



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Third Sunday  
of Lent  
Year A  
7th & 8th  
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,  
20<sup>th</sup> 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



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

## PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160  
FORMATION FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR  
Precious Tamayo  
EMAIL: [catechism.corner@outlook.com](mailto:catechism.corner@outlook.com)

## YOUTH

### YOUTH CONTACT:

Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544  
EMAIL: [staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

## SRE COMMISSIONING MASS - SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026

The 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 22nd March 2026 will be our SRE  
Commissioning Mass for this year. During this Mass, all catechists will  
be blessed and formally commissioned for their ministry.  
Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and support our catechists as  
they undertake this important role in sharing the faith with our students.



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## FIRST READING Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

## SECOND READING Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of Worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

*The Creed is said.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Reynaldo Alovera

### COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Adelaido Magdadaro Sr., Rosario Magdadaro, Jose Armas Sr., Flora Armas.

### 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, Leyden Panol Snr, Ammi Armas & Nenita Gonzales.

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



### FOR SALE - Double Burial Plot

Pinegrove Cemetery -  
Calvary 8, Plot Number: 130-D-2  
Double burial plot available.

Asking price: \$10,000. For enquiries, please contact: John - 0409 442 218



### 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 8th of MARCH 2026**

**SUNDAY the 22nd of MARCH 2026**

## **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 3 monthly roster. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please speak with Fr Matthew or our Parish Sacristan - Anthony on 0422 884 160



## **BIBLE STUDIES - SAVOUR 18+**

There will be no Bible study on next weekend the 15th March since the young adults will be away on retreat.

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING - FOOD DONATIONS FOR ORPHANAGES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FIJI

*Dear Parishioners,*

We would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity in helping us send food items to orphanages in the Philippines and Fiji over the years. Your kindness has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many children.

As part of our Lenten Almsgiving to charity, we have placed a Food Donation Box in the foyer of the church. We would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Tinned food
- Milk powder
- Rice
- Pasta
- Milo

Any contribution, big or small, will be a wonderful help and deeply appreciated.

Thank you once again for your ongoing generosity and compassion toward these children. *May God bless you abundantly.*

*Tony and Mary Testa*

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

### FIRST CONFESSION

#### CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall  
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.

### Parking Lot Repairs – Request for Assistance

We are seeking assistance from parishioners to help repair several areas of the parish parking lot.

There are holes in the parking area outside the priests' garage that require asphaltting. If you are able to make a donation toward this work, or if you know someone who does asphaltting and may be willing to assist or offer a discounted service, please let the parish office know.

We are also looking for anyone who may be able to **supply or donate gravel** to help fill the large holes on the **left-hand side of the driveway on the Rooty Hill Road North entry side**.

If you are able to help in any way, or can recommend someone who may assist with either the asphaltting or gravel supply, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.



## THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

### FEAST OF ST JOSEPH



**Saturday, 14 March 2026**

St Patrick's Church

Mary Queen of the Family Parish

51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 2148

Solemn High Mass @ 10:30 am

Main Celebrant:

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen

### NOVENA MASSES

|               |           |         |                                                                          |
|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 04 March 2026 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC CHURCH<br>125 Barrier Drive, Quakers Hill 2763  |
| 05 March 2026 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | ST JOHN XXIII CHURCH<br>160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768     |
| 06 March 2026 | Friday    | 7:00 PM | ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH<br>10 Gardenia Grove, Lalor Park 2147    |
| 07 March 2026 | Saturday  | 7:00 PM | ST PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH<br>40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hill 2153        |
| 08 March 2026 | Sunday    | 7:00 PM | ST PADRE PIO CHURCH<br>34-38 William Howell Drive,<br>Glenmore Park 2745 |
| 09 March 2026 | Monday    | 7:00 PM | ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH<br>326 High Street, Penrith 2750              |
| 10 March 2026 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | ST AIDAN'S CHURCH<br>9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill 2766                  |
| 11 March 2026 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | ST ANDREW'S CHURCH<br>36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong 2148                |
| 12 March 2026 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH<br>58 Orwell St, Blacktown 2148                      |

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 14th & 15th of MARCH 2026

| MASS         | READER    | ADULT ALTAR SERVER | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Vigil 6:00pm | Mary B    | David P            | Sharon Q C                               | Myla P                                   |
| Sun 7:30am   | Agnes G-M | Vena T             | Lata S                                   | Rosemarie E                              |
| Selina V     | Edith G   | Jerome C           | Nora P                                   | Beth K                                   |
| Sun 10:30am  | Rosie D   | Walter R           | Ryan R                                   | Peter T                                  |
| Sun 5:30pm   | Monica F  | Angelo A           | Juliet A                                 | John Q                                   |

### YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 14th & 15th of MARCH 2026

| MASS         | ALTAR SERVER | ALTAR SERVER | ALTAR SERVER   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Vigil 6:00pm | Mathias F    | Milan G      | Chayo Thomas D |
| Sun 9:00am   | Vlanney T    | Rosa T       | Jennifer T     |
| Sun 10:30am  | Rafaelle A   | Tifa A       | Charles S      |
| Sun 5:30am   | Aaliyah P    | Annie V      | Kava M         |

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 13th - 15th of MARCH 2026

|            |
|------------|
| Group 5    |
| Glenda S   |
| Gregorio S |
| Joe G      |