St Aidan's Parish and Other News

The Ascension of the Lord
Year C
31st MAY &
1st of JUNE 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

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

FR ALAN'S FAREWELL

A farewell is planned for Fr Alan on Sunday the 29th of June 2025.
Fr Alan will say Mass at 10:30am.
Celebrations after Mass in the MacKillop Hall

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

IT's NOT too LATE to MAKE a DONATION

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'
Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'
As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.
'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Aurora Cakany, Remedios Jocson, Peregrena Atega, Aurora Fontanilla, Peter Lewis, Ramon N Rivera & George Rehani.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

P. V. George Pilar Malixi, Magdalena Malixi Lorna D'Souza, Mrs Dionicia Merenio, Frances Bartlet, Susan Rigor, Rita Taylor & Louisa Haliburn.

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 8th of JUNE 2025
SUNDAY the 22nd of June 2025

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (EXCERPT):

889 In order to preserve the Church in the purity of the faith, Christ conferred on the Church her share in His own infallibility.
890 It is the Magisterium's task to guarantee the objective possibility of professing the true faith without error. Christ endowed the Church's shepherds with the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and morals. The exercise of this charism takes several forms:

891 "The Roman Pontiff, head of the college of bishops, enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as teacher of all the faithful - who confirms his brethren in the faith, he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals. The infallibility is also present in the body of bishops when, together with Peter's successor, they exercise the supreme Magisterium," above all in an Ecumenical Council. When the Church's Magisterium proposes a doctrine "for belief as being divinely revealed," and as the teaching of Christ, the definitions "must be adhered to with the obedience of faith." This infallibility extends as far as the deposit of divine Revelation itself.

892 Divine assistance is also given to the bishops, teaching in communion with Peter, when, without arriving at an infallible definition and without pronouncing in a definitive manner, they propose in the exercise of the ordinary Magisterium a teaching that leads to better understanding of Revelation in matters of faith and morals. To this ordinary teaching the faithful "are to adhere to it with religious assent" which, though distinct from the assent of faith, is nonetheless an extension of it.
Compendium of the Catechism:
185. When is the infallibility of the Magisterium exercised? CCC 890-891Infallibility is exercised when the Roman Pontiff, in virtue of his office as the Supreme Pastor of the Church, or the College of Bishops, in union with the Pope especially when joined together in an Ecumenical Couicil, proclaim by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals. Infallibility is also exercised when the Pope and Bishops in their ordinary Magisterium are in agreement in proposing a doctrine as definitive. Every one of the faithful must adhere to such teaching with the obedience of faith.

Mrs Precious TAMAYO
Formation Facilitator & Coordinator
Email catechism.corner@outlook.com if you have any questions, comments and suggestions, which will be discussed with the Parish Priest

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

1ST OF JUNE, 2025

8TH 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

ST AIDAN'S EUCHARISTIC YOUTH

Bible Studies will be taking place this Sunday at 7pm in the Parish Centre after the 5:30pm Mass.

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

Location: Parish Centre
(enter via Rooty Hill Road North)
Young adults: 18-35 yrs old
Please bring your Bible, Catechism, journal, highlighters + pens!

Dear friends,

The Diocesan Healthcare Ministries Formation community is hosting a formation session for all parishioners interested in the Healthcare ministry of the Church at Sacred Heart parish, South Mt. Druitt on Saturday 14th June from 10:00 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.

All interested are invited to attend.

RSVP met@parracatholic.org

Enquiries - Deacon Dr. Michael Tan

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

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

Thank you, Fr. Alan

ROOM AVAILABLE

One bedroom available in Rooty Hill, female preferred.

Please contact Mrs. Cortes on 0421137953 for more information.

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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th & 8th of JUNE 2025

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

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th & 8th of JUNE 2025

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

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th - 8th of JUNE 2025

Group 7
Toanna
Samuel