

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.

Please join the Legion of Mary on the anniversary mass of **Venerable Edel Quinn** on Saturday the 13th of May 2023

Opening Prayers and Rosary at 08:30a.m.

Mass at 09:00am followed by Cenacle.

Please join us for Morning Tea at 10:30a.m at the Parish Centre.



Legion Envoy to Africa
1936 - 1944



NIGERIA AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CAMPAIGN

The ACN is running a global campaign to help the Catholic Church in Nigeria. It is confronting very active persecution.

From January 2021 to June 2022, 6700 Nigerian Christians were murdered. "Of the 30 Christians murdered every two days, 27 of them are Nigerian"

The booklets on the appeal can be found at the back of the Church

PLEASE HELP



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MOTHERS DAY ROSES

Next Weekend our Eucharistic Youth Group will be selling Mother's

Day Roses at the Sunday masses.

This is a fundraising effort please help.



St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 13th & 14th of MAY 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	Cheryl Machado
Sunday 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Walter Roberts	Clarita Robles
Sunday 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	Sonny Balido	Lina Vaasili	Mary Bringera
Sunday 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	TBA	TBA	Gertrude Elmo
Sunday 5:30pm	Evelyn Estacio	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Edgardo Pestano

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 12th - 13th of MAY 2023

Group 4	Margaret Tatio	Peter Taito	---
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 6th & 7th of MAY 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
 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

ST AIDAN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 11th May, 2023
 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Inviting one representative from each parish group to attend.



Thank you Fr. Alan
 All are Welcome

PARISH SACRISTAN

Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208

ASSISTANT SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

YOUTH

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JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month 11:30am - 2:00pm

In the Mary Mackillop Hall

YOUTH CHOIR

Every 2nd Sunday of the month -

at the 10:30am Sunday Mass (Subject to Change)

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

CONFIRMATION CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall

7th MAY, 2023 14th MAY, 2023

21st MAY, 2023 28th MAY, 2023 4th JUNE, 2023

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

TUESDAY, 13th JUNE & THURSDAY, 15th JUNE

7.30pm in the Church

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

Tuesday, 20th June 2023, 7:30pm

Thursday, 22nd June, 2023, 7:30pm

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MASS DURING THE DAY**

**YEAR A
6th & 7th OF MAY 2023**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

- (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.
1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
 2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
 3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has

proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'
The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Santos, Vena & Frank Xiberras, Karen Rose Bartolo, Elizabeth Guillergan & Domingo Habon Tabuy.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Rita Hili, Peter Faivre, Topic Family, Mirjana Kosorjanac, Rosevida Demerin, Patricia Deleno & Charlie Vella.

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, Wieslawa Taylor, Katarzyna Haladus, Norma Maso, Leticia Cruz, Gloria Lazaro, Romeo Susi, Maximilian Norma Maso, Julian Rosita Badua, Antonio Badua, Ramon Montenegro, Nenita Gonzales, Songse Qiu, Hernando Guerra, Lydia Maalat, Shirley Cameron, Sylvia Gondi, Leticia Cruz, John Zvoney Mlinaric, Fr Leonard Testa, Robert Morada & Joseph Nayan.

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

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 7th of JUNE 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 YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH. GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

**SUNDAY the 14th of MAY 2023
SUNDAY the 28th of MAY 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.

PRACTICAL POINTS

1. For those adoring after evening masses and or confession, who leave through the front door, please use the door on the right which will lock behind you, not the left door because it won't lock. The Church has been left unlocked on a number of nights.
2. There will be a small heater in the night chapel if you wish to use it. The air conditioner is set to 22 degrees Celsius and will heat the room quickly. It is also less expensive than a small heater left on all night.

Thank you.
Fr Alan

**From the Holy Eucharist by
St Alphonsus Ligouri**

In the blessed sacrament "He gave thee all," says St. John Chrysostom; "He left nothing for himself," The council of Trent Says, that in this gift of our Eucharist Jesus Christ desired, as it were, to pour forth all the riches of the love he had for men. And the Apostle observes, that Jesus desired to bestow this gift upon men on the very night itself when they were planning his death: *The same night in which He was betrayed, He took bread; and giving thanks, broke and said: Take ye, and eat: this is My body.* St Bernardine of Sienna says, that Jesus Christ, burning with love for us, and not content with being prepared to give his life for us, was constrained by the excess of his love to work a greater work before he died; and this was to give his body for our food.

This sacrament, therefore, was rightly named by St. Thomas, "the sacrament of love, the pledge of love."