

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.



First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



FIRST CONFESSION

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

EUCCHARISTIC YOUTH EVENTS



JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

2nd Sunday of the Month
 11:30am-3:00pm. Sunday the 12th of March

YOUTH CHOIR SINGS

Every Second Sunday of the Month at 10:30am mass.
 Sings 10:30am Mass on Sunday the 12th of March.
 Practice every second Monday of the Month.

THE STAY GROUP

Will meet Friday the 17th of March at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

There will be a young adults Social event on Friday March 24th. Details to be advised.

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

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amarilla	Anna Santos
Sunday 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Anthony Pereia	Clarita Robles	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Jocelyn Salimbando	Jerome Canares	Mona Canares	Evelyn Estico
Sunday 10:30am	Elvi Yambot	Rizaldy Guintu	Jennifer Fernandes	Edgardo Pestano
Sunday 5:30pm	Aurora Aranda	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA

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

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taitio	---
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Dear Lectors, Acolytes & Special Ministers, Rosters for April, May & June are now ready for collection in the Church.
 Thank you all & God bless

FIRST
 SUNDAY
 OF LENT
 YEAR A
 25th & 26th
 FEBRUARY
 2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt
 Assistant Priest: Fr. Galbert Albino
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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
 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

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to those who moved all of that mulch on that very Hot Saturday last week.
 I am very grateful and will offer a mass for your intentions.

God bless, Fr Alan

FR GALBERT & DEACON JEROME'S FAIRWELL

A reminder of Fr Galbert & Deacon Jerome's Farewell
 Venue - Mackillop Hall
 Date - Sunday the 5th of March
 Time - After the 10:30am Mass
 From 11:45am on.

Please bring a plate of food to share

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MASS DURING THE DAY - YEAR A - 25th & 26th of FEBRUARY 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.
The Gloria in excelsis
(Gloria to God in the highest) is NOT said.

FIRST READING Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
Creation of our first parents, and sin.
The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

- (R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
 2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
 3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
 4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.
Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paulina Jaworski, Nic Bonello, Laura Calaguas, Alfonso Guzman & Manuel Espadilla.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Basilio Vargas Jr. & Carlos Badua

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, Jasmin Fray Parada, Stipe Mlinaric, Myra Chavez, Alma Espina, Johannes Dominic Galipot, Ryan Maglarque, Adelina Cabalar, Manuel Iniguez, Milda Iniguez, Wieslawa Taylor, Katarzyna Haladus, Wieslawa Taylor, Leon and Ellie Keo, Ethan Tolentino, Benjamin Santiago, Marlyn Rata, Jojo Nayan & Ramon Rivera.

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 26th of FEBRUARY 2023
SUNDAY the 12th of MARCH 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.

LENT

Lent is a season of penance for our sins and those of our world. We are advised to practice prayer, almsgiving (which involves genuinely caring for those around us) and fasting. Fasting means self-denial in regard to food, social media, TV and any other practice in which self-indulgence can be a problem.

CHURCH REQUIREMENTS

The rules of fasting apply to anyone over 14 and is physically able to fulfil them. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday one is required to fast from food. One full meal is permitted and two smaller meals which, if put together would not add up to one full meal.

These are the only specific requirements of the Church It is up to each person to decide what they will do apart from this with regard to fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fr Alan

