

**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**

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

We also 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.**



**PERPETUAL ADORATION  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

If you are interested in participating in our Perpetual Adoration which begun on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**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.

**PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE  
PASSION OF  
THE LORD  
YEAR A  
1st & 2nd  
APRIL  
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  
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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/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY\\_VjPTdVQ/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_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

**PARISH SACRISTAN**

Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208

**ASSISTANT SACRISTAN**

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**YOUTH**

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**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

**St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th & 9th of APRIL 2023**

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Rosie D'Souza	Dave Santos	Anna Santos	Edgardo Pestano
Sunday 7:30am	Monica Flores	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles
Sunday 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	David Portelli	Rita Di Stefano	Mary Bringera
Sunday 10:30am	Nora Piliae	Sonny Balido	Jennifer Fernandes	John Quiroz
Sunday 5:30pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Evelyn Estacio

**St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th - 9th of APRIL 2023**

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	----
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**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS**

On Good Friday, the Catholic Church's throughout the world will take up a very special collection -  
the *"Collection for the Holy Land."*  
This special collection originated from the Popes' wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

There will be **NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** in the Church or chapel  
From Midnight on Holy Thursday the 6th of April till after the Easter Vigil.  
Perpetual Adoration will resume on Holy Saturday evening from 9:30pm following the Easter Vigil.



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
MASS DURING THE DAY**

**YEAR A  
1st & 2nd of APRIL 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

**FIRST READING** **Is 50:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**  
*(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

**SECOND READING** **Phil 2:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all

other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the under world, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL** **Jn 11:1-45**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a

scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

*The Creed is said, and the Universal Prayer takes place.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Primitiva Fabian & Eugene BirdSturgeon

**COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED**

Rosevida Demerin, Jose Briones, Carlos Badua, Paul & Josephine Cortis, Jose Agtuca, Joseph Gatt, Vicente Francisco.

**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, Wieslawa Taylor, Katarzyna Haladus, Norma Maso, Leticia Cruz, Gloria Lazaro, Romeo Susi, Maximilian Norma Maso, Julian Rosita Badua, Antonio Badua, Ramon Montenegro & Nenita Gonzales

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

*Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2023.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS**

**DONATIONS, Total raised \$2,190.00. It is not too late to make a donation. Envelopes are still available on the table in the gathering area of the church.**



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING IS ON**

**WEDNESDAY the 5th of APRIL 2023**

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). 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.**

**OUR NEXT BAPTISM IS**

**SUNDAY the 16th of APRIL 2023**



**Caritas AUSTRALIA** **Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April**



With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phone 1800 024 413.



**PLEASE RETURN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES ON HOLY THURSDAY**