St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A
25th & 26th 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, 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 PRAESIDUM
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

YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT:
Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544
EMAIL: 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**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 7th MAY - 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.
This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the
Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.
So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bronia Flak & Francisca Baccay Aggabao

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Michael Vergara, Maryann Vergara, Myca Vergara & Roberto Camarines.

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:
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, Rebecca Herrera, Jaime Lui & Susie, Merci Connolly, Ricky Patiag, Rebecca Herrera, Jaime Lui & Joel de Leon.

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 26th APRIL 2026
SUNDAY the 10th MAY 2026

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.

Second Collection contributes to the ongoing expenses and operational needs of St. Aidan's Parish.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL ST AIDAN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All Volunteers have been given a gold a4 envelope regarding Volunteer Safeguarding Forms to be filled in and returned to the office as soon as convenient.

These are a few safeguarding requirements that need to be completed in line with Diocese of Parramatta policies.

Firstly, please complete your Working With Children Check (WWCC) application using the link below. Once you have applied, you will receive a WWCC number—please forward this to us once available. If you have not held a WWCC before, you will also need to attend a Service NSW centre with identification to finalise the process.

WWCC application: https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply

Secondly, please review the Diocese of Parramatta Volunteer Handbook and sign and date page 25. This page confirms your understanding of, and commitment to, the safeguarding responsibilities expected of all volunteers within the parish. Once completed, please return a copy to us.

In addition, all volunteers are required to complete *Mandatory Safeguarding Training*. This can be done online at your convenience via the link below. The training outlines important information regarding child safety, recognising and responding to concerns, and maintaining appropriate conduct within a parish setting.

Safeguarding training: https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/compliance-modules

If you are unable to complete the training online, please let us know. Once your forms have been returned, Fr Matthew will arrange sessions within the parish to ensure you are able to meet this requirement.

We understand that this may seem like a detailed process; however, these measures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people, and they are mandatory for all parishes within the Diocese.

If you have any questions or need assistance with any part of the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office 02 9625 8404.

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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
SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 2026 - 3.00pm

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

UPDATE ON THE ARRIVAL OF FR JOBI

While we had previously expected Fr Jobi to begin after Easter, we have now been advised that his start date as Administrator is still uncertain and is likely to be May or June, or perhaps later. In the meantime, Fr Matthew will continue serving as Administrator of the parish. Once Fr Jobi arrives, Fr Matthew will remain at St Aidan's as Assistant Priest.

GROUPS USING THE MACKILLOP HALL OR PARISH CENTRE

If you are using these facilities over the week-end 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you fellow parishioners from The St Vinnies Team in Rooty Hill for your generous donations twords our St Vinniew Winter Appeal during Easter Holy Thursday Mass, your donation of $1,494.25 will go a long way in assisting the needy in Rooty Hill.
God Bless you all. *Richard Hodge*

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.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 2nd & 3rd of MAY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	Anthony P	John Q	Mary B
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Joy N	Linda N	Rosemarie E
Selina V	Margaret T	Angelo A	Juliet A	Assunta
Sun 10:30am	Beth K	Vena T	Peter T	Myla P
Sun 5:30pm	Sister Laarni	Ryan R	Nora P	Evelyn E

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 2nd & 3rd of MAY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Thomas P D	Samuel S	Mauryce P
Sun 9:00am	Aalyah P	Amelia S	Mikaela Rose I
Sun 10:30am	Lauren N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Erich D S	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st - 3rd of MAY 2026
Group 5
Glenda S
Gregorio S
Joe G