



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Easter Sunday of  
the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
Year A  
4th & 5th of  
APRIL 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

## PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160

## FAITH FORMATION

Precious Tamayo

EMAIL: [catechism.corner@outlook.com](mailto:catechism.corner@outlook.com)

## 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

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

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

On this holy day of Easter, we rejoice in the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that God's love is stronger than any suffering we may face, and His promise of eternal life is fulfilled. May the risen Lord fill your heart with peace, renew your faith, and guide you in love and compassion. Let us go forth with joy, sharing the Good News and reflecting Christ's light in our lives.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter. Alleluia!





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**FIRST READING**

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.* Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed -

and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**SEQUENCE**

*The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**John 20:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Michael Vergara, Maryann Vergara, Myca Vergara, Vicente Francisco, Florencia Francisco, Frances Bartlet & Testa Family.

## 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, Ricky Patiag, Rebecca Herrera, Jaime Lui & Susie.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please make sure you Clearly write in block letters the name/s of the person/s and what the intention is (Sick, Deceased, Commemorative Deceased). No cursive writing please! If this is not clearly marked, unfortunately the names will not be able to be placed into the newsletter.



**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 6th of MAY 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 12th APRIL 2026  
SUNDAY the 26th APRIL 2026

## 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 Parish sincerely thanks parishioners for their continued generosity and support.

Parishioners are reminded that the First Collection supports the clergy serving in the Parramatta Diocese, including the clergy of St. Aidan's Parish.

The Second Collection contributes to the ongoing expenses and operational needs of St. Aidan's Parish. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



IN NEW SOUTH WALES, DAYLIGHT SAVING FINISHES THIS 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)

**FALL BACK**  
Turn your clocks back

**Savour 18+ Bible Studies**  
will NOT be taking place this  
1st Sunday of the Month

## Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via [parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses](http://parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses) to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 7th MAY - 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

### REGISTRATION

9th & 10th MAY

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

### PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING

THURSDAY 14th MAY - 7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

### CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

Sunday mornings 8.30am - Mary MacKillop Hall

17th MAY, 2026 24th MAY, 2026

31st MAY, 2026 7th JUNE, 2026 14th JUNE, 2026

### PRACTICE SESSIONS

TUESDAY, 16th JUNE, 2026 &

THURSDAY, 18th JUNE, 2026

7.30pm in the Church

*(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)*

### SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026, 7.30pm

(CONFIRMED by Very Rev Peter Williams AM VG)

Thursday, 25th June, 2026, 7.30pm

(CONFIRMED by Very Rev Peter Williams AM VG)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR COMMUNION

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY, 23rd JULY - 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

### REGISTRATION

25th & 26th JULY, 2026

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

### PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING

THURSDAY 30th JULY - 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

### CHILDREN'S SESSION

Sunday mornings 8.30am - Mary MacKillop Hall

2nd AUGUST 9th AUGUST 16th AUGUST

23rd AUGUST 30th AUGUST

### PRACTICE SESSIONS

TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER, 2026

& THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2026

7.30pm In The Church

*(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)*

### SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 2026 - 12.30pm

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*First Communion for every child in Year 3 who has not received it and every child in year 2 Confirmation Every child in Year 6*

## EASTER WEEK



Weekday Masses during the Easter Octave will be at normal times, but celebrated with solemnity.

### 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 12/04/2026

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1:00pm Adoration, Confession, Prayers

3:00pm Divine Mercy Masses

## ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am - 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 11th & 12th of APRIL 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Monica F	Joel A	Terisita A	Myriam A
Sun 7:30am	Mary B	Vena T	Lata S	Jerome C
Selina V	Nati L	Angelo A	Juliet A	Rita D
Sun 10:30am	Micaela L	Sonny B	Beth K	Sharon Q C
Sun 5:30pm	Evelyn E	Anthony P	Nora P	Jennifer F

### YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 11th & 12th of APRIL 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ciara T	Aalyah P	Chayo Thomas D
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Elena S
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Euane B D	Enrich D S	Annie V

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th - 12th of APRIL 2026

Group 2
Margaret T
Peter T
Ryan R