



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Fifth
Sunday of
Easter
Year A
2nd & 3rd of
MAY 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

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has

proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'
The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patria Pacis, Jade Talavera, George Safein,
Dario Tolentino, Bronia Flak & Francisca Baccay
Aggabao

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Elpidio Reyes, Consolacion Reyes, Robert
Mendes, Rufin Gromes, Silvestre Gayo, Lorenza
Gayo, Mrs Aurora Cakany, 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 & Maurice Wilkes.

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 10th of MAY 2026

SUNDAY the 24th of MAY 2026

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](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](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.

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.

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9th & 10th MAY

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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)



The Culture Project: Ministry Training in Love & Life

We're inviting young adults (18-35) to a 6-week training in love and life evangelisation, beginning 1st June on Monday evenings (7:00 - 9:30pm) at St. Aidan's Parish Centre. Grow in confidence in ministering to your peers, build life-giving relationships, and be equipped for mission as we create a culture of love and life! Registration is \$30.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to find out more:

<https://forms.gle/WH1qUvZRXtOwBwyE8>

Mass Attendance Count (May Weekends)

In accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference*, our parish will be conducting a *count of Mass attendance over the four weekends of May*.

This count will take place at all Vigil and Sunday Masses throughout the month. Designated volunteers will discreetly record the number of parishioners at each Mass.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and understanding. The information gathered helps the Church to better understand participation in parish life and to plan for pastoral needs across the country. Thank you for your continued support and participation in our parish community.

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

EARRINGS FOUND

If you have lost earrings, please call the Parish Office on 02 9625 8404 to describe them



BIBLE STUDIES

Savour 18+ Bible Studies is on this Sunday at 7pm in the 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.



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 - 9th & 10th of MAY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Nati L	Joel A	Terisita A	Myriam A
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Vena T	Lata S	Clarita R
Selina V	Elvie Y	Ryan R	Nora P	Rita D
Sun 10:30am	Christelle S	Sonny B	Beth K	Jerome C
Sun 5:30pm	Micaela L	Anthony P	Pete	Loudy

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 9th & 10th of MAY 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	Akeisha M
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Mark Kevin E
Sun 5:30am	Euane B D	Erich D S	Annie V

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th - 10th of MAY 2026

Group 6
June M
Maria G
Dennis G