



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Sixth  
Sunday of  
Easter  
Year A  
9th & 10th 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.eucharisticyouth@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

## MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

This weekend, we give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and all women who nurture, guide, and care for others with love and generosity.

A special Mother's Day blessing will be offered at all Masses as we pray for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all maternal figures in our lives. We also remember with gratitude and prayer those mothers who have gone before us into eternal life.

May God continue to bless them with His love, strength, and peace.

CONFIRMATION  
REGISTRATION  
IS  
THIS  
WEEKEND



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A - 9th & 10th of MAY  
2026

## 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 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*They laid hands on them, and they received the  
Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed  
the Christ to them. The people united in  
welcoming the message Philip preached, either  
because they had heard of the miracles he  
worked or because they saw them for  
themselves. There were, for example, unclean  
spirits that came shrieking out of many who were  
possessed, and several paralytics and cripples  
were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing  
in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that  
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they  
sent Peter and John to them, and they went  
down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to  
receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not  
come down on any of them: they had only been  
baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then  
they laid hands on them, and they received the  
Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O  
sing to the glory of his name. O render him  
glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous  
your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall  
sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see  
the works of God, tremendous his deeds among  
men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they  
passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy  
then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.  
(R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will  
tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God  
who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his  
love from me. (R.)

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he  
was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and  
always have your answer ready for people who  
ask you the reason for the hope that you all  
have. But give it with courtesy and respect and  
with a clear conscience, so that those who  
slander you when you are living a good life in  
Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations  
that they bring. And if it is the will of God that  
you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing  
right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was,  
had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to  
lead us to God. In the body he was put to  
death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

## 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 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you  
another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my  
commandments. I shall ask the Father, and  
he will give you another Advocate to be with  
you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the  
world can never receive since it neither sees  
nor knows him; but you know him, because  
he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave  
you orphans; I will come back to you. In a  
short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me, because I live and you  
will live. On that day you will understand that  
I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments  
and keeps them will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by  
my Father, and I shall love him and show  
myself to him.'

## 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

Pepito Mabagos, James McAlpin Short,  
Reynaldo Alovera, Angeles B Apostol, Felipe  
Paredes, Bernardita Paredes, Lexie Fauvette,  
Patria Pacis, Jade Talavera, George Safein,  
Dario Tolentino, Bronia Flak & Francisca Baccay  
Aggabao

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Denis Monteiro, Stephen Monteiro, Carmen & Frank  
Testa & Family, Ramon Nolasco Rivera, Michael  
Vergara, Maryann Vergara, Myca Vergara,  
Roberto Camarines, Trinidad Puno & Leslie William  
Arthur Ellis.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Please make sure you Clearly write in block  
letters the name/s of the person/s and what the  
intention is (*Sick, Deceased, Commemorative Deceased*).  
No cursive writing please! If this is not clearly marked,  
unfortunately the names will not be able to be placed  
into the newsletter.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next parish council meeting will be  
on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm in the  
Mary MacKillop hall.  
All members are required to attend and  
parishioners are welcome to join.



**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 10th of MAY 2026**  
**SUNDAY the 24th of MAY 2026**

## MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

Celebrate Mother's Day by supporting our  
parish Eucharistic Youth Ministry!  
Roses will be available for purchase after  
Masses this weekend:

- 1 rose – \$6
- 2 roses – \$10
- 3 roses – \$15



Cash and card payments available.  
All proceeds will go towards future  
youth activities and events within the parish.  
*Thank you for supporting our young  
people!*

## 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://  
wwwcccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply](https://wwwcccheck.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](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.

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

## REGISTRATION

9th & 10th MAY

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

## PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING

THURSDAY 14th MAY - 7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

## CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

Sunday mornings 8.30am - Mary MacKillop Hall

17th MAY, 2026    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)

## Bishop's Good Works Appeal

### WEEKEND 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



## EARRINGS FOUND

If you have lost earrings, please call the Parish Office on 02 9625 8404 to describe them

## 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 10am - 4:30pm and also return them during office hours on Tuesday 10am - 4:30pm. Thank you.



## EXTENDED PENTECOST VIGIL

This year on the 23rd of May at 6pm our parish will celebrate the Extended Vigil of Pentecost, a more solemn form of the Pentecost Vigil Mass with additional Scripture readings preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit. During the Mass, our RCIA candidates will also be received into full communion with the Church. Please note that the liturgy is expected to run for approximately two hours.

## Mass Attendance Count (May Weekends)

In accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference*, our parish will be conducting a *count of Mass attendance over the four weekends of May*. This count will take place at all Vigil and Sunday Masses throughout the month. Designated volunteers will discreetly record the number of parishioners at each Mass. We kindly ask for your cooperation and understanding. The information gathered helps the Church to better understand participation in parish life and to plan for pastoral needs across the country. Thank you for your continued support and participation in our parish community.

## 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/WH1qUvZRXTowBwyE8>



## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th & 17th of MAY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	Justino G	Rita D	Sen C
Sun 7:30am	Mary B	Vena T	Lata S	Rosemarie E
Selina V	Nora P	David P	Edith G	Annie V
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Walter R	Evelyn E	Myla P
Sun 5:30pm	Darlene P D	Angelo A	Juliet A	John Q

### YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th & 17th of MAY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Mauryce P	Milan G	Angelina U
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Khristian G
Sun 10:30am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 5:30am	Thomas P D	Samuel S	Kava M

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 15th - 17th of MAY 2026

Group 7
Tonna
Samuel