

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 or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2023

"Victory of the Cross"

Come and begin the new year with Christ and, like Mary, let us magnify the Lord. Join us for 10 days of prayer, daily Mass, awesome speakers, mission, recreation and much more.

DATE: 1-10 January 2023

LOCATION: NEGS (New England Girl's School), 13-83 Uralla Road, Armidale NSW 2350

COST: For 15-35 year olds = \$490

COST FOR FAMILIES AND 35+ (from 5th Jan, 2023)

\$310 (adults & teens 16+)

\$290 (12-15 year olds)

\$200 (4-11 year olds)

Donation (3 years and under)

Cost includes accommodation and all meals

Register Now! (Close 20th December, 2022)

sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims

For more info, search

"The Sisters of the Immaculata" on Facebook

2022 CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta.

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th & 18th of December 2022

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palermo-Dabbagh	Dave Santos	Rita De Stefano	John Quiroz
Sunday 7:30am	Monica Flores	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Angelo Armas	Ramie Tirol	Juliet Armas	Cheryl Machado
Sunday 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Gertrude Elmo
Sunday 5:30pm	Aurora Aranda	Sanele Vaasili	Edgardo Pestano	TBA

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th - 18th of December 2022

Group 3	Chryzshamel Prudencio	Ryan Rozario	----
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THIRD
SUNDAY OF
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YEAR A
10th & 11th
of
DECEMBER
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
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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
 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

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

The Parish Office will be closed from the 24th of December 2022 to the 3rd of January 2023

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
 Mass on Wednesday the 14th of December will be at 7:30pm for this day only.

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

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

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 35:1-6, 10**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
God himself will come and save us.
Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

- (R.) Lord, come and save us.
- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
 - It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind

who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
 - It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING **Jas 5:7-10**

A reading from the letter of St James
*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the
Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think
of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious
fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains
and the spring rains! You too have to be patient;
do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will
be soon. Do not make complaints against one
another, brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be
seen waiting at the gates. For your example,
brothers, in submitting with patience, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL **Mt 11:2-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait
for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was
doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are
you the one who is to come, or have we got to
wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go
back and tell John what you hear and see; the
blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are
raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed
to the poor; and happy is the man who does not
lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to
talk to the people about John: 'What did you go
out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying
in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to
see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those
who wear fine clothes are to be found in
palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a
prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:
Look, I am going to send my messenger before
you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell
you solemnly, of all the children born of women,
a greater than John the Baptist has never been
seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he is.'

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rommel S Santos, Nelia Stynes, Elsie Nallos
& Calisto R Cataquiz.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Emilia Kowalczyk, Teodoro & Emma Sibulo,
Marison Mascarenas & Joseph Gatt.

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 4th of JANUARY

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 began on the 20th
November, the Feast of Christ the King, and has now been
running for three weeks. I would sincerely like to thank all
of our adorers for the commitment they have shown for
this adoration. I'm sure that Jesus is very pleased with
everyone who adores Him, especially those who are
committed to this on a regular basis.
- We must try to understand what we are doing when we
commit to adoring the Blessed Sacrament on a regular
basis. It's easy to see this from a human perspective that I
am responding to those two questions that I mentioned
earlier:
"Do you love Me?"
"Will you spend one hour with Me?" by freely choosing to
adore Jesus. It is your free choice to respond to His love for
you by loving Him in this way in return.
- This is perfectly true but it is not a fully supernatural
perspective. Such a perspective tries to see what you are
doing from God's standpoint.
- Firstly we love Him because the love of God has been
poured into our heart with the gift, by the Father and the
Son, of the Holy Spirit to us.
- It is this same Spirit who has moved us to love Jesus in
this particular way. A way that is a great gift.
- In a real sense Jesus has invited us to spend one hour
with Him, conversing with Him face to face, regularly every
week.
- This is an extraordinary act of love on His part. How
many people does He personally invite to do this? You
could say everyone, which is true, but in you His grace has
brought about an effective free response of; "Yes, I want to
spend one hour with You."
- More than ever, now that you have chosen to love Jesus
in this way, having laid your hand to the plough, you do
not look behind you. You don't count the cost, you simply
plough straight ahead.

Some Practical Issues

- * Afternoons from 12.00 to 2.00pm are proving a little
difficult to fill, as are Saturday and Sunday evenings. If you
have accepted an hour in these time-slots please let your
captain know if you can't make it or are experiencing
difficulties doing it every week.
- * Please be on time. The adorers before you can't be
expected to stay because someone is late.
- * Your captains will be calling or messaging to remind you
of when you are rostered so please don't become annoyed
by this.
- * With the Christmas season coming, if you're going to be
away please let your captains know. We will have to
muddle through this period but we need to know in
advance.
- * Remember to see this as your appointment with Jesus. it
is the most important appointment you will have all week.
God bless you all and thank you. Fr Alan



PERPETUAL ADORATION
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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