

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.



FIRST COMMUNION
PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING:
THURSDAY, 27th JULY, 2023
 7.30pm - Mary MacKillop Hall

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)
 volunteers will be selling raffle tickets and memorabilia items this weekend. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 15 years to disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable people of western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS
 Till the first Tuesday in September this Mass will no longer be celebrated in the Church but will be celebrated at the MLCC Centre in 64 Carroll Street, Plumpton. On Tuesday the 14th of September it will once more be celebrated in the Church. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by this. Fr Alan

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL - 2023
 St. Aidan's SVDP Society Conference is conducting its Winter Appeal *next weekend 22/23 July, 2023*
 On your behalf, members of the St Aidan's SVDP Society Conference endeavour to live out the Gospel message of 'love your neighbour' through corporal works of mercy in helping our poor and disadvantaged brothers and sisters by providing emergency food, clothing, blankets/bedding, furniture and whitegoods, assistance with accommodation and energy expenses and funeral costs. We also provide referrals for professional support by organisations such as CatholicCare, etc. where required.

Your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is very much needed and will be greatly appreciated.
 Please support St Aidan's Conference in our ongoing work and give generously to our Winter Appeal next weekend 22/23 July. You can assist by making a donation to the collectors when leaving Mass next weekend or by taking a SVDP Winter Appeal envelope this weekend and returning it with your donation next weekend. Your support for our Appeal will be greatly appreciated.
 Thank you. Alan Ruff St Aidan's Conference President

CFC AUSTRALIA
HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD (CFCA HOLD)
 A Family Ministry of Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) is inviting you to a **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)** Open to all women specifically unmarried matured women, single mums, widows, separated or divorced, married women whose husbands are not at the moment, interested in any religious affiliation. CLP is an integrated course leading into a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christian women. If you are a woman, looking for means to your spiritual growth, keen to learn more about God and His love for you, want to enrich your knowledge of Christian faith and values, come and join this CLP.
WHEN:
 Every Saturday from 24 June to 12 August 2023
FROM: 1:00pm - 4:30pm.
WHERE:
 St Aidan's Parish Centre, 9 Adelaide St Rooty Hill
 (Enter from Rooty Hill North Road gate)
 SESSION 5 - 22nd of July 2023 - Saturday
 TALK 7 - The Christian Family
 TALK 8 - Living in the Holy Spirit
CONTACT PERSONS
 Sen Custodia-0425 279 760 Bing Money-0447 469 799
 Alma Espina-0430 131 388 Sylvia de Pedro-0432 200 888
 Transport will be provided to those who need.

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd & 23rd of JULY 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Joel Apostol	Teresita Apostol	Myriam Amarilla	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	David Portelli	Rita Di Stefano	Mary Bringera	
Sun 10:30am	Elvie Yambot	Justino Guterrez	Jennifer Fernandes	Anna Santos	John Quiroz
Sun 5:30pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Ime Taateo	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 21st - 23rd of JULY 2023

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	-----
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**FIFTEENTH
 SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY
 TIME
 YEAR A
 15th & 16th of
 JULY 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
Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak
Phone: (02) 9625 8404
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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
 (at the MLCC Centre - 64 Carroll Street, Plumpton)
 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 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

**ATTENTION
 PARISH
 COUNCIL
 MEMBERS**
 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held THIS coming Tuesday the 18th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**CATHOLIC MISSION
 APPEAL**
**THANK YOU TO ALL
 THOSE WHO
 CONTRIBUTED TO
 THIS APPEAL,**
 We have raised so far \$2,789.00. If you would like to make a contribution please do so in the envelope provided and place in the collection bag.



FR CARL ASHTON
 Fr Carl Ashton, former Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Mt Druitt, passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning. We express our sympathy for his family, friends and Parish community. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday evening the 24th of July at 7pm at Sacred Heart, South Mt Druitt. The Funeral will be held on Tuesday the 25th of July at 11am. At Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 26 Swanston Street, St Mary's.
 Fr Alan



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A
15th & 16th of JULY 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING Is 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The rain makes the earth fruitful.
Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

- You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
- And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
- You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
- The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away.

Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Carl Ashton, Christine Formosa Rakic,
Anne-Maree Furness, Estrelita Gan,
Carlos Najarro & Cornelia Quiling.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Doris Cassar, Trinidad Ramos Puno,
Pascasio Vicario II, Joseph Gatt,
Maryanne Grazio Bigeni, Candida, Mike
Gauci, Mary Aguio, Anthony, Loreta Gauci,
Loreta & John Meilak, Micheal Meilak.
Consolacion Reyes & Francisco Reyes, JR.

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:

Julie Cassar, Stipe M Linaric, Bronia Flak,
Wieslawa Taylor, Katarzyna Haladus,
Alma Espina & Liz Scerri.

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 2nd of AUGUST 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 23rd of JULY 2023
SUNDAY the 13th of AUGUST 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.

I would like to thank everyone for their perseverance with adoration so far this winter. There have been a few gaps caused by the flu and other illnesses but by and large, continuous adoration has been done. So thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in the perpetual adoration in this Parish.

Fr Alan

St. John Newman

God alone is the happiness of our souls. The contemplation of Him, and nothing but it, is able fully to open and relieve the mind, to unlock, occupy, and fix our affections. We may indeed love things created with great intensity, but such affection, when disjoined from the love of the Creator, is like a stream running in a narrow channel, impetuous, vehement, turbid. The heart runs out, as it were, only at one door; it is not an expanding of the whole man. Created natures cannot open us, or elicit the ten thousand mental senses which belong to us, and through which we really live. None but the presence of our Maker can enter us; for to none besides can the whole heart in all its thoughts and feelings be unlocked and subjected. 'If a man loves Me, My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him' (John 14.23). (PS v, 22: p. 318)

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Dear parishioners,

May God's peace and blessings be with you! We want to pray for you as we go on pilgrimage at the end of July to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. We will be visiting many holy and Marian sites in Rome, Assisi, Fatima, Spain, Lisbon, Lourdes and Paris and would love to bring your prayer intentions with us! We entrust these intentions to Our Lady, who arose and went with haste to care for her cousin Elizabeth, with Jesus present in her womb. There will be a commissioning Mass this Sunday the 16th of July at 10:30am. Please feel free to continue to write down your prayer intentions. We have placed a prayer intention box near the youth notice board.

We thank you for your generosity and ask for your prayers as we embark on this pilgrimage.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Maelody Gevero, Kathleen Hernandez and
Nathanael Portelli

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

To all parishioners who are a part of our planned giving system, envelopes are currently available on the table in the foyer of the Church.

Still to be collected Mr W L Caballes, Arona Eleele, Ms A Espino, Mr A Estabilla, Mrs E Failagutan, Mrs H Galindez, Ms P Keekolio, Family Langan, Mr O Nuval, Mrs T Orcena, F Sagun, Ms E Taningco, Ms J Tau, Mr M Vassallo, Ms J Young.

If you would like to be a part of the Planned Giving please fill in the details on the blue card provided in the gathering area of the church and place in collection bag.