



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Second
Sunday of
Easter
Year A
11th–12th 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 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

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

Easter Celebration – Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making our Easter celebrations so beautiful and meaningful.

To our music ministry, thank you for uplifting our liturgies with your talent and dedication.

To all those involved in various ministries, your service and commitment helped create a prayerful and welcoming atmosphere.

We are especially grateful to those who prepared the flowers and decorations, bringing such joy and beauty to our church.

A sincere thank you to our servers for your reverence and assistance throughout the celebrations.

May God bless you all for your generosity and faithful service.



Second Sunday of Easter

Year A - 11th & 12th of APRIL
2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation,
alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and Victory in the tents of the just. (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. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by

fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

*Jack Gurusinga, Anton Rusli, Robert Smallwood ,
Nieves Dall'Orto Berg, Juamito Banan, Reynaldo
Alovera, Daphne Pricilla Nolan, Jill Antil-Rose,
William Sherd, Paloma Esgana Escarlan.*

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

*Consolacion Manansala, Ernesto Garcia Sr,
Aurora Manila, Joseph Gatt Grazio, Joe Maryanne
Bigeni, Catalino S Decena, Michael Vergara,
Maryann Vergara, Myca Vergara, Vicente
Francisco, Florencia Franacisco, 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, Rebecca Herrera, Jaime Lui & Susie,
Merci Connolly, Ricky Patiag, Rebecca
Herrera, Jaime Lui.*

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

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.

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.

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.



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.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 12/04/2026

1:00pm Adoration, Confession,
Prayers

3:00pm Divine Mercy Masses

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

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

COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS: 12 MAY

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our [Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers](#). Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 12 May 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May. **To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.**

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 to reserve your spot. **For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.**

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th & 19th of APRIL 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita D	Justino G	Pete	Loudy
Sun 7:30am	Agnes G-M	Vena T	Lata S	Sen C
Selina V	Nora P	Ryan R	Lina V	Edith G
Sun 10:30am	Hazyl G	Walter G	Peter T	Myla P
Sun 5:30pm	Darlene P-D	Angelo A	Juliet A	Mary B

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th & 19th of APRIL 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Aalyah P	Milan G	Angelina U
Sun 9:00am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 5:30am	Thomas P-D	Samuel S	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th - 19th of APRIL 2026

Group 3
Joseph P
Beth K
Jemma M