

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



DIocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant:

Parish Secretary – Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath – Applications close 15 January 2021. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP 2021 LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 in early February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar at your parish. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

St. Aidan's Pietystall



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



FAVORite
 Carpet, Tiles & Grout Cleaning Service
 Domestic & Commercial
 Free quote: 04 1721 0403



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
 EMAIL: staidans.eucharistic youth@gmail.com

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
 Phone: (02) 9625-8404.
 Fax: (02) 9677-0973.

Email: staidanschurch@bigpond.com
 Website: <https://rootyhillparish.org.au>

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 130 inside and 20 outside.
 We have a large number of parishioners and could easily exceed the 150 mark at many Masses.
SO PLEASE BOOK IN BEFORE COMING to 9.00am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday.

Bookings for weekends IN JANUARY, 2021 will commence again on Tuesday, 5th JANUARY, 2021. 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.

If you have been coming regularly to a Sunday Mass but have failed to book for the 27th December or 3rd January, you may come without having booked.
 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

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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

FIRST READING

IS 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. SEE V.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. *(R.)*
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

EPH 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of

the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



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

Please remember in your prayers recently deceased, Natividad Santos, Daniel Rosario Aurelia Amparado Santos, Rolado Cruz.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Friedericke Brunner, Mr & Mrs Victor Caccam, Paul Bonanno, Abraham Poothambra, Joe Testa, Alfred Testa, Doris Cassar, Souls in Purgatory, Trinidad Nacua, Rodolfo Hollero, Daisy & Allwyn Assey, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Palepa Roache, Tony Mikosic, Ilse & Fritz Pritting.

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, Grozdana Maric Manalo, 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 you will find me in the Church waiting for you. *Fr. Alan*

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
CATECHISTS NEEDED**

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist in 2021 and helping out in the local State Schools, please contact St. Aidan's Church on (02) 9625 8404. *God Bless Fr. Alan*

**ST AIDAN'S
PARISH OFFICE
WILL REOPEN**

on

TUESDAY, 5th JANUARY, 2021

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 - 10th JANUARY, 2021
4th SUNDAY - 24th JANUARY, 2021**