

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

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 - 25th & 26th of February 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Teresita Apostol	Gertrude Elmo
Sunday 7:30am	Maribeth De Leon	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	Dave Santos	Mary Bringera	Evelyn Estacio
Sunday 10:30am	Nora Piliae	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Jennifer Fernandes
Sunday 5:30pm	Celeste Salimbandon	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	TBA

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th - 26th of February 2023

Group 2	Chryzshamel Prudencio	Ryan Rozario	----
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 YEAR A
 18th & 19th 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
 Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
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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

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
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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

ASH WEDNESDAY
22nd of February 2023
 Masses will be held at
 9:15am
 12:00pm-School Mass
 6:00pm
 7:30pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 21st February, 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.
 We invite every group in the Parish to send a representative please .

WORKING BEE
 Since Saturday the 18th was a bit too hot - we need to repeat the exercise on the coming Saturday the 25th of February.
 If you could help to move the pile of mulch, could you please bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow if you have one.
Starts between 8:30am - 9:00am Saturday the 25th of February.
 Thanks for all those who helped out last Saturday. Fr Alan

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus
You must love your neighbour, as yourself.
The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

- (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
 3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
 4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.
Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because

the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Love your enemies.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.
'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nic Bonello, Eduardo Diocera, Adrian Celedonio, Rommel S. Santos, Ignatius Sebastian Pereira, Otylia Zurynski, Pavo Urban, Manuel Boy Mawo, Michael Meilak, Genevieve Castillo & Romeo Sampaga.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Conchita Roberts, Angelina Diocera, Teresa Valencia Layug, Raymunda Panizales, Gladys Mooney, Josefina Baena, Abraham Lagrite & The Topic Family.

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.

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.

FR GALBERTS FAREWELL

This will be held following the 10:30am Sunday Mass on the 5th of March
Venue - Mary Mackillop Hall
Please bring a plate to share.

ASSISTING PEOPLE WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS



This is the link to the Metropolitan Vinnies Schools and Youth Newsletter Term 1 2023: <https://bit.ly/Term-1-Vinnies-Metro-Schools-News>

The 2023 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 - 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

Dear Parishioners

You are welcome to join us in the Lenten sessions starting on Wednesday 22nd February after 9.15am mass in the Parish Centre.

We will have the Sunday Gospel explained followed by Stations of the cross.

Booklets are supplied.

For more information please contact

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