



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

THE
EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS
Year C
13th & 14th
of
SEPTEMBER 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
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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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
Bible Studies is on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
of the Month at 7pm in the Parish Centre

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

14th of September & 21st of September
8.30am in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

PRACTICE SESSIONS

TUESDAY the 23rd of September &
THURSDAY the 25th of September

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Sunday the 28th of September
12:00pm & 3:00pm



Dear Parishioners,
The Legion of Mary will be organizing a morning tea after the 10:30am mass this weekend in celebration of the Nativity of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join in.
Thank you
Legion of Mary





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

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

FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers
When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he 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

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Mose lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Braeden Rodricks & Ildefonso dela Rosa

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Ramon Rivera & Fr Renato Paras

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, Luzviminda G Rivera & Adrian Magee.

SAVOUR (18+) Youth Bible Studies is happening **this SUNDAY**
14/9/2025 at 7pm in the Parish Centre.



Young adults from 18-35 are invited to come along on Sunday 14th Sept and learn about the truly remarkable life of St Joan of Arc, and why she is as relevant today as ever. Speaker Mark Buhagiar will lead the faith formation session at Sacred Heart Parish Hall (9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt) at 7pm, followed by free pizza, lucky door prize, and fellowship!
Call Mark with any questions on 0477 004 678.



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 1st OCTOBER 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 14th of SEPTEMBER 2025
SUNDAY the 21st of SEPTEMBER 2025

Mass Intentions

In accordance with the law of the Church, Priests are only permitted (under usual circumstances) to accept one intention for each Mass. This means that if a number of intentions are requested for one Mass the Priest can only accept one of those intentions and will offer Masses for the other intentions at a later time. As there is often a number of intentions requested for a Mass, Priests can accept one intention for that Mass but he can mention, if requested, the other intentions and request that the congregation pray for those intentions. If you would like to request Mass for an intention on a specific day and at a specific time, it is recommended that you arrange this with the Priest at least four weeks in advance as there are a large number of intentions and most Masses have an intention attached to them. Please also be aware that a Parish Priest or Parish Administrator has an obligation to offer one Mass on a Sunday *pro populo*, meaning "for the people". This means that he cannot accept any intention for that Mass as he is duty bound to offer the Mass for all parishioners. When requesting a Mass intention for the dead please clearly indicate whether you would like the name of the deceased to be printed in the parish bulletin or not. Additionally, if you do wish to have the name of the deceased printed in the parish bulletin, you must include your full name and telephone number, otherwise the intention cannot be printed.

Universal Prayer

Please be aware that the response to the intentions of the universal prayer following "Lord, hear us" is "Lord, hear our prayer" rather than "Lord, hear our prayers". The Universal Prayer, also known as the Prayer of the Faithful, is a single prayer but which includes a series of intercessions and as it is a single prayer the response is always "Lord, hear our prayer".

Gospel Acclamation and Mass Parts

If the Gospel acclamation is chanted in Mass the text must be as it is in the lectionary. This means that only the word "Alleluia" can be used. Variations on this such as "sing Alleluia to the Lord" or "Halle, halle, hallelujah" cannot be used as there is no right, including for a Priest or Bishop, to change any texts of the Mass. In accordance with diocesan policy, the Mass setting used for all chanted or sung parts of the Mass must be one approved by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the diocese and the Parish Priest. Examples of these Mass settings include the "Celtic Mass", "Mass of St. Francis" and "Mass Shalom". Copies of these Mass settings can be provided.

POLICY ON HIRING ANY OF OUR FACILITIES

Under the direction of the Diocese, if you are requesting to hire MacKillop Hall/Parish Centre for a function other than parish related meetings. You need to provide us with a "Certificate of Currency", for a *minimum of \$20 million Public Liability Insurance*. The Diocese has recommended an insurer that can assist in providing this insurance. For details, please contact the parish office. In consideration of rising costs, there will be a review of the fees to hire the MacKillop Hall and Parish Centre.

GROUPS USING THE MACKILLOP HALL OR PARISH CENTRE



If you are using these facilities over the weekend you will need to obtain the keys during office hours on the Friday between 10.00am - 4.30pm, and also return them during office hours on Tuesday 10.00am - 4.30pm. Thank you.

The First Church Collections plus donations from Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals

go directly towards supporting the various ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta, including the priest salary funds.

The Second Church Collection

goes directly into our Parish Account. This account is used for administrative expenses, repairs & maintenance, insurance, church supplies, wages, sacrament supplies, SRE resources, telephone, gas, electricity, rates.

Thank you for supporting our parish & the Catholic Church

Foreign Coins - Please respect the request of no foreign coins to be placed on the collection plates. Our Parish cannot bank these coins.

Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



I would like to invite anyone who would be interested in joining St Vincent De Paul society in our parish of Rooty Hill, if you have some spare time or are approaching retirement and would like to assist the needy in Rooty Hill please give me a call. Richard Hodge - 0417 298 104

NORTH & CENTRAL SINGLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA - CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

St Aidan's Parish Centre, Rooty Hill
Starting at 7pm on the 8th of August
Open to young Adults 18-35 years

Module 3: 19th Sept & 26th Sept

Living a Spirit-filled Christian Life

Contacts: Farah Sanosa - 0404 057 514

Alex Silvino - 0405 256 241

Daryl Onida - 0433 565 261

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - SUPPORTING OUR SENIOR PRIESTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO SERVE

Dear Parishioners, Thank you so much for your generous support of our Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

For those who haven't had a chance to support our ageing clergy, please complete the giving envelope located on the side table in the foyer of the Church or online at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.



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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 20th & 21st of SEPTEMBER 2025

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Rosie D	Joel A	Emmanuel M	Myla P	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Joy N	Linda L	Rosemarie E	Clarita R
Sun 9:00am	Celestine S	Fernando S P	Joshua S P	Nora P	Assunta
Sun 10:30am	Edith G	Emmanuel M	Aurora M	Mary B	Ryan R
Sun 5:30pm	Micaela L	Justino G	Sharon Q C	John Q	Anthony P

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 20th & 21st SEPTEMBER

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Kava M	Milan G	Ahok A
Sun 9:00am	Angelina U	Mathias F	Akeisha M
Sun 10:30am	Gabriel M	Vince B	Mikaela Rose I
Sun 5:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Euane B D

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 19th - 21st of SEPTEMBER 2025

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R