St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Year C
5th & 6th of APRIL 2025

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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

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

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.

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 Boy Torres on 0468 853 857 or Fr Alan.

PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160

FORMATION FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR

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YOUTH

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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

SRE & RCIA CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs R Estigoy - (Contact Parish Office)

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Elizabeth Portelli - (Contact Parish Office)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday	8.00pm - 9.00pm
Saturday	4:30pm - 5:30pm

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
Janette Holland - (02) 8882 0700
CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS
Paul Stenning - (02) 8886 9500

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held this *Sunday the 6th of APRIL at 3pm* in *Mary MacKillop Hall*. At least one representative from each group needs to be in attendance.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday the 13th of April is Palm Sunday. Would anyone who could donate palm fronds which can be used for Palm Sunday please deliver them to the area under the palm trees at the Church during this coming week please.
Thank you. *Fr Alan*

MADE FOR THIS

DISCOVER THE TRUTH OF YOUR HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE LOVE YOU HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR
Young Adults 18-28
Fortnightly on Thursday
6:00pm–9:30pm
$6 Dinner, Formation, Adoration, Fellowship
St Francis Room, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe NSW 2141

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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 Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.
Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.
I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances Bartlett

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

P. V. George , Loyd Lajolie, Elpidio Reyes & Minerva Baylon.

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, Adrian Magee, Peter Mallonga, Dolores Dola Torre & Lanie Cutchon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please make sure you Clearly write the name/s of the person/s and what the intention is (Sick, Deceased, Commemorative Deceased).

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 7th of MAY 2025

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 BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 13th of APRIL 2025
SUNDAY the 27th of APRIL 2025

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue this Sunday the 6th of April 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is **Rev Dr Paschal Corby OFM Conv** who will talk about and lead discussion on **St Anthony of Padua**. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

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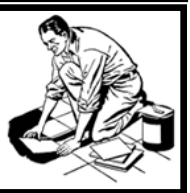

Pope Francis proposes 15 simple acts of charity for lent, Look at this beauty!

1. Say hello (always and everywhere)
2. Say **thank you** (even if you don't "have to")
3. Remind others how much you **love them**.
4. **Greeting with joy** those people you see every day.
5. Listening to the others **story**, without prejudice, **with love.**
6. Stopping to **help**. Being **attentive to those who need you.**
7. **Lifting someone's spirits**.
8. **Celebrating** the **qualities** or **successes** of another.
9. **Select** what you don't use and **give it** to some one who needs it.
10. **Help when needed** so that another can rest.
11. **Correct with love**, don't keep quiet out of fear.
12. **Do small acts of kindness** to those who are **close to you.**
13. **Clean what I use at home.**
14. **Help others overcome obstacles.**
15. **Call your parents**, if you are fortunate enough to have them.

- **Fast from hurtful words** and spread kind words
- **Fast from discontent** and fill yourself with gratitude
- **Fast from anger** and fill yourself with meekness and patience
- **Fast from pessimism** and fill yourself with optimism
- **Fast from worries** and fill yourself with trust in God
- **Fast from complaining** and fill yourself with the simple things in life
- **Fast from pressures** and fill yourself with prayer
- **Fast from sadness** and bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- **Fast from selfishness** and fill yourself with compassion for others
- **Fast from unforgiveness** and fill yourself with attitudes of reconciliation
- **Fast from words** and fill yourself with silence and listening to others

ST AIDAN'S EUCHARISTIC YOUTH

Savour Bible studies series
SUNDAY, 6th APRIL, 2025.
5:30pm: Mass
6:30pm: Light snacks + fellowship
7-8pm: Bible study by Fr Matthew and Q+A.
Location: St. Aidan's Parish Centre
(enter via Rooty Hill Road North)
Young adults: 18-35 yrs old
We will start off with the gospel of Luke.
Please bring your Bible, Catechism, journal, highlighters + pens!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER THE 7PM MASS

LIVE-IN CARER OPPORTUNITY

Our beautiful 96 year old father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a full-time or part-time capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. If you would like more information, please contact Jason on jason@jjmail.me or 0414987206.

ROOM AVAILABLE

One bedroom available in Rooty Hill, female preferred. Please contact Mrs. Cortes on 0421137953 for more information.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 5th and 6th of April 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities. **Please donate today**. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at**: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

It's not too late to make a donation. Envelopes still available on the table right hand entrance to the church.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services. This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. *Thank you*.

CONFESSION and CONTRITION

1451 Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again."

1456 (Excerpt) Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: *"All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession."*

1457 (Excerpt) According to the Church's command, *"after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."* Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession.

1458 Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.

1490 The movement of return to God, called conversion and repentance, entails: (1) sorrow for and abhorrence of sins committed, and (2) the firm purpose of sinning no more in the future. Conversion touches the past and the future and is nourished by hope in God's mercy

1492 Repentance (also called contrition) must be inspired by motives that arise from faith. If repentance arises from love of charity for God, it is called "perfect" contrition; if it is founded on other motives, it is called "imperfect."

For specific scenarios involving the topic above, please discuss with the priest and/or your spiritual director. Reference: Catechism of the Catholic Church

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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 12th & 13th of APRIL 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Hazyl G	Justino G	Myriam A	John Q	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Agnes G-M	Joy N	Linda N	TBA	Rosemarie E
Sun 9:00am	Beth K	Sonny B	Edith G	Rita D	
Sun 10:30am	Mary B	Emmanuel M	Walter R	Myla P	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Evelyn E	Angelo A	Juliet A	Micaela L	Nora P

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 12th - 13th of APRIL 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Noah T	Lucas T	Ciara T
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Angelina U
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Euane B-D	Mauryce P	Annie V

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 11th - 13th of APRIL 2025

Group 6
June Moll
Maria Galvan
Dennis Galvan