



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Pentecost  
Sunday  
Year A  
23rd & 24th  
of MAY 2026

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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

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:00pm  
Thursday 8:00pm - 9:00pm  
Friday 9:45am - 10:15am  
Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am  
4:00pm - 5:30pm

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, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022, please just click on this link <https://forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69> and fill in or you can scan this QR code.

## ROOTY HILL LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

Parents and Children of age 6-17yrs  
Every Friday 6pm-7pm Parish Centre

For more information contact Boy Torres on 0468 853 857

## ROOTY HILL PRAESIDIUM

Every Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm  
Parish Centre Small Room

## PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160

## FAITH FORMATION

Precious Tamayo

EMAIL: catechism.corner@outlook.com

## YOUTH

## YOUTH CONTACT:

Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544

EMAIL: staidans.eucharistic youth@gmail.com

## 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 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

Jeanette Holland - (02) 8882 0700

CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS

Paul Stenning - (02) 8886 9500

## 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

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Between the Ascension and Pentecost, the southern hemisphere celebrates the Week of the Prayer for Christian Unity. Please pray fervently in the coming week for the unity of Christians: Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.



# Pentecost Sunday

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MAY 2026

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

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

## FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

*'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'*

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

*'Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven:*

*for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'*

The Creed is said.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Ramos, Oliva Burney, Armando San Luis, Terisita Bernabe Abajar, Ivan Fitz, Pepito Mabagos, James McAlpin Short, Reynaldo Alovera, Angeles B Apostol, Felipe Paredes, Bernardita Paredes & Stephen Ross Ezzy.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Kuriachan EJ, Aurora Fontanilla, Peter Baker, Peter Baker, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Patrick & Olga Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Osita Pulido, Vivencia Reyes, Denis Monteiro, Stephen Monteiro, Felomino Pura, Salvador David Jr & Josie David

## 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: Elizabetta Srenko, Precious Tamayo, Peter Nathan, Maurice Wilkes, Joel de Leon & Grace Navarro Manuel.

## The Culture Project: Ministry Training in Love & Life

We're inviting young adults (18-35) to a 6-week training in love and life evangelisation, beginning 1st June on Monday evenings (7:00 - 9:30pm) at St. Aidan's Parish Centre. Grow in confidence in ministering to your peers, build life-giving relationships, and be equipped for mission as we create a culture of love and life! Registration is \$30.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to find out more: <https://forms.gle/WH1qUvZRXtTowBwyE8>



## 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 3rd of JUNE 2026**

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)

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE INSTRUCTION EVENING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH. GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

## OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 24th of MAY 2026

SUNDAY the 14th JUNE 2026

## BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Good Works Appeal. This Appeal supports Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your kindness provides the education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation our seminarians need as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope. Through this Appeal, our Diocese also supports vital ministries including Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, bringing care, hope, guidance and belonging across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.



## CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: 4 JUNE

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant [Eucharistic Procession](#) from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 4 June at 6pm. If you would like to get involved or learn more information about the event, contact [Fr Tom Green](#), Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

## ATTENTION ALL ST AIDAN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All Volunteers have been given a gold a4 envelope regarding Volunteer Safeguarding Forms to be filled in and returned to the office as soon as convenient. These are a few safeguarding requirements that need to be completed in line with Diocese of Parramatta policies. *Firstly*, please complete your Working With Children Check (WWCC) application using the link below. Once you have applied, you will receive a WWCC number—please forward this to us once available. If you have not held a WWCC before, you will also need to attend a Service NSW centre with identification to finalise the process. WWCC application: <https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply> *Secondly*, please review the Diocese of Parramatta Volunteer Handbook and sign and date page 25. This page confirms your understanding of, and commitment to, the safeguarding responsibilities expected of all volunteers within the parish. Once completed, please return a copy to us. In addition, all volunteers are required to complete *Mandatory Safeguarding Training*. This can be done online at your convenience via the link below. The training outlines important information regarding child safety, recognising and responding to concerns, and maintaining appropriate conduct within a parish setting. Safeguarding training: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/compliance-modules>

If you are unable to complete the training online, please let us know. Once your forms have been returned, Fr Matthew will arrange sessions within the parish to ensure you are able to meet this requirement. We understand that this may seem like a detailed process; however, these measures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people, and they are mandatory for all parishes within the Diocese. If you have any questions or need assistance with any part of the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office 02 9625 8404.

# Be The Witness

THE MUSICAL  
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND



An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed!

From 10-13 September, Parramatta Riverside Theatres will be ablaze with **Be The Witness**, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!**

But it's so much more than a musical.  
It's a movement!  
Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ.  
Who will you bring?

10 - 13 September

RIVERSIDE THEATRES, Parramatta



# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

## CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

Sunday mornings 8.30am - Mary MacKillop Hall  
24th MAY, 2026 31st MAY, 2026  
7th JUNE, 2026 14th JUNE, 2026

## PRACTICE SESSIONS

TUESDAY, 16th JUNE, 2026 &  
THURSDAY, 18th JUNE, 2026  
7.30pm in the Church

(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)

## SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026, 7.30pm  
(CONFIRMED by Very Rev Peter Williams AM VG)  
Thursday, 25th June, 2026, 7.30pm  
(CONFIRMED by Very Rev Peter Williams AM VG)

## ATTENTION ADORERS

We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following Adoration hours:

- Monday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Tuesday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Monday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm



Also, for those Adorers currently on the roster who intend to go on holidays, please provide at least two weeks' notice so that we can arrange replacements for your allocated hours. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA – MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Sunday 31 May, 2:00 pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
Join Bishop Vincent Long and Archbishop Charles Balvo (Apostolic Nuncio) for a celebratory Mass followed by afternoon tea in the courtyard. RSVP required at [parracatholic.org/40years](http://parracatholic.org/40years).

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECOLLECTION

For women in Western Sydney

**Tuesday, 16 June**  
**6:30**

**St Aiden's Catholic Church**  
**9 Adelaide St, Rooty Hill NSW**  
**2766**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

*A recollection is a time to step back from daily life, to renew our relationship with God, and to learn about how to love others better.*

### TIMETABLE

**6:30** Time for personal prayer and spiritual reading

**7:00** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**7:30** Meditation

**8:00** Benediction

**8:15** Talk

\*priest will be available for confession throughout

Contact: Isabel P

0424887994

[women@lowana.org.au](mailto:women@lowana.org.au)

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## PRO-LIFE RALLY OUTSIDE NSW PARLIAMENT: 2 JUNE

A pro-life rally is to be held outside NSW Parliament House at 6pm on June 2nd in support of a bill banning the practice of sex-selective abortion. A show of significant numbers will greatly help this cause as we advocate for the protection of all unborn children and particularly our baby girls who are especially vulnerable. They have no voice but ours. Please do all you can to attend and bring others with you. This will be a family friendly event.

More information can be found at: <https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/sydneyrallyforlife2026>

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 30th & 31st of MAY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Margaret T	Anthony P	Mary B	Rita D
Sun 7:30am	Agnes G M	Joy N	Linda N	Lata S
Selina V	Hazyl G	Lina V	Anna S	Micaela L
Sun 10:30am	Christopher S	Sonny B	Sharon Q C	Peter T
Sun 5:30pm	Nati L	Vena T	Pete	Loudy

### YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 30th & 31st of MAY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Samuel S	Milan G	Mauryce P
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Amelia S
Sun 10:30am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 5:30am	Erich D S	Kava M	Annie V

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th - 31st of MAY 2026

Group 2
Margaret T
Peter T
Ryan R