

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said,
 "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.






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 - 11th & 12th of February 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Justino Gutierrez	Myriam Amarilla	Jennifer Fernandes
Sunday 7:30am	Monica Flores	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	Jerome Canares	Mona Canares	Mary Bringera
Sunday 10:30am	Alma Espina	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Edgardo Pestano
Sunday 5:30pm	Evelyn Estacio	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th - 12th of February 2023

Group 1	Alex Almazan	Charlie De Souza	Eunice De Souza
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DEAR LECTORS, ACOLYTES & SPECIAL MINISTERS, The Rosters for April, May & June 2023 will be made up by the end of February. Could you please advise Maribeth of any unavailability over this time. Thank you and God bless.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 4th & 5th FEBRUARY 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
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Email: staidanschurch@bigpond.com
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

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEACON JEROME

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel completed his service to our parish last Sunday. He has been with us, every Sunday for 5 years. It has been a great privilege to have him ministering in our Parish and I am personally extremely grateful for his work for the parish and his friendship for myself and the whole parish team.

May God bless him in his new ministry.

I would like to welcome his replacement, again a Deacon Jerome. He will have large shoes to fill, which I am sure he will do. May God bless him in his ministry here.

Fr Alan

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.
Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

((R.) A light rises in the darkness for the up-
right.
or
(R.) Alleluia!

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.
When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are the light of the world.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pedro Hugo Bugada, Genevieve Castillo,
Romeo Sampaga & Otilia Surinski

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Tyson Ogsimer, Arturo Epino Fernandez, Diana Munoz, Paul and Josephine Cortis, Alonzo Family & Ferdinand Brunnet.

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, Napoleon Felizardo, Chez Montgomery, Mr Ravneet Ram, Ms Joanne Rhee, Mrs Tara Ram, Wieslawa Taylor, Simon Sereno, Avelina Cabalar Yu, Nobby Alcala, Wieslawa Taylor, Frederick Ochynski Sam & Johannes Dominic Galipot.

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 MARCH

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
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 21st February, 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** At least one representative from each group is to attend this first meeting. Fr. Alan

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

Musicians & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring

MUSIC FOR LENT

Presenter **Eric Grella,**
Music Formation Facilitator

Monday 13th February
7pm - 8:30pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1-5 Marion Street Blacktown
(Formally known as the IFM)

RSVP by Thursday 9th of February to
Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795
Office for Worship

Faith and Formation session for

Catholic Health Care Professionals

Saturday 11 February 2023 9am-10.30am

All-Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown
Followed by World Day of the Sick Mass with Anointing at 11:00am

RSVP by 06 Feb to met@parracatholic.org