St Aidan's Parish and Other News

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year C
24th & 25th of MAY 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

Precious Tamayo
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YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT:
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 or use QR Code

The Statues of St.Josemaria and St Joseph

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.
Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.
Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:
'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.
In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.
Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to Him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Lewis, Ramon N Rivera

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Ferdinand Brunner, P. V. George

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 S*unday 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

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.

Parking at the School Grounds

All parishioners please ENTER from Adelaide Street and please EXIT from Rooty Hill Road North

Thank you, Fr. Alan

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

CHILDRENS SESSIONS:

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am - Mary MacKillop Hall

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

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.

ROOM AVAILABLE

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

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

POSITIONS VACANT

- **Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta**

Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

August 16: https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/

November 15: https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA'S ADULT 35 YEARS+ JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE— Bookings close 31 May

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 31 May 2025, with a deposit of $800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 31st MAY & 1st of JUNE 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita D	Joel A	Terisita A	Myla P	David P
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Vena T	Clarita R	Lata S	Sen C
Sun 9:00am	Edith G	Beth K	Anna S	Lina V	
Sun 10:30am	Mary J B	Rizaldy G	Sonny B	Nora P	Mary B
Sun 5:30pm	Micaela L	Anthony P	Ryan R	Emmanuel M	Evelyn E

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 31st MAY & 1st JUNE 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Mathias F	Mauryce P	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Ethan Gian P	Micha Ewan P	Angelina U
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Euane B-D	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 30th of MAY - 1st of JUNE 2025

Group 6
June M
Maria G
Dennis G