

### 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.*

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022)

sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims For more info, search "The Sisters of the Immaculata" on Facebook

### SAVE THE DATE - PARISH OF RICHMOND ST PAUL'S FEAST: 21 JANUARY 2023

Plans are underway for the Parish of Richmond's 2023 Annual St Paul's Feast. Please save the date and spread the word. More information to come soon. The Parish relies on the hands of many to continue the St Paul's Feast tradition. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Vicki on 0410 545 783.

### DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

### SAVE THE DATE - MEMORIAL MASS OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: 19 FEBRUARY 2023

You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Sunday 19 February at 2pm at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

### DIOCESAN FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR REFUGEES

Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of Refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. You can organise a food and toiletries drive in your parish, school or workplace, or make a cash donation to support JRS and HoW. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th & 8th of January 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Romeo Aranda	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amarila	Evelyn Estacio
Sunday 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Mary Bringera	Dave Portelli	Rita Di Stefano	Susan Ringo-Parsons
Sunday 10:30am	Angelo Armas	Fernando San Pedro	Juliet Armas	Joshua San Pedro
Sunday 5:30pm	Alma Espina	Sanele Vaasili	TBA	TBA

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th - 8th of January 2023

Group 1	Alex Almazan	Charlie De Souza	Eunice De Souza
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SOLEMNITY  
OF MARY,  
THE HOLY  
MOTHER  
OF GOD  
1st of  
January  
2023

# 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  
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 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  
 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

**This Charismatic Mass will resume at the end of January, 2023**

All are Welcome

### 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

### CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Online Christmas is a joyous time when we come together as a parish family to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Our parish relies on the generosity of our faith community to sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral, and charitable ministries and we are ever grateful for your support. Please consider giving a Christmas Offertory gift via [parracatholic.org/christmas-offertory](http://parracatholic.org/christmas-offertory) (or your BPOINT URL) or scan this QR code. Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our parish and will ensure that we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope and joy to our community.



### THE PARISH OFFICE

Is currently  
CLOSED and  
Re-opens on  
Wednesday the  
4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY,  
2023

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end. The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

**FIRST READING Nm 6:22-27**

A reading from the book of Numbers *They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.* The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace." This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2**

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.  
1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)  
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. (R.)  
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**SECOND READING Gal 4:4-7**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians *When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.* When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes

you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Lk 2:16-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.* The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Creed is said.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Milagros Quizon, John Macaraeg, Apolinario Reyes, Rommel S Santos, Nelia Stynes, Elsie Nallos, Calisto R Cataquiz & Janko Cepuran

**COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED**

Pedro De Leon, Gregoria De Leon, Carina Diaz, Ernesto De Leon, Oscar De Leon & Josip Kosovich

**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, Jojo Nayan, Ramon Rivera, Milagros Felizardo & Napoleon Felizardo.

**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 8th of JANUARY 2023 SUNDAY the 22nd of JANUARY 2023**

**PERPETUAL ADORATION NEWS**

1. Perpetual Adoration in this parish began on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, the Feast of Christ the King, and has now been running for six 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.
2. I would like to wish all the adorers and all those who will visit Jesus over this Christmas season, a happy and Holy Christmas and a blessed New Year.
3. As we celebrate Christmas we must remember that we can love Jesus, 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.
4. It is this same Spirit who has moved us to love Jesus in this particular way. A way that is a great gift.
5. In a real sense Jesus has invited us to spend one hour with Him, conversing with Him face to face, regularly every week.
6. 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."
7. 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**

- \* Please be on time. The adorers before you can't be expected to stay because someone is late.
- The Christmas season has arrived, 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 over Christmas and New Year. God bless you all and thankyou. Fr Alan



**PERPETUAL ADORATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

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