

**ST AIDAN'S CHURCH ROOTY HILL  
HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2023**

**WEDNESDAY, 5th APRIL, 2023**  
7.30pm - *Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Parramatta*  
**HOLY THURSDAY - 6th APRIL, 2023**  
7.00pm - *Mass of the Lord's Supper including the washing of the feet and adoration till midnight. (NO OTHER MASSES PERMITTED ON HOLY THURSDAY and NO MASSES AFTER THIS TILL EASTER VIGIL)*

**GOOD FRIDAY - 7th APRIL, 2023**  
10.00am *Stations of the Cross*  
3.00pm *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*  
**HOLY SATURDAY - 8th APRIL, 2023**  
7.00pm - **EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
*Begins outside with the lighting of the fire and Paschal Candle.*

**EASTER SUNDAY - 9th APRIL, 2023**  
7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm  
**EASTER MONDAY - 10th APRIL, 2023**  
9.00am *Mass in the Church*

**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16th APRIL, 2023**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
1.00pm *Adoration, Confession, Prayer*  
3.00pm *Divine Mercy Mass*  
*As many as possible are encourage to attend all the Holy Week Ceremonies*

**1st RITE RECONCILIATION at ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH**

**TUESDAY - 4th APRIL, 2023**  
4.00pm-5.00pm 7.45pm-9.00pm  
**WEDNESDAY - 5th APRIL, 2023**  
AFTER 9.15am Mass 9.45am-11.00am  
*Chrism Mass, Parramatta Cathedral 7.30pm*  
**HOLY THURSDAY - 6th APRIL, 2023**  
10.00am-11.00am 3.00pm-5.00pm  
**GOOD FRIDAY - 7th APRIL, 2023**  
10.00am-12.00pm  
*During and after Stations of the Cross*  
**HOLY SATURDAY - 8th APRIL, 2023**  
3.00pm-5.00pm  
*No Confession during Easter Sunday*

**HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY AT THIS TIME**

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

**FR GALBERT LEAVING COLLECTION**

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.  
We raised \$2500 which has been sent to him  
With thanks, Fr Alan & Fr Galbert



**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
25 & 26 March**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.  
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow  
*For All Future Generations.*



**PERPETUAL ADORATION  
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.

We are still asking for people willing to volunteer to adore Jesus in the blessed Sacrament in the following time slots:

**SUNDAY 3:00PM-4:00PM**  
**MONDAY 12:00PM-1:00PM**  
**TUESDAY 1:00AM-2:00AM**  
**TUESDAY 1:00PM-2:00PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 1:00AM-2:00AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 5:00AM-6:00AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 12:00PM-3:00PM**  
**THURSDAY 1:00AM-2:00AM**  
**FRIDAY 12:00PM-1:00PM**  
**SATURDAY 12:00PM-3:00PM**  
**SATURDAY 7:00PM-8:00PM**

Thank you to all of those who have already volunteered.

**St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st & 2nd of APRIL 2023**

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita Di Stefano	Joel Apostol	Teresita Apostol	Cheryl Machado
Sunday 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Anthony Pereira	Sen Custodia	Clarita Robles
Sunday 9:00am	Elvi Yambot	TBA	TBA	Lina Vaasili
Sunday 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Justino Gutierrez	Mary Bringera	Susan Ringo-Parsons
Sunday 5:30pm	Evelyn Estacio	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Gertrude Elmo

**St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st - 2nd of APRIL 2023**

Group 3	Chryzshamel Prudencio	Ryan Rozario	----
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**FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
YEAR A  
25th & 26th  
MARCH  
2023**

**St Aidan's Parish  
and Other News**



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt  
Assistant Priest: Fr Neil Bulathsinhalage  
Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario  
Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak  
Phone: (02) 9625 8404  
Email: staidanschurch@bigpond.com  
rootyhill@parracatholic.org  
Website: http://rootyhillparish.org.au

**PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
10:00am - 4:30pm

**WEEKLY MASSES**

Monday: 9:15am  
Tuesday: 9:15am  
Tuesday: 7:00pm Charismatic Mass (Mary's Little Children) All are Welcome  
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

**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:-  
Monday 9:15am  
Tuesday 9:15am  
Wednesday 9:15am  
Thursday 9:15am  
Sunday 9:00am  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7EY\\_VjPTdVQ/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7EY_VjPTdVQ/live)  
Terence Smith youtube.com

**ST AIDANS PARISH LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM**  
Parents and Children of age 6-16 years  
6:00pm-7:00pm- Every Friday at St Aidan's Parish Centre.  
For more information please call  
Fr Alan Layt on (02) 9625 8404  
or Boy Torres on 0468 853 857

**PALM SUNDAY**

I would like to ask everyone who is coming to mass this Palm Sunday to **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PALM BRANCH OR OLIVE BRANCH** (Our palm trees have grown out of reach and we can no longer provide palms)  
If anyone would like to donate some palm branches to help decorate the Church, could you please drop them off either this FRIDAY or SATURDAY morning.  
Thank you. Fr Alan

**PARISH SACRISTAN**  
Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208  
**ASSISTANT SACRISTAN**  
Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

**YOUTH**  
**YOUTH CONTACT:** Maelody Gevero: 0426 263 081  
Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544  
**EMAIL:** staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com

**JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**  
Every 1st Sunday of the Month 11:30am-2:00pm  
In the Mary Mackillop Hall  
**ST AIDANS YOUTH**  
Every 3rd Friday of the Month 7:30pm-9:00pm  
In the Parish Centre  
**YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION**  
Every 4th Friday of the Month 7:30pm-9:30pm  
In the Parish Centre

**SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATORS**  
To make contact please ring the Parish office  
During operating hours

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Thursday 8.00pm-9.00pm  
Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm

**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**  
Mrs Marian Bell  
(02) 8886 9800  
**ST. AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
Mrs Janette Holland  
(02) 8882 0700  
**LOYOLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
Mrs Cathy Larkin  
(02) 9832 4455

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**  
THERE WILL BE THREE COLLECTIONS ON THIS WEEKEND 25/26 MARCH  
*Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2023.*  
**PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR GIVING.**

**THIS TUESDAY-28TH OF MARCH**  
There will be NO EVENING mass in the Church.  
The evening mass will be celebrated at the MLCC Centre.  
64 Carroll Street, Plumpton  
Morning Mass will be as usual.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MASS DURING THE DAY - YEAR A - 25th & 26th of MARCH 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue  
me, for you, O God, are my strength.  
*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)*  
is not said.

FIRST READING Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*  
The Lord says this: I am now going to open your  
graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my  
people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel.  
And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open  
your graves and raise you from your graves, my  
people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you  
will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil;  
and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and  
done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of  
redemption.  
1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord,  
hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the  
voice of my pleading. (R.)  
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who  
would survive? But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. (R.)  
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his  
word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than  
watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count  
on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)  
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and  
fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will  
redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead*  
*is living in you, then he will give life to your own*  
*mortal bodies.*  
People who are interested only in unspiritual  
things can never be pleasing to God. Your  
interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in  
the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his  
home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the  
Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him.  
Though your body may be dead it is because of  
sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself  
because you have been justified; and if the Spirit  
of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in  
you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will  
give life to your own mortal bodies through his  
Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*I am the resurrection and the life.*  
There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the  
village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and  
Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the  
sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the  
Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her  
hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord,  
the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message,  
Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but  
in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will  
be glorified.'  
Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet  
when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed  
where he was for two more days before saying to  
the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples  
said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to  
stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus  
replied:  
'Are there not twelve hours in the day?  
A man can walk in the daytime without  
stumbling  
because he has the light of this world to see  
by;  
but if he walks at night he stumbles,  
because there is no light to guide him.'  
He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is  
resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said  
to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get  
better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the  
death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he  
meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is  
dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there  
because now you will believe. But let us go to  
him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to  
the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with  
him.'  
On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in  
the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only  
about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews  
had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with  
them over their brother. When Martha heard that  
Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary  
remained sitting in the house. Martha said to  
Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not  
have died, but I know that even now, whatever you  
ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your

brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha  
said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection  
on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies  
he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die.  
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the  
Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come  
into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her  
sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is  
here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got  
up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet  
come into the village; he was still at the place  
where Martha had met him. When the Jews who  
were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her  
get up so quickly and go out, they followed her,  
thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep  
there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw  
him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if  
you had been here, my brother would not have  
died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the  
Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great  
distress, with a sigh that came straight from the  
heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord,  
come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said,  
'See how much he loved him!' But there were  
some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the  
blind man, could he not have prevented this  
man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the  
tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the  
opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha  
said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the  
fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that  
if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So  
they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his  
eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.  
I knew indeed that you always hear me,  
but I speak  
for the sake of all these who stand round me,  
so that they may believe it was you who sent  
me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice,  
'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came  
out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff  
and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them,  
'Unbind him, let him go free.'  
Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and  
had seen what he did believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Primitiva Fabian, Danny Sioson & Estelita Lagrito

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Malia Piliae, Jose Agtuca, Manuelita Agtuca, Evelyn  
Agtuca, Marison Mascarenas, Bernadette Buhayo,  
Janina Pakulski, Mary Piscapo, Ignatius Pereira, Petar &  
Tereza Kosovich, Paul & Josephine Cortis, John  
Malachowski, Leonora Rozario, Jose S Baena, Gloria  
Pinaroc

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, Jasmin Fray Parada, Stipe Mlinaric,  
Myra Chavez, Alma Espina, Johannes Dominic  
Galipot, Ryan Maglarque, Adelina Cabalar, Manuel  
Iniguez, Milda Iniguez, Wieslawa Taylor, Katarzyna  
Haladus, Leon and Ellie Keo, Ethan Tolentino,  
Benjamin Santiago, Marlyn Rata, Jojo Nayan,  
Ramon Rivera, Logan Sebastian Cruz, Nobby Alca,  
Martin Nikic, Jock Clark, Angeles Castor, Lisa  
Rejante, Ramon Rivera, Julian & Maximilian  
Epondulan, Norma Maso, Leticia Cruz, Gloria  
Lazaro, Romeo Epondulan, Maximilian Norma Maso,  
& Susi Julian

SANCTUARY WINDOWS

We have had the glass in the bottom right corner  
window replaced with E.glass for the last two  
weeks. E.glass stops 60% of heat and glare.  
It has worked well. The proposal is to replace the  
coloured glass in the other seven bottom  
windows on both sides of the sanctuary and the  
four large panels above these with E.glass.  
The stained glass panels will remain as is.  
Hopefully the E.glass will stop a lot of the heat  
and glare. You will also be able to see through  
them but for anyone sitting in the body of the  
church they will only be looking at the tops of  
trees and sky so it should ne be a big distraction.  
If you are concernd about these changes please  
let me know.  
Fr Alan

PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN NEAR THE DOORS  
OF THE CHURCH

Thank you to all those who have contributed but  
we have enough smaller plants now.  
What we will still need are some flowering trees  
that only grow to about 2 meters such as  
Camelias.  
We also need about 4 Grevilleas which could be  
obtained from the council. A couple of Magnolias  
would not go astray either.  
If anyone can help, please let us know.  
Thank you. Fr Alan