

### 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.



**Caritas AUSTRALIA** Third Sunday of Lent - 11 & 12 March  
 Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**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 - 18th & 19th of March 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palermo-Debbagh	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amerilla	Ime Taateo
Sunday 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Walter Roberts	TBA
Sunday 9:00am	Evelyn Estacio	Dave Portelli	Anna Santos	Jennifer Fernandes
Sunday 10:30am	Elvi Yambot	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Edgardo Pestano
Sunday 5:30pm	Monica Flores	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	TBA

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

Group 1	Alex Almazan	Charlie De Souza	Eunice De Souza
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**FIRST CONFESSION**

**CHILDREN'S SESSIONS**  
 Sunday mornings 8.30am,  
 Mary MacKillop Hall  
 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

THIRD  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
YEAR A  
11th & 12th  
MARCH  
2023

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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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](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**  
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 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

**YOUTH**  
**YOUTH CONTACT:** Maelody Gevero: 0426 263 081  
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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

### FR GALBERT AND DEACON JEROME'S FAREWELL LUNCH THANK YOU.

A big thank you to the people who brought the food and the coordinators of the groups, Mrs Mayyet Filipe and friends. Mrs Nina Chavez for donating the cakes. Mrs Maribic Flores Ayap for donating the roast pork and Mary Testa "Wednesday Prayer Group Meeting" for donating \$177 for the purchase of rice to give away. Clarita Robles, Leader of the "Living Rosary" for generous donation of plates, cutlery etc. Also the Combandcheros and to Dani Garcia the MC, Host and Leader of the band. Also thank you to Moises.

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

THERE WILL BE THREE  
**COLLECTIONS ON THE WEEKEND**  
**18/19 MARCH** (Fr. Galbert Leaving  
*Collection*) and **25/26 MARCH**  
*Bishop's Good Shepherd*  
*Appeal 2023.*  
**PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN  
 YOUR GIVING.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MASS DURING THE DAY - YEAR A - 11th & 12th of MARCH 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is NOT said.

FIRST READING Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*Give us water to drink.*  
Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

- (R.) If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
  2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
  3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man, though of course for

someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Filomena Ilgan, Primitiva Fabian, Mary Mallett, Katica & Janko Cepuran & Faatagataina Latu.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Petar & Tereza Kosovich, Paul & Josephine Cortis & John Malachowski.

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, 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING IS ON

WEDNESDAY the 5th of APRIL 2023

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

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



PERPETUAL ADORATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in participating in our Perpetual Adoration which begun on Sunday, 20th November 2022, please just click on this link

<https://forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69>  
and fill in or you can scan this QR code.

CHURCH 1st and 2nd COLLECTIONS

*The first collection* is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond.

Supports priests' stipend for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to: Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend.

*The Second Collection* is taken up before the Offertory. This is used by the Parish to cover the costs involved with liturgy, educational programs, administration, and property management.