLIGHT
SAVING FINISHES NEXT SUNDAY,
THE 5TH OF APRIL

At 3:00am AEDT, clocks go back one hour
to 2:00am

That means you get an extra hour of sleep
and switch back to standard time (AEST)

PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160

FAITH FORMATION

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

This Monday the 30th of March
The Car Park entry of Rooty Hill Road North
will be closed to the public

There will be some repair work taking place
during this time - **NO ONE** is to park in the
parking lot or the grass area there. *Thank you*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to Death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Matthew 27:11-54

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of

judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and

elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

The Creed is said, and the Universal Prayer takes place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



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 1st of APRIL 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 MARCH 2026
SUNDAY the 12th APRIL 2026

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nieves Dall'Orto Berg, Juamito Banan,
Reynaldo Alovera, Daphne Pricilla Nolan, Jill
Antil-Rose & William Sherd

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Michael Vergara, Maryann Vergara & Myca
Vergara, Danuta Dabrowski, Marian
Malachowski, Janina Pakulski, Anthony &
Angeline Pereira, Protasio 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, Elizabetta Srenko Precious
Tamayo, Jose Dante Guerrero, Virginia
Abuel, Peregrina Valenzuela, Rolando
Valenzuela, Rosalinda Cordero, Mariles
Hollero & Ann, Leyden Panol Snr, Ammi
Armas, Nenita Gonzales, Anna Slawek, Seak
Keo & Merci Connolly.

St Vincent de Paul Collection
A Special Collection for St Vincent
de Paul will be held during the
Holy Thursday Evening Mass.
We kindly invite you to give
generously in support of those in
need. Every contribution, no
matter the amount, is sincerely
appreciated.



HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

WEDNESDAY 1/04/2026

7:30pm Chism Mass at St Patrick's Parramatta

HOLY THURSDAY 2/04/2026

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper including the
washing of the feet and adoration till midnight
*(No other masses permitted on Holy Thursday
and no masses after this till Easter Vigil)*

GOOD FRIDAY 3/04/2026

10:00am Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY 4/04/2026

7:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS
Begins outside with the lighting of the fire and
Paschal Candle

EASTER SUNDAY 5/04/2026

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 5:30pm

EASTER MONDAY 6/04/2026

9:15am Mass in the Church
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 12/04/2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1:00pm Adoration, Confession, Prayers
3:00pm Divine Mercy Maass

*As many as possible are encouraged to attend
all the Holy Week Ceremonies*

**1ST RITE RECONCILIATION AT ST AIDAN'S CHURCH
TUESDAY 31/03/2026**

9:45am - 10:30am (After the 9:15am Mass)
7:30pm 9:00pm

WEDNESDAY 1/04/2026

9:45am - 10:30am (After the 9:15am Mass)
Chism Mass, Parramatta Cathedral 7:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY 2/04/2026

10:00am - 11:00am & 3:00pm - 5:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3/04/2026

11:00am - 12:00pm (After Stations of the Cross)
4:30pm - 5:30pm (After Ceremony of the Passion)

HOLY SATURDAY 4/04/2026

3:00pm - 5:00pm

No Confession during Easter Sunday

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 4th & 5th of APRIL 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 7:00pm	Stan P, Rita D, Nati L, Hazyl G & Rossie D	Deacon Jerome	Anthony P	Justino G
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Joy N	Sen C	Linda N
Selina V	Angelo A	David P	Juliet A	Assunta
Sun 10:30am	Jocelyn S	Fernando S P	Jerome D	Myla P
Sun 5:30pm	Mary B	Vena T	Anthony P	Peter T

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 4th & 5th of APRIL 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Euane B D	Kava M	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Kristen G	Emily N
Sun 10:30am	Rafaella A	Angelina U	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Vlanney T	Rosa T	Jennifer T

**Church CLEANING ROSTER
for next weekend -
3rd - 5th of APRIL 2026**

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R