



Parish And Other News



General Directory - 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill N.S.W. 2766.

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY and FRIDAY CLOSED
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 10.00am - 4.30pm.

WEEKEND/WEEK DAY MASSES

Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am
 Monday: 9.00am
 Tuesday: 9.15am
 Wednesday: 9.15am; 7.00pm
 Thursday: 9.15am
 Friday: 9.15am & 7.00pm
 Saturday: 9.00am.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES ONLY

WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

Please use this link to watch St. Aidan's Daily Mass at anytime during the day.

Live streaming times are:-

Sunday 9.00am
 Monday 9:00am
 Tuesday 9:15am
 Wednesday 9.15am
 Thursday 9.15am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPTdVQ/live

Terence Smith youtube.com

YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT: Lawrence Jadraque 0422 149 558

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

8.00pm-9.30pm every THURSDAY
4pm-5pm every SATURDAY

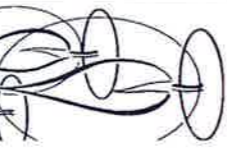
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By Appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

At least six months notice required, plus birth, baptism certificates.

PERSONNEL



Parish Priest: Fr. Alan Layt

Assistant Priest: Fr. Galbert Albino

Deacon: Jerome Emmanuel

Parish Secretary: Mrs Elizabeth Idaszak

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Parish Sacristans

Stan Pakulski / Justice of the Peace 0417 428 875

Michael Piliae

Sacramental Co-ordinators

To contact please ring Parish Office



PRINCIPALS:

St. Aidan's Primary

Mrs Marian Bell

(02) 8886 9800;

St. Agnes Catholic High School

Ms Lisa-Maree Browning

(02)8882-0700;

Loyola Senior High School

Mrs Cathy Larkin

(02) 9832-4455.



SUNDAY MASSES IN THIS CHURCH

A congregation can be no larger than 225.

We have a large number of parishioners and could easily exceed the 225 mark at many Masses.

SO PLEASE BOOK IN BEFORE COMING to 9.00am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday.

Bookings for weekends

IN DECEMBER INCLUDING DAWN AND CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

will commence again on Tuesday, 15th DECEMBER, 2020,

please call Parish Office (02 9625 8404) on the days below to book.

TUESDAY:

10am-12 noon

1.30pm-4.30pm

WEDNESDAY:

11am-12noon

1.30pm-4.30pm.

Preference is being given to daily mass attendees and

those people actively involved in ministries in the parish and their families.

Remember you are still not obliged to come to Sunday Mass.

The Bishop has given us this exemption from the obligation for the duration of the Covid19 Pandemic.

THE DIOCESE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDING THAT FACE MASKS BE WORN AT ALL MASSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING

IS 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord. The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LK 1:46-50. 53-54. R. IS 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. ***(R.)***
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. ***(R.)***
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING

1 THES 5:16-24

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

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid

every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

IS 61:1 (LK 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 1:6-8. 19-28

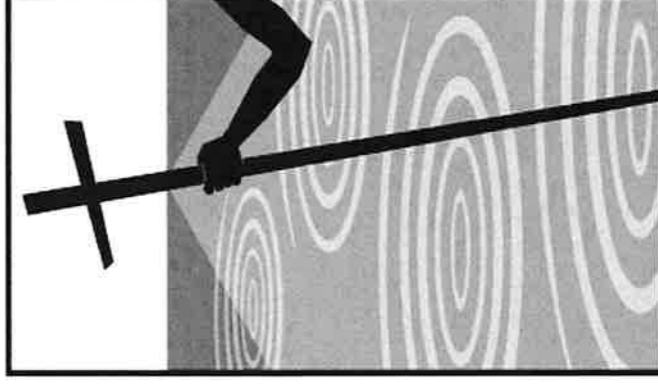
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.



DURING THE WEEK
PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED
FOR THE FOLLOWING:-

Please remember in your prayers recently deceased, Magdalena Malixi, Lydia Astley, Rose Mercado Torres, Belen Autencio, Ma. Lourdes Autencio, Oscar Estacio.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Felix Buenavista, Beatriz Buenavista, Vicente Buenavista, Veronica Tecson, Jaime A Bucayan, Corazon Bucayan, Christopher Moore, George & Madeline Carvana, Frederick Farquharson, Antonette Haliburn, Faith Fitzpatrick-Browne, Terence Fitzpatrick-Browne Milagros Oca, Leslie Clarke.

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 Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, especially, Jasmin Fray Prada, Mai Mascarenas, Teresita Rivera, Ian Foster, Katarzyna Haladus, Trevor Chav, James Nicole De Jesus, Rose Anne Guevara, Jone Cabrera, Talavao, Ray Leguinn, Sr Josefina, Tina Niutao, Rose Anne Guevara, Romeo Susi, Mark Eric Young, Ramona.

CONFESSIONS

I know many people have not been using this Sacrament nearly as much as they should.



So we will add 8.00pm - 9.30pm of a Thursday night to our confession times.

If you come between 8.00pm and 9.30pm on Thursday **EXCEPT FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS EVE.**

you will find me in the Church waiting for you. Fr. Alan

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMS AT ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH
WILL BE HELD EVERY 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 12.00PM



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Wednesday, 6th JANUARY, 2021
7.30pm Parish Centre Rooty Hill Road North Rooty Hill
(Please fill in 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.



NEXT BAPTISM

2nd SUNDAY - 13th DECEMBER, 2020
4th SUNDAY - 27th DECEMBER, 2020

ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

FIRST RITE: Saturday, 19th December, 2020
9.30am-10.30am, 3.00pm-5.00pm

FIRST RITE: Tuesday, 22nd December, 2020
9.45am-10.30am, 3.30pm-5.00pm

FIRST RITE: Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020
7.30pm-9.30pm

FIRST RITE: Thursday, 24th December, 2020
9.45am-10.45am, 3.00pm-4.30pm

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY December 16th, 2020 through to
Tuesday, 24th December, 2020 4.30am
DAWN MASS

THURSDAY CHRISTMAS EVE,
24th December, 2020
6.00pm Vigil
11.00pm Carols

FRIDAY, 25th December, 2020
12.00am MIDNIGHT MASS
7.30am Morning Mass
9.00am Morning Mass
10.30am Morning Mass

SATURDAY, 26th December, 2020
9.00am Morning Mass
Vigil 6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY, 27th December, 2020 -
Feast of the Holy Family
7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am Masses

MONDAY, 28th December, 2020
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY, 29th December, 2020
9.15am Mass

WEDNESDAY, 30th December, 2020
9.15am Mass & 7.00pm Mass

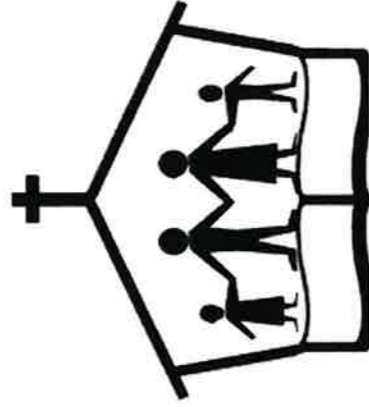
THURSDAY, 31st December, 2020
9.15am Mass & 7.00pm Mass
Feast of Mary the Mother of God

FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 2020 (NEW YEARS DAY)
9.15am Morning Mass , 7.00pm Evening Mass

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY AT THIS TIME:

As you would be aware with the closing down of our Churches, the financial support of our parish is now very different. The parish is receiving very limited income at this time. We are very appreciative of those who continue to drop in envelopes each week and also those who are taking advantage of online contributions. As we continue to receive our expenses each week, it is important, that, if it is at all possible, parishioners continue to offer their financial support to our parish family. This can be done **ELECTRONICALLY VIA Internet banking to St. Aidan's Church, Rooty Hill NSW 2766**, you can make a **direct deposit into our account**. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will help meet the upkeep needs of our Parish.

The details are as follows:-



Name of Bank: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 067 950
Account Number: 00000529
Account Name: Rooty Hill Catholic Church
Reference: YOUR NAME IN FULL



St. Aidan's Piety stall

*Our Piety Stall will be open every
Sunday from 9am - 12.00 noon.*

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We now have available

Donation Point in the Church

where you can **TAP YOUR CARD** and **GO**.

Just place your card as shown on the machine and **\$5.00** will be donated to St. Aidan's Church from your account.

***The machine is located
in the gathering area of the Church.***

**ST AIDAN'S PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 2020 and
REOPEN on TUESDAY, 5th JANUARY, 2021**

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

WELCOME TO THE WELL

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', The Well is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every

week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE SUMMER 2020/ 21 EDITION

Catholic Outlook Summer edition is out now and free to all parishioners. Read about our amazing HSC students, the new bells of St Patrick's Cathedral and how the new Vatican Ambassador who originates from Castle Hill is settling in. Plus what the symbols of Advent really mean. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on the Diocese of Parramatta website (www.parracatholic.org), on Catholic Outlook (www.catholicoutlook.org) and on our Diocesan social media channels. Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta!

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES IS STILL OPEN

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collection of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.