

**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



**FILM FESTIVAL AT ST. AIDAN'S  
Sydney International  
Catholic Film Festival**

This year our parish, along with three other parishes in the Sydney Archdiocese, will be hosting the film festival.

The films will be screened in the Mary MacKillop Hall, subject to current restrictions.

**Love & Mercy – Faustina.**  
20th February 7:00pm & 21st February  
6:30pm.

**"L'Apotre" (The Apostle).**  
27th February 7:00pm & 28th February  
6:30pm.

**Fatima.**  
6th March 7:00pm & 7th March 6:30pm.

**Otto Neururer: Hope through Darkness.**  
(MA15+)  
13th March 7:00pm & 14th March 6:30pm.

**DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021**

**FIRST CONFESSION**

**REGISTRATION:**  
13th-14th FEBRUARY, 2021  
**SACRISTY in the Church**  
after all the weekend Masses

**PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:**  
Thursday, 18th FEBRUARY, 2021  
7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

**CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:**  
Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall  
21st FEBRUARY, 2021 28th FEBRUARY, 2021  
7th MARCH, 2021 14th MARCH, 2021

**PRACTICE SESSIONS:** Tuesday 16th MARCH, 2021 &  
Thursday 18th MARCH, 2021  
7.30pm in The CHURCH

**SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:**  
Tuesday 23rd MARCH, 2020 7.30pm in CHURCH  
Thursday 25th MARCH, 2020 7.30pm in CHURCH

**CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM**

(Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews  
Road, Varroville NSW 2566)

A brochure showing retreats available at the Carmelite Monastery in Varroville is available in the front of the Church.

You should try to make a retreat if you are able to and there are several options here. God Bless Fr. Alan.

**TO OUR PARISH SUPPORTERS OF THE  
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Vinnies is proud to announce the 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation program (MVFP) for students in Years 4-6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>



*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 5.30pm  
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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPTdVQ/live)  
Terence Smith youtube.com

**YOUTH CONTACT:** Lawrence Jadraque 0422 149 558

**EMAIL:** [staidans.eucharistic youth@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.eucharistic youth@gmail.com)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
8.00pm-9.00pm 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](mailto: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 226 during the 2 square metre rule.**  
**SO PLEASE BOOK IN BEFORE COMING** to the 9am or 10.30am Sunday morning masses ONLY.  
We have made some changes to encourage you to come back to Mass. We will now have a SUNDAY MASS at 5.30pm.

You can book for all Sundays this month and first two weeks in March, by calling the Parish Office on (02) 9625 8404 preferably on the days below.

TUESDAY: 10am-12 noon 1.30pm-4.30pm  
WEDNESDAY: 11am-2pm

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.  
**FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AT ALL MASSES**

**PLANTS FOR SALE AT  
10 Farrington St Minchinbury.**  
Please call Nelly 0425 223 108



Cherry Tomatoes - from \$3,  
Papaya trees - from \$5,  
Hass Avocado trees from \$10  
Lemon grass, Dama de Noche,  
Duranta Geisha Girl, Roses, succulent plants, etc.  
Get free cuttings of rosemary and mints.



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**FIRST READING** **LV 13:1-2. 44-46**

A reading from the book of Leviticus  
*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PS 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. V.7**

**(R.)** *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

**1 COR 10:31 – 11:1**

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

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **LK 7:16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** **MK 1:40-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

Please remember in your prayers recently deceased, Roel Siacor, Jeffrey Calonge, Theresa Joseph, Connie Dumaguing, Julius Cebrano, Corazon Ocampo, Leon Pedzik, Bishop Robinson, Bishop Phillip Wilson, Bishop Tartaglia.

**COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED**

Pavica Kusturic, Christopher Ryan Pineda, Feliza Regala, Aquilino Guinto, Waclaw Adamcewicz, All Souls in purgatory.

**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, Eugene Champion, Yolanda Sausa Lopez, Josep G.B., Grozdana Maric Manalo, Jasmin Fray Prada, Mai Mascarenas, Teresita Rivera, 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 - 9.00pm 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*

**CHRIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP**

will be hosting the Lenten sessions starting on Wednesday 17th February at 10 am in the Parish Centre, booklets provided.

All Welcome to come and join us as we explain the Gospel and come closer in our relationship with Jesus.



For more information contact: *Mary Testa 0403302283.*

**St. Aidan's Pietystall**



**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 **\$10.00** will be donated to

St. Aidan's Church from your account.

Please make sure that your card has registered before touching the machine again otherwise it doesn't work.

**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*

**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, 3rd MARCH, 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 - 14th FEBRUARY, 2021**

**4th SUNDAY - 28th FEBRUARY, 2021**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - 17TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

**MASS TIMES ARE:**

**6.30AM - 9.15AM - 7.00PM - 8.30PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**2 square metre rule applies in churches on the 17th February, please do not come to the evening Masses unless you have booked in.**

**You can book in Tuesday or Wednesday as you do for the Sunday Masses.**

*Thank you Fr. Alan*