



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

The Ascension  
of the Lord  
Year A  
16th & 17th  
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

## 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.

*Please join us afterwards for some light refreshments in the Mary MacKillop Hall*

## BIBLE STUDIES

Savour 18+ Bible  
Studies is on this Sunday  
at 7pm in  
the Parish  
Centre





# 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. 6-9. 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. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;

3. the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

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. (R.)

## 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 Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

*The Creed is said.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Ivan Fitz, Pepito Mabagos, James McAlpin Short, Reynaldo Alovera, Angeles B Apostol, Felipe Paredes & Bernardita Paredes.

### COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

John Carney, Felomino Pura, Felcy D' Souza, Valerian D'Souza, Ramon Nolasco Rivera, Trinidad Puno Michael Vergara, Maryann Vergara, Joseph Gatt, Grazio, Joe & Maryanne Bigeni, Roberto Jagoring Jaquania & Alfredo Jagoring.

### 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 Sremko, Precious Tamayo, Peter Nathan, Maurice Wilkes & Joel de Leon.

### 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.

### 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 24th of MAY 2026**  
**SUNDAY the 14th JUNE 2026**

### 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.

### 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://www.ccheck.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.

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION

## 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)*

## 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.

## 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>



## Bishop's Good Works Appeal This WEEKEND 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> MAY

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.



## 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.



## 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).

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd & 24th of MAY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Mary B	Joy N	Linda N	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	Clarita R
Selina V	Rita D	Sonny B	Rizaldy G	Joshua S P
Sun 10:30am	Mary C	Justino G	Nora P	Walter R
Sun 5:30pm	Hazyl G	Angelo A	Juliet A	Nati L

## YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd & 24th of MAY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Aalyah P	Kava M	Mathias F
Sun 9:00am	Vlanney T	Rosa T	Jennifer T
Sun 10:30am	Angelina U	Mauryce P	Jabez Ruphael C
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Erich D S	Samuel S

## Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd - 24th of MAY 2026

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R