

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 - 18th & 19th of February 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Nora Piliae	Rizaldy Guintu	Susan Rinog-Parsons	Anna Santos
Sunday 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Walter Roberts	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Dave Portelli	Sen Custodia	Rita Di Stefano
Sunday 10:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Sonny Balido	John Quiroz	Sharon Quiroz-Candelaria
Sunday 5:30pm	Monica Flores	Sanele Vaasili	TBA	TBA

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th - 19th of February 2023

Group 2	Crawelle M. Dela Cruz	Cassidy Dizon	Rowena Dizon
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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.

SIXTH
 SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY
 TIME
 YEAR A
 11th & 12th
 FEBRUARY
 2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt
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 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
 (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

ASH WEDNESDAY

22nd of
 February 2023
 Masses will be
 held at
 9:15am
 6:00pm
 7:30pm

WORKING BEE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need to move the mulch from the car park to the recently cleared garden. We are looking for strong able parishioners to help beautify our garden, donations of trees etc would be greatly appreciated, I would ask anyone who may be able to help to come from
8:30am-9:00am
 on Saturday the 18th of February.
 Could you please bring a wheel barrow, shovel & gloves. Please contact Fr. Alan Layt for more details.

PERSONS ASKING FOR MONEY EITHER OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OR INSIDE IT

PLEASE do not give any such person any money unless you know them. Refer them to the Parish office or the priest. Simply tell them you are not permitted to give them anything. As Parish Priest I can't actually tell you what to do but it is a good answer to give them, even though it is only a request on my part.
 Fr Alan

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v. 1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.
We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.
These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.
'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.
'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ignatius Sebastian Pereira, Otylia Zurynski,
Pavo Urban, Manuel Boy Mawo, Michael
Meilak, Genevieve Castillo & Romeo
Sampaga.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Emelio Nacua Jr., Armie Oabual, Romana
Cruz, Michael Gaynor, Joseph Gatt, Emelio
Nacua Jr., Manuela Dalog-Dog, Tyson
Ogsimer, Arturo Epino Fernandez, Paul and
Josephine Cortis, Alonzo Family &
Souls in Purgatory.

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.

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 YOUR 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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This weekend we welcome to our parish, Kylie Cullen who will speak to us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians. In fact, they are the only International Catholic Charity dedicated to this mission. At the end of WWII, a Dutch priest, Fr Werenfried Van Staatan, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and the Netherlands, to move past their hatred of the Germans, and to see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. His pleas unleashed so much generosity and he became known as the 'Bacon Priest' because they brought tonnes of bacon to starving German families, along with assisting so many Christians in need. His initiative spread out to the entire world and we now reach thousands of persecuted Christians all around the world. Fr Werenfried led ACN until his death in 2003. In 2011, Pope Benedict XIV raised the charity to the level of a Pontifical Foundation. Kylie will speak during Mass and share more about their work and the testimonies of those have been helped.

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