

**HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY 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

We also 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 machines are located in the gathering area of the Church.*

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**

**Positions Vacant:**

Parish Office Coordinator - St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong

Applications close 10pm Sunday 4 December 2022

More details at:

[parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**FIRSTCPR TRAINING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!**

The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit

<https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: 28 NOVEMBER**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a celebration of Mass to honour our loved ones who have taken their lives on Monday 18 November at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. RSVP for catering purposes and more information to Rita Chater on (02) 8843 2500 or email [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: 7 DECEMBER**

The Catholic Women's League, Diocese of Parramatta, invites you to its fun and friendly Christmas Luncheon at St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, on Wednesday 7 December from 12noon. The lunch will be \$20 a head, with the Catholic Women's League subsidising most of the cost. For any enquiries, and to book individually or a table, please contact Lyn on 0412 689 261.

**ST BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS**

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or

[admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

**PATRICIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE BLACKTOWN ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown, has a small number of vacancies for Year 7 2023 and is accepting early applications for 2024. Contact the College Enrolment Department for more information on (02) 8811 0300, email [patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au) or <https://forms.gle/ANccWVNQBZjQ4pSD6>

**St. Aidan's Church Serving Roster for next weekend - 3rd & 4th of December 2022**

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Angelo Armas	Stan Pakulski	Juliet Armas	Edgardo Pestano
Sunday 7:30am	Maribeth De Leon	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Elvi Yambot	David Portelli	Mary Bringera	Ime Taateo
Sunday 10:30am	Aurora Aranda	Sonny Balido	Rita De Stefano	Jennifer Fernandes
Sunday 5:30pm	Nora Piliae	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	TBA

Dear Lectors, Acolyte's and Special Ministers, Rosters for January through to March 2023 are ready for pick up in the Sacristy and will be emailed though as well. Thank you and God Bless.

FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
YEAR A  
26th & 27th  
of  
NOVEMBER  
2022

**St Aidan's Parish  
and Other News**



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt  
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Galbert Albino  
 Deacon: Jerome Emmanuel  
 Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak  
 Phone: (02) 9625 8404  
 Email: [staidanschurch@bigpond.com](mailto:staidanschurch@bigpond.com)  
[rootyhill@parracatholic.org](mailto:rootyhill@parracatholic.org)  
 Website: <http://rootyhillparish.org.au>

**PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 10:00am - 4:30pm

**WEEKLY MASSES**

Monday: 9.15am  
 Tuesday: 9:15am  
 Tuesday: 7:00pm Charismatic Mass (Mary's Little Children) All are Welcome  
 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

**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:-

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY\\_VjPTdVQ/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPTdVQ/live)  
 Terence Smith youtube.com

**ST AIDANS PARISH LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM**  
 Parents and Children of age 6-16 years  
 6:00pm-7:00pm- Every Friday at St Aidan's Parish Centre.  
 For more information please call  
 Fr Alan Layt on (02) 9625 8404  
 or Boy Torres on 0468 853 857

**PARISH SACRISTAN**

Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208

**ASSISTANT SACRISTAN**

Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

**YOUTH**

YOUTH CONTACT: Maelody Gevero: 0426 263 081

Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544

EMAIL: [staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com)

**JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

Every 1st Sunday of the Month 11:30am-2:00pm

In the Mary Mackillop Hall

**ST AIDANS YOUTH**

Every 3rd Friday of the Month 7:30pm-9:00pm

In the Parish Centre

**YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION**

Every 4th Friday of the Month 7:30pm-9:30pm

In the Parish Centre

**SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATORS**

To make contact please ring the Parish office  
 During operating hours

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Thursday 8.00pm-9.00pm

Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm

**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**

Mrs Marian Bell  
 (02) 8886 9800

**ST. AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Mrs Janette Holland  
 (02) 8882 0700

**LOYOLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Mrs Cathy Larkin  
 (02) 9832 4455



**BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND  
 26<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service. No one should be homeless or without support.

Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

**ADVENT**

**NEW LITURGICAL  
 YEAR BEGINS**

Sunday cycle A,  
 weekday cycle 1



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.  
*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)*  
*is NOT said.*

**FIRST READING** Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*  
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'  
He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*The time has come, our salvation is near.*  
You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Stay awake, you must be ready.*  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.  
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'  
**The Creed is said.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Riden Mark Dojoles, Josip Urban, Roxanne Cavanagh, Juanito Chavez, Oscar De Leon, Louisa Haliburn, Anthony Joseph Jusudason, Rosevida Demerin & Jose Briones.

**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, Jose Rommel, Jo Rhee, Mrs Tara Ram, Mrs Joanne Rhee, Geronimo Zaragoza Amy Fitz, Gloria D Amarilla, Cecilia Bautista, Pika Taateo, John Carney, Katarzyna Haladus, Jasmin Fray Parada, Stipe Mlinaric, Myra Chavez, Alma Espina, Virginia Casinto, Amy Fitz, Josefina Wiggins, Logan Sebastian Cruz, Romeo Susi, Marichu Walker, Reynaldo B Ramos, Rosie Frago, Rommel S Santos, Myra Chavez, Boyet Llave, Walter Roberts Sr., Mrs S Outschoorn, Felise Faleono, Ravneet Ram, Nenita Gonzales, Manase Fifita, Milagros Felizando & Cecilia Bautista.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Please make sure you clearly write the name/s of the person/s and what the intention is (Sick, Deceased, Commemorative Deceased). If this is not clearly marked, unfortunately the names will not be able to be placed into the newsletter.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**BAPTISMS 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 7th of DECEMBER**

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). 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.**

**OUR NEXT BAPTISMS**

**SUNDAY the 27th of NOVEMBER 2022**  
**SUNDAY the 11th of DECEMBER 2022**



PERPETUAL  
ADORATION  
EXPRESSION  
OF  
INTEREST



If you are interested in participating in our Perpetual Adoration, please click on this link <https://forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69> and fill in or you can scan this QR code.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION NEWS**

**IF YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED SO FAR COULD YOU PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE PARISH AT [staidanschurch@bigpond.com](mailto:staidanschurch@bigpond.com).**

In that email could you tell us your name, phone number, the block of hours you volunteered for and the hour or hours (if you are flexible as to which hour you can do). We all must remember that in volunteering we were responding to two questions from Jesus:

*"Do you love Me?"*  
*"Will you spend one hour with Me?"*

Remember, God is my Father, who really loves me as His own child. Jesus is my closest friend who loves me with all the divine madness of His heart. The Holy Spirit is my consoler who guides me every step along the way. When we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we are doing something which affects the whole world for the good. After the mass it is one of the greatest expressions of a real love of our neighbour.

Jesus has called you to be closer to Him, He wants to fill us with His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Remember you have been invited by Jesus, we must never turn away because we think it may be too hard. On the cross Jesus opened His arms to embrace all men and women, let Him embrace you. Now is not the time, having put your hand to the plough, to look behind you and lose the invaluable gift being offered to you.

*Yours in Jesus and Mary Fr Alan .*



**"QUO VADIS?"**  
**PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME:**  
**5 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2023**

At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next year.

Our pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St Peter. Details are available for download via [this link](#) or the QR code.

If you need further details, please contact Fr Wim on 0409908361 or email [wim.hoekstra@parractholic.org](mailto:wim.hoekstra@parractholic.org)