

### 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.*



You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts.

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961.

Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program (January 7 - 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas Completing a further four days (January 12 - 15) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

### DIocese of Parramatta Notices

#### Positions Vacant:

Parish Office Coordinator (part-time) - St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong - Applications close 10pm Sunday 4 December 2022

Parish Bookkeeper (part-time) - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville - Applications close 10pm Tuesday 6 December.

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### MARSDEN PARK FAITH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS: 10 DECEMBER

You are invited to join the St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park, for their annual Christmas Carols event on 10 December, 6.30 to 8.30pm, at St Luke's Catholic College, Frontier Ave, Marsden Park. Raffle tickets are \$2 each (1st prize \$1,000 cash)! There will also be food and drinks for sale, games for the kids, and a visit from the man in red!

### BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December, 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A  
 3rd & 4th of DECEMBER 2022

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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### 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

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 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

### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th & 11th of December 2022

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Justino Gutierrez	Teresita Apostol	Myriam Amarilla
Sunday 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Anthony Pereira	Walter Roberts	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Susan Ringo-Parsons
Sunday 10:30am	Mary Bringera	Ramie Tirol	Rita De Stefano	Sean Custodia
Sunday 5:30pm	Elvi Yambot	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 9th - 11th of December 2022

Group 2	Crawelee M. Dela Cruz	Cassidy Dizon	Rowena Dizon
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### EARLY DAWN MASSES

Early Dawn Masses will be held here at St Aidan's Parish from Friday the 16th of December at 4:30am, through to the 24th of December 2022.

All are Welcome to attend.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council meeting will be held this coming Tuesday the 6th of December 2022 in the Parish Centre. All members are requested to attend this end of year meeting please.

Thank you Fr Alan, Parish Priest

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Mass on Wednesday, 14th of December, 2022. Will be at 7:30pm for this day Only.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - MASS DURING THE DAY - YEAR A - 3rd & 4th of DECEMBER 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)  
is NOT said.

FIRST READING Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*He judges the poor with justice.*  
A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

- 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 the earth's bounds. (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.)
- May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*Christ, the hope of all people.*  
Everything that was written long ago in the  
scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from  
the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give  
up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we  
refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other,  
following the example of Christ Jesus, so that  
united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other  
in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason  
Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only  
so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to  
the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to  
God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I  
shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all  
people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*  
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached  
in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he  
said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for  
the Lord, make his paths straight.  
This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with  
a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts  
and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the  
whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as  
they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they  
confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of  
Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said  
to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from  
the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant,  
produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to  
tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father,"  
because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham  
from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots  
of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce  
good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I  
baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who  
follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit  
to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will  
clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the  
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never  
go out.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Francisco Estrella, Paul & Josephine Cortis, Christopher  
Pineda, Jessy Abraham, Juanita Cordero, Fr Renato Paras,  
Joseph Gatt, Rita Hili, Susan Rigor, Teresa Valencia Layug,  
Wilbert S. Villarete, Paul & Josephine Cortis, Oscar D'Cruz,  
Frank & Carmen Testa and Family & Leodegario Coqtas.

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, Mary Mallett, Lydia Maalat,  
Tessie Demanuel & Fe Spliet.

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 11th of DECEMBER 2022  
SUNDAY the 18th of DECEMBER 2022



PERPETUAL  
ADORATION NEWS

- Perpetual Adoration in this parish is scheduled to  
begin at 1.00pm on Sunday 20 November, the feast of  
Christ the King.
- This week the organizer's of the Adoration have  
been ringing and sending SMS messages to those who  
volunteered to be an adorer of Jesus in the Blessed  
Sacrament.  
They have, however, been meeting problems. People are  
not answering or responding to SMS messages. We need to  
know, in the block of time that you volunteered for, what  
hour you would like and on what day of the week. We also  
need to know if you are flexible and happy to do your hour  
at another time in the week or are willing to do any or some  
hours on other days of the week. This will make rostering the  
adoration much easier.

Would you please check your phone. It may have a setting  
that blocks all unknown numbers, or you may need to check  
your spam folder.

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 .*



PERPETUAL  
ADORATION  
EXPRESSION OF  
INTEREST

If you are interested in participating in our  
Perpetual Adoration which will begin on  
Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at 1.00pm just  
click on this link  
<https://forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69> and  
fill in or you can scan this QR code.