



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Third
Sunday of
Easter
Year A
18th & 19th 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

PARENT INFORMATION

EVENING

THURSDAY 7th MAY -

7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION

9th & 10th MAY-SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

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

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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

SAVOUR (18+)

This Thursday 23rd April 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration inside the Church

followed by fellowship

Bible Study is on the THIS Sunday, 19th April

at 7pm in the Parish Centre





Third Sunday of Easter

Year A - 18th & 19th of APRIL
2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was Glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was

paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.'

'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Francisca Bascay Agagabab, Isidra Quilao Matienzo, Marina Bautista, Aries Bautista

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Michael Vergara, Maryann Vergara, Myca Vergara, Vicente Francisco, Florencia Francisco, Frances Bartlet, Testa Family, Patrick & Olga Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Allwyn & Daisy Assey

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, 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.

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.* Once Fr Jobi arrives, Fr Matthew will remain at St Aidan's as Assistant Priest.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS— Safeguarding Notice

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to the safety of all children and vulnerable persons.

All volunteers (Staff/Youth Leaders/Sacramental Program/Readers/Choirs/Ministers at the Altar/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Catechists) must:

- Hold a valid **Working With Children Check (WWCC)**
- Complete **Mandatory Safeguarding Training**
- **Adhere** to and **SIGN** the Diocesan **Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policies**
- **Safeguarding training must be renewed regularly** (typically every two years)

All Volunteers at St Aidan's need to complete the above.

Envelopes are available in the Sacristy with your name on it to fill in and return to the office as soon as possible.

If you need help please don't hesitate to ring the Parish Office on 02 9625 8404

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 2026

The next session of face-to-face **Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood.** More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please

email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

**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

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE

2026 PAPAL & DIOCESAN AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals – both religious and lay – who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/



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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th & 26th of APRIL 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	David P	Jennifer F	Rita D
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	Clarita R
Selina V	Edith G	Sonny B	Rizaldy G	Joshua S P
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Justino G	Nora P	Evelyn E
Sun 5:30pm	Mary C	Vena T	Nati L	Micaela L

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th & 26th of APRIL 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Samuel S	Kava M	Mathias F
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Khristian G
Sun 10:30am	Angelina U	Mauryce P	Jabez Ruphael C
Sun 5:30am	Vlanney T	Rosa T	Jennifer F

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

Group 4
The Portelli Family