



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF
THE LORD
Year C
12th & 13th of
APRIL 2025**

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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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
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YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT:

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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

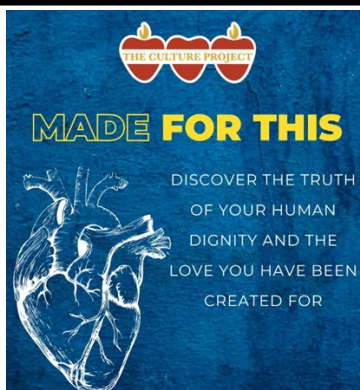
By Appointment
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month

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



MADE FOR THIS

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

ST AIDAN'S EUCHARISTIC YOUTH

Savour Bible studies series
SUNDAY, 27th APRIL, 2025 - 5:30pm: Mass
6:30pm: Light snacks + fellowship
7-8pm: Bible study by Precious Tamayo and Q+A.
Location: Mary MacKillop Hall
(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!

*Going forward Bible Studies will be taking place
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month*

**COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S
ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM***"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

19: 28-40

- ²⁸ Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
- ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,
- ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here.
- ³¹ If anyone asks you,
"Why are you untying it?" you shall say this,
"The Lord has need of it".
- ³² So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.
- ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'
- ³⁴ And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.
- ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.
- ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.
- ³⁷ As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the Disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,
- ³⁸ saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- ³⁹ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.
- ⁴⁰ He answered,
'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

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**Isaiah 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?

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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 Philippians 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 underworld, 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**John 8:1-11**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.) Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive

them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

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

Gloria Aguillon, Cresencia Elizario, Ramon N Rivera, Frances Bartlett & Marvin Tomboc.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Loyd Lajolie, Elpidio Reyes, Minerva Baylon< Miguel & Celestina Gahisan, Dionesio Salvacion Bequilla, Irene Gordon Smith, Catalino S Decena, Gregorio, Serapia, Alicia Manolo Madriaga, Conrado Madriaga Sr., Anton & Linda Balthazaar, Maria Buenaventura.

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, Benjamino Enpeigne & Gilbert Jolicoeur.



The Youth for Christ (Australia) is having a youth entry program for youths from year 8 and above, on **April 11-13** (first weekend of the school holidays) in Plumpton.

It is run by Catholic youth leaders and couple coordinators. It is full of fun, fellowship, singing, talks, discussions, group activities, prayers, praise and worship. If any students want to strengthen their faith and relationship with Jesus, we would be happy for them to join us in April.

For details, please contact Rose Vi Tungul on 0416 245 254 or Jeff Tungul on 0405 153 848

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.



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
WEDNESDAY the 7th of MAY 2025

7.30pm Parish Centre

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 13th of APRIL 2025

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 - 19th & 20th of APRIL 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan P & Others	Anthony P & Joel	Terisita A	Joshua S	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Vena T	TBA	Clarita R	Rosemarie E
Sun 9:00am	Celestine S	Sonny B	Rita D	David P	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean B	Justino G	Edith G	Evelyn E	Anna S & Myla P
Sun 5:30pm	Veronica M	Ryan R	Angelo A	Juliet A	Anthony P

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 19th - 20th of APRIL 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ethan Gian P	Micha Ewan P	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Mathias F
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Thomas P-D	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th - 20th of APRIL 2025

Group 7
Toanna
Samuel