

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. **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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Dear Adorers, Just a few notes:

- * A **special thank you** to all those who stay a bit longer when their replacements arrive a little late. We need to remember that it is Jesus who is there and He won't be outdone in generosity.
- * Just a **reminder** that **if you have to leave and no replacement has arrived** then:
 - If you are in the Church you are fully authorized by the parish priest to go into the Sanctuary and close the sliding door in front of the monstrance. Leave the candles alight please.
 - **We must remember that the Blessed Sacrament should not be exposed in the monstrance if no one is there to adore Him.** So it is the responsibility of the adorer if they are unable to stay to close the sliding door so that the Blessed Sacrament is no longer exposed if no one is there.
 - When the next adorers come they can go into the sanctuary and slide the slide open so that they can adore Jesus, 'face to face' so to speak, since this is what He desires.
 - **If you are in the crying room** there will be a folding screen behind the door. If your replacement has not come and you must leave then turn the tabernacle light off and place the screen in front of the Blessed Sacrament. No need to move the plants. Then simply leave and the door will lock behind you. When the next adorers arrive they can remove the screen and put the light on.
- * **If someone comes asking for money** please do not give them any. Tell them you are not allowed to (although I can't give you such instructions only advise but it adds up to 'you are not allowed to') and refer them to the parish office. If they don't leave warn them you will call the police. **If you are at all concerned immediately call the police.**
- * **Again Thank you to everyone for being so faithful to the adoration you have undertaken.**

We need people willing to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the following times when there are vacant spots.

Please be willing to take this on its only one hour a week. If you could do it only once a fortnight just let us know and we can roster you for that.

These are the time slots that it is proving difficult to fill

Every day 12pm-1pm Tuesday 1pm-2pm & 1am-2am Wednesday 1am-2am, 5am-6am & 2pm-3pm

Thursday 1am-2am & 1pm-2pm Saturday 1pm-3pm & 7pm-8pm Sunday 3pm-4pm

If you are able to fill one of these time slots, even if only once a fortnight please ring Elizabeth in the Parish Office on 9625 8404 between 10:30am-5:00pm Tuesday to Friday, or Mercy Connolly on 0435 644 250.

God bless and thanks to everyone. Fr Alan

St. Aidan's Church Serving Roster for next weekend - 25th & 26th of March 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Dave Santos	Mary Bringera	Myriam Amarilla
Sunday 7:30am	Maribeth De Leon	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereia	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Rita De Stefano	Justino Gutierrez	John Quiroz	Sharon Quiroz-Candelaria
Sunday 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Susan Ringo-Parsons
Sunday 5:30pm	Edith Garsuta	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA

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

Group 2	Crawelle M. Dela Cruz	Cassidy Dizon	Rowena Dizon
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FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT
YEAR A
18th & 19th
MARCH
2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt
 Assistant Priest: Fr Neil Bulathsinalage
 Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
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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

NO MASS IN THE CHURCH ON
 Tuesday the 21st of March
 &
 Tuesday the 28th of March
 No Tuesday evening Mass in the
 Church owing to first Confessions
 The masses will be in MLCC Centre at
 64 Carroll Street, Plumpton on both
 those Tuesdays.

Fr Justin is saying a
 charismatic Healing
 Mass at St Joseph's,
 126 Liverpool Road,
 Enfield this
 Wednesday
 March 22nd at 7:00pm.

FR GALBERT LEAVING
 COLLECTION THIS
 WEEKEND
 18/19 MARCH, 2023
 THERE WILL BE THREE
 COLLECTIONS THIS
 WEEKEND 18/19 MARCH.
 Please be
 generous in your giving.

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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

THERE WILL BE THREE COLLECTIONS ON THE WEEKEND 25/26 MARCH *Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2023.*
 PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR GIVING.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MASS DURING THE DAY - YEAR A - 18th & 19th of MARCH 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the
highest) is NOT said.

FIRST READING 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel
*In the presence of the Lord God, they
anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with
oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of
Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king
among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he
caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the
Lord's anointed one stands there before him,'
but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice
of his appearance or his height for I have
rejected him; God does not see as man sees;
man looks at appearances but the Lord looks
at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons
to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The
Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked
Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He
answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest;
he is out looking after the sheep.' Then
Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will
not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had
him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with
fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said,
'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this,
Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him
where he stood with his brothers; and the
spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed
with him from that day on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22 R. v. 1

- (R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want.
- The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
 - He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
 - You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
 - Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
You were darkness once, but now you are light
in the Lord; be like children of light, for the
effects of the light are seen in complete
goodness and right living and truth. Try to
discover what the Lord wants of you, having
nothing to do with the futile works of darkness
but exposing them by contrast. The things which
are done in secret are things that people are
ashamed even to speak of; but anything
exposed by the light will be illuminated and
anything illuminated turns into light. That is why
it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the
dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*The blind man went off and washed himself and came
away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind
from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned,
this man or his parents, for him to have been born
blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus
answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God
might be displayed in him.'

'As long as the day lasts
I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;
the night will soon be here when no one can work.
As long as I am in the world
I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste
with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man
and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a
name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and
washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.
His neighbour's and people who earlier had seen him
begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and
beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said,
'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am
the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes
come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered
'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me,
"Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed
I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he
answered. They brought the man who had been blind
to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus
made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when
the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he

said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I
can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man
cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.'
Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like
this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they
spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say
about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?'
'He is a prophet' replied the man.
However, the Jews would not believe that the man had
been blind and had gained his sight, without first
sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man
really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is
it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We
know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but
we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who
opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for
himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the
Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the
synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as
the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old
enough; ask him.'
So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him,
'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man
is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a
sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.'
They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he
open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and
you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all
again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this
they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they
said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God
spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know
where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an
astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you
don't know where he comes from! We know that God
doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men
who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world
began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a
man who was born blind; if this man were not from God,
he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they
replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since
you were born!' And they drove him away.
Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he
found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of
Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I
may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him;
he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe',
and worshipped him.

Jesus said:
'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'
Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to
him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:
'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty,
but since you say, "We see",
your guilt remains.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Primitiva Fabian, Armando Cruz &
Iris Maria Pulo

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Mary Piscapo, Ignatius Pereira, Petar & Tereza
Kosovich, Paul & Josephine Cortis, John Malachowski,
Leonora Rozario, Jose S Baena & Gloria Pinaroc.

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, Jas-
min Fray Parada, Stipe Mlinaric, Myra Chavez,
Alma Espina, Johannes Dominic Galipot, Ryan
Maglarque, Adelina Cabalar, Manuel Iniguez,
Milda Iniguez, Wieslawa Taylor, Katarzyna
Haladus, Leon and Ellie Keo, Ethan Tolentino,
Benjamin Santiago, Marlyn Rata, Jojo Nayan,
Ramon Rivera, Logan Sebastian Cruz, Nobby
Alca, Martin Nikic, Jock Clark, Angeles Castor,
Lisa Rejante, Ramon Rivera, Julian & Maximilian
Epondulan, Norma Maso & Leticia Cruz.

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 5th of APRIL 2023

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 MARCH 2023
SUNDAY the 16th of APRIL 2023