St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year C
17th & 18th of MAY 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

FORMATION FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR

Precious Tamayo
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YOUTH

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Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544
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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	4:00pm - 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

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians
24th - 25th of May 2025

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal

CONGRATULATIONS

To all those Acolytes, Readers and Extraordinary ministers of Communion who were commissioned by Bishop Vincent at a special mass last Tuesday night.
My apologies to you all for not being there, I was not well enough to attend. *Fr Alan*

Confession will not be available from 8:00pm - 9:00pm on Thursday the 22nd of May, 2025

The Statues of St.Josemaria and St Joseph

These will be blessed at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 25th May 2025

Parking at the School Grounds. All parishioners please ENTER from Adelaide Street and please EXIT from Rooty Hill Road North
Thank you,
Fr. Alan

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.'

In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nelly Angeles, Jamie Dowsitt, Peter Penprase, Bernadita Paredes, Danilo Saludez Sr., Chrisonto De Vera, Rev. Sr. Inormamali Fernando.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

John Carney, P.V. George, Antonia Bolanos, Patrick & Olga Thomas, Teresa Thomas, Frank & Carmen Testa.

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, Sadie Katherine Stewart, Leo Bel Geopano, Oscar Bressa, Olivia Tamayo. Lorna Bondoc, Baby Eve Carney, Carmel Testa, Luzviminda G Rivera & Alfonso Diaz.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on *Sunday the 6th of JULY at 3pm* in the *Mary MacKillop Hall*.

At least one representative from each group needs to be in attendance.

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 4th of JUNE 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 25th of MAY 2025
SUNDAY the 8th of JUNE 2025

PRIESTS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE
20th – 23rd MAY 2025

With most clergy away from Tuesday evening the 20th of May to Friday the 23rd of May, from Tuesday 7:00pm to Friday 9:15am there will be Communion Services in place of the Masses

Daily Mass will be available at six major churches in the Diocese:

1. St Nicholas of Myra Penrith on Wednesday and Thursday Mass at 9:30am. Friday Mass is 12:10pm.
2. St Patrick's Blacktown on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:00am.
3. Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:15am.
4. St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 12:30pm.
5. St Michael's Baulkham Hills on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:15am.
6. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:30am.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22-24 May

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Thursday 22 May at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We are approaching end of the financial year. Please let us know if you no longer wish to continue with the Planned Giving, by contacting Elizabeth in the Parish Office on 02 9625 8404 or email rootyhill@parracatholic.org. **For those wishing to contribute please fill in the blue card on the bench in the foyer of the Church.**

New envelopes will be available on Friday 4th July 2025.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

CHILDRENS SESSIONS:

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am - Mary MacKillop Hall

18TH OF MAY , 2025
1ST OF JUNE, 2025
15TH OF JUNE, 2025
25TH OF MAY, 2025
8TH OF JUNE, 2025

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

TUESDAY, 17th of JUNE & THURSDAY,19th of JUNE,

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

TUESDAY the 24th of JUNE, 2025 at 7:30pm
&
THURSDAY the 26th of JUNE, 2025 at 7:30pm

Tuesday Night the 20th of May, 2025, Mary's Little Children Community will have a Communion Service and Prayer in the Church at 7.00pm.

ROOM AVAILABLE

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

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

What is a dogma? What is doctrine?

1. **The word "dogma" means "truth"; and "doctrine" means "teaching."**
2. **Any truth taught by the Church as *"necessary of acceptance"* by the Faithful is doctrine.**
3. **Dogmas are those doctrines which the Church proposes for belief as *"formally revealed by God"*.**

What are the 4x Marian dogmas?

1. **Mary as Aeiparthenos, "Perpetual Virgin" – This dogma was defined at the Lateran Council of 649 AD and is expressed in 3 parts: Mary's virginal conception of Christ (CCC#396; 519); she was a virgin during and after her birth to Christ (CCC#510). Reference: Matthew 1:25; Luke 1:34; John 19.**
1. **Mary as Theotokos, "Mother of God" –This dogma was defined at the very city where Mary had lived for several years—at the Council of Ephesus in 431AD (CCC 495 and 509). Reference: Luke 1:35, 43. Luke 2:7.**
2. **The Immaculate Conception, "Full of Grace (Greek: Kecharitomene)" Mary was conceived without original sin was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854 (CCC 491-492; 508). Reference: Genesis 3:15 and Luke 1:26-31.**

Assumption of Mary into heaven, "Assumptio Beatae Mariae Virginis": Mary's body did not experience corruption but was taken up body and soul into heaven was defined as dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950 (see CCC 966, 974). Reference: Exodus 25: 1-40. Moses built the Arc of the Covenant. Revelation 11:19; 12; 21:1 and Hebrews 9:4. St John speaks of the Arc of the new Covenant, the "Woman", in heaven.

Mrs Precious TAMAYO -
Formation Facilitator & Coordinator

Please email catechism.corner@outlook.com if you have any questions you'd like to be answered, comments and suggestions, which will be discussed with the Parish Priest.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th & 25th of MAY 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Nati L	Justino G	Myriam A	Rita D	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Anthony P	Clarita R	TBA	Rosemarie E
Sun 9:00am	Micaela L	Angelo A	Juliet A	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Nora P	Fernando S P	Joshua S P	Sonny B	Beth K
Sun 5:30pm	Nati L	Ryan R	Emmanuel M	Sharon Q-C	Evelyn E

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th - 25th of MAY 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ethan Gian P	Micha Gian P	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Mathias F
Sun 10:30am	Angelina U	Mauryce P	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Euane B-D	Kava M	Thomas P-D

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd - 25th of MAY 2025

Group 5
Glenda S
Gregorio S
Joe G