


**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.*



**SACRED CONNECTIONS**  
 WITH THERESA ARDLER & SR ANTONIA CURTIS OSB  
**JAMBEROOD ABBEY ONLINE RETREAT**

**ABOUT**  
 In this retreat we will be pondering the values of Silence, Listening, Reverence and Community, all three of which are integral to both Aboriginal Spirituality and Benedictine Spirituality. In bringing this retreat to you we are stretching out our hands in friendship toward each other - honouring both ways and striving to live in harmony and peace. We hope you will join us.

**DETAILS**  
 There are 6 conferences in this retreat plus a video recorded conversation between Theresa and Sr Antonia at the end of the retreat. There will be one conference each Sunday as well as questions for reflection.

**COST**  
 The cost of the retreat is \$500. If there is a problem with the cost please do not hesitate to contact us.

**CONTACT** Register online at: [jamberoodabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberoodabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats). You will also find many other online retreats on our website.

**DATE**  
 Retreat begins February 12th 2023. All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access. We are increasingly recognising and accepting, respecting and celebrating our cultural diversity. Julie Bishop

**FIRST CONFESSION**

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Thursday, 16th February, 2023  
 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall



**REGISTRATION**

18th - 19th FEBRUARY, 2023  
 SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

**PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING**

Thursday, 23rd FEBRUARY, 2023  
 7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

**CHILDREN'S SESSIONS**

Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall  
 26th FEBRUARY, 2023 5th MARCH, 2023  
 12th MARCH, 2023 19th MARCH 2023

**PRACTICE SESSIONS**

TUESDAY 21st MARCH, 2023  
 THURSDAY 23rd MARCH, 2023  
 7.30pm in the Church

**SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED**

TUESDAY 28th MARCH, 2023 7.30pm in the Church  
 THURSDAY 30th MARCH, 2023 7.30pm in the Church

**St. Aidan's Church Serving Roster for next weekend - 4th & 5th of February 2023**

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Nora Piliae	Joel Apostol	Teresita Apostol	Susan Ringo-Parsons
Sunday 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Romeo Aranda	Dave Porteli	Gurtrude Elmo	Anna Santos
Sunday 10:30am	Angelo Armas	Sonny Balido	Juliet Armas	Ime Taateo
Sunday 5:30pm	Mary Bringera	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	TBA

**St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 3rd - 5th of February 2023**

Group 5	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral	Gianna Haladus
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Cleaning Rosters have now been emailed and are also ready for collection in the foyer of the Church. Thank you.

FOURTH  
 SUNDAY IN  
 ORDINARY  
 TIME  
 YEAR A  
 28th & 29th  
 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  
 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)  
 (This Charismatic Mass will resume at the end of January, 2023)  
 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

**FR GALBERT IS LEAVING US**

Fr Galbert is being transferred to Windsor Parish as assistant priest soon. He has been a great asset to this parish and has been of invaluable assistance to me while he has been here. I know he is highly respected and well known to everyone in the parish and will be sorely missed. He is an excellent priest and, most importantly, a holy priest. So I would like to wish him well in his new parish on behalf of every parishioner. Please pray for him in his new parish. Unfortunately his replacement Fr Neil has had to return to Sri Lanka because his mother is seriously ill, so we can't say exactly when Fr Galbert is going. Please keep Fr Neil, his mother and family in your prayers. We are organizing a farewell for Fr Galbert and a welcome for Fr Neil on the first Sunday in March, that would be the 5th of March. *Fr. Alan*

**Dear Lectors, Acolytes  
 & Special Ministers,**

The Rosters for April, May & June 2023 will hopefully be made up by the end of February.

Could you please advise Maribeth of any unavailability over this time as soon as possible.

Thank you and God bless.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**FIRST READING** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah  
*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in  
the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
or  
(R.) Alleluia!  
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)  
2. 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.)  
3. 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** 1 Cor 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
*God has chosen what is weak by human  
reckoning.*  
Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you  
were called: how many of you were wise in the  
ordinary sense of the word, how many were

influential people, or came from noble families?  
No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what  
is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what  
is strong that he chose what is weak by human  
reckoning; those whom the world thinks common  
and contemptible are the ones that God has  
chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up  
those who are everything. The human race has  
nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has  
made members of Christ Jesus and by God's  
doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue,  
and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture  
says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about  
the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
*Happy are the poor in spirit.*  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There  
he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then  
he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is  
right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause  
of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Happy are you when people abuse you and  
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny  
against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on  
you.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Primitivo Obra, Ricardo Calaguas, Milagros Quizon,  
John Clift, Rommel Malion, Cardinal George Pell,  
Barbara Bulbert & Lorna Hall,.

**COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED**

Daniel Gullifer, Honey Lagrito, Joseph Haliburn, all  
souls in purgatory, Paul & Josephine Cortis &  
Este Blando.

**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, 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, Chez Montgomery, Mr Ravneet Ram,  
Ms Joanne Rhee, Mrs Tara Ram, Wieslawa Taylor & Pedro  
Hugo BogadO, Pedro Hugo Bagada, Simon Sereno,  
Avelina Cabalar Yu, Nobby Alcala, Wieslawa Taylor,  
& Frederick Ochynski Sam.

**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 1st of FEBRUARY**

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 12th of FEBRUARY 2023**  
**SUNDAY the 26th of FEBRUARY 2023**

**PERPETUAL ADORATION NEWS**

This is part of a Meditation on the eucharist  
of St John Vianney, the Cure of Ours.  
It explains one of the reasons why Jesus has  
remained with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

**BY THE END FOR WHICH HE THEREBY  
OFFERS HIMSELF**

"Knowing that the time has come to return to  
his Father, he cannot bring himself to leave  
us alone on the earth among so many  
enemies who all seek nothing but our ruin.  
He wants us to have the blessedness of  
finding him whenever we will; and by this  
great Sacrament he pledges himself to  
remain in the midst of us, day and night, to  
be our Father, Consoler, and friend. Happier  
than those who lived during his mortal life,  
when he was only in one place. We find him  
today in every corner of the world; and this  
happiness is promised to us till the end of  
time. Oh tremendous love of God for his  
creatures! How great is the tenderness of the  
Father!"

**Some Practical Issues**

- \* Please be on time. The adorers before you can't  
be expected to stay because someone is late.
- \* Remember to see this as your appointment with  
Jesus. It is the most important appointment you  
will have over the coming weeks.

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 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.

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**

**Positions Vacant:**

Parish Office Administration Assistant -  
St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**Toongabbie Parish Position Vacant**

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for  
a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful  
applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the  
Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and  
provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and  
Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked  
over 3 days. Please forward applications and  
resumes to the parish Secretary by 1 February 2023 to  
[secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au)