

### HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY AT THIS TIME:

As you would be aware with the closing down of our Churches, the financial support of our parish is now very different. The parish is receiving very limited income at this time. We are very appreciative of those who continue to drop in envelopes each week and also those who are taking advantage of online contributions. As we continue to receive our expenses each week, it is important, that, if it is at all possible, parishioners continue to offer their financial support to our parish family. This can be done **ELECTRONICALLY VIA Internet banking to St. Aidan's Church, Rooty Hill NSW 2766**, you can make a **direct deposit into our account**. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will help meet the upkeep needs of our Parish.

The details are as follows:-



Name of Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
BSB: 067 950  
Account Number: 00000529  
Account Name: Rooty Hill Catholic Church  
Reference: YOUR NAME IN FULL



### FAVORite

Carpet, Tiles & Grout Cleaning Service  
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Free quote: 04 1721 0403

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

#### BISHOP VINCENT'S PASTORAL LETTER ON THE PROPOSED PARENTAL RIGHTS BILL

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

#### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. It is currently highly recommended that masks be worn to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

#### 'THE WELL' OFFERS NEW REFRESHMENT IN 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

#### OFFICE FOR WORSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

#### ST BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact House of Welcome on [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or (02) 9727 9290 or JRS on [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto:foodbank@jrs.org.au) or (02) 9098 9336.

#### LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

#### JOIN THE BELLRINGERS OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The Peal of Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral have been officially installed. Bell ringing commences 10.30am Sundays ahead of the Solemn Mass. If you would like to enquire about learning to ring the bells, please contact Fr Christopher Del Rosario on [Christopher.DelRosario@parracatholic.org](mailto:Christopher.DelRosario@parracatholic.org). For further information, please visit <https://stpatricks cathedral.com.au/bellsstpatricks/>

#### CATHOLIC CARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

#### COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering best practice in a variety of areas for parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils to serve Christ's mission. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. To share and grow with other parish councils, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

#### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD

At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

The Ascension Of The Lord

Year B

15th-16th May, 2021



## Parish And Other News



### General Directory - 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill N.S.W. 2766.

PARISH OFFICE  
MONDAY CLOSED  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, 10.00am - 4.30pm.  
FRIDAY 9.30am-2pm

#### WEEKEND/WEEK DAY MASSES

Vigil: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am 5.30pm  
Monday: 9.00am  
Tuesday: 9.15am  
Wednesday: 9.15am; 7.00pm  
Thursday: 9.15am  
Friday: 9.15am & 7.00pm  
Saturday: 9.00am.

#### THE FOLLOWING MASSES ONLY

##### WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

Please use this link to watch St. Aidan's Daily Mass at anytime during the day.

Live streaming times are:-

Sunday 9.00am  
Monday 9:00am  
Tuesday 9:15am  
Wednesday 9.15am  
Thursday 9.15am

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY\\_VjPTdVQI](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPTdVQI)

live

Terence Smith [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

#### YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT: Lawrence Jadraque 0422 149 558

EMAIL: [staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com)

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

8.00pm-9.00pm every THURSDAY  
4pm-5pm every SATURDAY

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By Appointment

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

At least six months notice required, plus birth, baptism certificates.

#### PERSONNEL

Parish Priest: Fr. Alan Layt

Assistant Priest: Fr. Galbert Albino

Deacon: Jerome Emmanuel

Parish Secretary: Mrs Elizabeth Idaszak

Phone: (02) 9625-8404.

Email: [staidanschurch@bigpond.com](mailto:staidanschurch@bigpond.com)  
[rootyhill@parracatholic.org](mailto:rootyhill@parracatholic.org)

Website: <https://rootyhillparish.org.au>

#### Parish Sacristans

Stan Pakulski / Justice of the Peace 0417 428 875  
Michael Piliae

#### Sacramental Co-ordinators

To contact please ring Parish Office

#### PRINCIPALS:

St. Aidan's Primary  
Mrs Marian Bell  
(02) 8886 9800;

St. Agnes Catholic High School  
Ms Lisa-Maree Browning  
(02) 8882-0700;

Loyola Senior High School  
Mrs Cathy Larkin  
(02) 9832-4455.

### SUNDAY MASSES IN THIS CHURCH

**A congregation can be no larger than 225 during the 2 square metre rule.  
So we will have a Covid Marshall sitting outside and once we have reached 225,  
you will be asked to sit outside.**

We have made some changes to encourage you to come back to Mass.  
We will now have a SUNDAY MASS at 5.30pm.

The Bishop has given us exemption  
from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday  
for the duration of the Covid19 Pandemic.  
**FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AT ALL MASSES**



*The Ascension Of The Lord* - MASS DURING THE DAY - YEAR B

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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

**FIRST READING**

**ACTS 1:1-11**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6**

*(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. *(R.)*
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. *(R.)*
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. *(R.)*

**SECOND READING**

**EPH 1:17-23**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**MT 28:19. 20**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel.**

**I am with you always, until the end of the world.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**MK 16:15-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

*The Creed is said.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Behold,  
I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age,  
alleluia.**



**DURING THE WEEK  
PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED  
FOR THE FOLLOWING:-**

Please remember in your prayers recently deceased, Norma Knight, Arturo Casipit, Rosette Penaranda, Mila Kapalungan, Pascasio Del Rio Vicario II, Anne Boyce, Restituto Bachar, Norma Millan Zalamea.

**(Mass Intentions: please make sure you write clearly the name/s of the person/s and what the intention is (sick, deceased, commemorative deceased), If this is not marked, the names will not be placed in the newsletter).**

**COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED**

Norma Sherwood, Maureen Carney, Carmen Testa, Leonardo Dandin, Herminigildo I. Zuniga Sr., Fleix Diaz, Lucia Diaz, Matija Topic, Baby Jaden Josh Ladines, Cristina Dandin, Terence Fitzpatrick-Browne, Faith Fitzpatrick-Browne .

**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, John Carney, Felix Silva Monges, Jorge Vildasant, Adela Guevara, Mary Catania, Mariafe Young, Maria Fe Young, Jeanne Arena, Ronnie, Amelita Coleman, Alf Diaz, Susan Aranez-SMith, Teodora Concepcion, Mirjana Kljajic, Vicki Chown, Milagros Sunga, Ramon Rivera, Antonio Samson Noemilita Jara, Logan Sebastian Cruz, Mariles Hollero, Elizabeth Tiqui Bueno, Katarzyna Haladus, Jasmin Fray Prada, Stipe Mlinaric.

**CONFESSIONS**

I know many people have not been using this Sacrament nearly as much as they should.



So we will add 8.00pm - 9.00pm of a Thursday night to our confession times.

If you come between 8.00pm and 9.30pm on Thursday you will find me in the Church waiting for you. *Fr. Alan*

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

We now have available  
**Donation Point in the Church**

where you can  
**TAP YOUR CARD and GO.**

Just place your card as shown on the machine and  
**\$10.00** will be donated to

St. Aidan's Church from your account.

Please make sure that your card has registered before touching the machine again otherwise it doesn't work.

*The machines are located  
in the gathering area of the Church.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**



**BAPTISMS AT ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH  
WILL BE HELD EVERY 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY OF  
THE MONTH AT 12.00PM**

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION**

**Wednesday, 2nd JUNE, 2021**

7.30pm Parish Centre Rooty Hill Road North Rooty Hill  
*(Please fill in Baptism Registration Form at the Parish Office during office hours and bring the child's birth certificate with you). If possible please do not bring toddlers to the instruction evenings as this can be very distracting.*

Thank you Fr. Alan Layt

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THIS INSTRUCTION YOU CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH. GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.**

**NEXT BAPTISM**

**2nd SUNDAY -**

**4th SUNDAY - 23rd MAY, 2021 (full)**

**SACRAMENT OF**



*Confirmation*

**Children's Sessions**

**Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop  
Hall**

16th May, 2021

23rd May, 2021

30th May, 2021

6th June, 2021

**SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED**

**Tuesday, 15th June, 2021 - 7.30pm**

**Thursday, 17th June, 2021 - 7.30pm**

**(BOTH MASSES WILL BE HELD AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, PLUMPTON)**