

### 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.

### 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 7 - 5th of August 2023 - Saturday

TALK 10 - Growing in The Holy Spirit

TALK 11 - The life and mission of CFCA - Hold

#### 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.

### 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 *Ms Ann Alarcon, Ms Aura Espino, Mr Alberto Estabilla, Mrs Heidiliza Galindez, Ms Pakepa Keekolio, Family Langan, Mrs Omega Nuval, Ms Joan Tau, Ms Jennifer 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION

### REGISTRATION (this Weekend)

29th-30th JULY, 2023

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

#### PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING:

THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST, 2023

7.30pm Mary MacKillop Hall

#### CHILDREN'S SESSION:

Sunday mornings 8.30am-Mary MacKillop Hall

6th AUGUST, 2023 13th AUGUST, 2023

20th AUGUST, 2023 27th AUGUST, 2023

10th SEPTEMBER, 2023

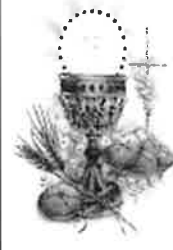
#### PRACTICE SESSIONS:

TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER, 2023 &

THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 2023

7.30pm In The Church

(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)



#### SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 2023

12.00 NOON

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3.00pm

### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 5th & 6th of AUGUST 2023

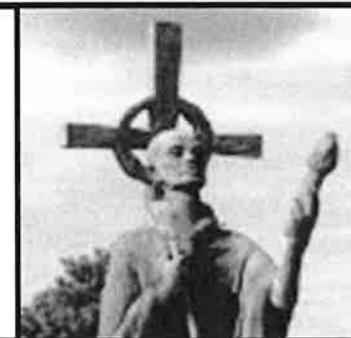
MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Teresita Apostol	Myriam Amarilla	
Sun 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	David Portelli	Cheryl Machado	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 10:30am	Nora Piliae	Justino Gutierrez	John Quiroz	Sharon Quiroz-Candelaria	Anna Santos
Sun 5:30pm	Jocelyn Salimbangon	Sanele Vaasili	Ime Taateo	Maribeth De Leon	

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 4th - 6th of AUGUST 2023

Group	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	-----

SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME  
YEAR A  
29th & 30th  
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 Bulathsinhalage  
 Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario  
 Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak  
 Phone: (02) 9625 8404  
 Office Assistant: Yvonne Lanau  
 Email: staidanschurch@bigpond.com  
 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

(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

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

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#### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on  
**Sunday the 17th September,**  
 at 2.30pm

In the Mary MacKillop Hall.

At least ONE representative

from each of the St. Aidan's  
 Parish groups is to be in  
 attendance for the meeting.  
 Fr. Alan

### OUR PILGRIMS

Please remember our three pilgrims at world youth day. Pray for them and all those involved, that the full blessings of God's grace may descend upon them.

World Youth Day is from 1st of August to Sunday the 6th of August in Lisbon.

Fr Alan



# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A  
29th & 30th of JULY 2023

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his  
people.

## FIRST READING 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings  
*You have asked for wisdom.*  
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and  
said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.'  
Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made  
your servant king in succession to David my  
father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in  
leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst  
of this people of yours that you have chosen, a  
people so many its numbers cannot be counted  
or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to  
understand how to discern between good and  
evil, for who could govern this people of yours  
that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon  
should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked  
for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life  
for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies,  
but have asked for a discerning judgement for  
yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give  
you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you  
has had and none will have after you.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

- (R.) Lord, I love your commands.
1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. (R.)
  2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. (R.)
  3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. (R.)
  4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. (R.)

## SECOND READING Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans  
*He predestined us to become true images of his  
Son.*  
We know that by turning everything to their  
good God co-operates with all those who love  
him, with all those that he has called according  
to his purpose. They are the ones he chose  
specially long ago and intended to become true  
images of his Son, so that his Son might be the  
eldest of many brothers. He called those he  
intended for this; those he called he justified,  
and with those he justified he shared his glory.

## 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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*  
Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which  
someone has found; he hides it again, goes off  
happy, sells everything he owns and buys the  
field.  
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a  
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds  
one of great value he goes and sells everything  
he owns and buys it.  
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet  
cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds.  
When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore;  
then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in  
a basket and throw away those that are no use.  
This is how it will be at the end of time: the  
angels will appear and separate the wicked from  
the just to throw them into the blazing furnace  
where there will be weeping and grinding of  
teeth.  
'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.'  
And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe  
who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of  
heaven is like a householder who brings out  
from his storeroom things both new and old.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Ron Donaghue, Fr Laurie Beath, Barry Garvey,  
Rodel Prado, Rommel S. Santos, Rodel Prado, Raffy  
Haulo, Albino Reyonda, Kristian Lee Metcalf,  
Fr Carl Ashton, Christine Formosa Rakic.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Fabian D'Cunha, Ricardo Sanchez, Aurora de  
Honor, Paul & Josephie Cortis, Eddie Llave, Juan  
Carlo Miguel, Roberto Cruz Sr., Sherry Rose Andal,  
Domingo Andal, Cirila Arellano, Cnadido Gabriel,  
Celestina P Contrenas, Edna Barillo, Isabel Sta  
Maria Reyes, Corazon Cruz, Miguela Parani, Fr. Alex  
Sciberras, Fabian D'Gunha, Lugia Z Castellano,  
Michal Adamcewicz, Gregoria De Leon, Charlie  
Vella, Cornelia Quiling Ho & Pascasio Vicario II.

## 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, Nenita Gonzales, Albino  
Reyonda, Manuel Iniguez, Michael Taylor, Lydia  
Maalat, Nenita Gonzales, Albino Reyonda, Alma  
Espina, Manuel Iniguez, Lydia Maalat, Analie  
Ramos, Tina King & Archaelus David.

## 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 13th of AUGUST 2023  
SUNDAY the 27th of AUGUST 2023



## PERPETUAL ADORATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in participating in our  
Perpetual Adoration which begun on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 2022, please just click on this link  
<https://forms.gle/MzaQAEaCv7Sc4aB69>  
and fill in or you can scan this QR code.

## CO-ORDINATOR'S MEETING

We will have a meeting for those organizing the  
Adoration in early September. Some are at World  
Youth Day and others suffering from colds and Flu  
but I would, once more, like to thank all the adorers  
for their perseverance because there have only been  
a few gaps. God bless - Fr Alan

## LIVING BY LOVE

*A poem of St Therese of Lisieux*  
In Love's last ev'ning-hours you would have heard  
Jesus say plainly: 'He who would love Me, Let him be  
true, let him obey my Word: Father & Son his  
Visitants shall be. Coming, to make his heart a  
dwelling-place, We'll love him always! And our  
Peace above shall fill him. For our will it is he stays in  
our own Love.'

Living by Love...means holding on to You The  
uncreated Word, the Holy name! Jesus, I love You.  
You-God-know I do, Love's Spirit sets me blazing  
with his flame. My love of You attracts the Father—oh,  
My feeble heart forbids Him to go free. O Trinity—a  
prisoner! As so Love-locked by me.

To *live* is by Your life and lovingly. King, and the  
bright delight of Heaven's day, hidden as host of  
white You live for me: Jesus, for you I'll also hide  
away! Lovers must—night and day—have solitude, the  
Heart-to-heart which only it can give. Only glance  
from You gives me beatitude—By Love I Live!  
Dying of Love! Behold my hope, when hence I go,  
and see my bonds are broken: when My God will be  
my Mighty Recompence - I'm looking for no other  
Fortune then. To see Him, to be one with Him! May  
He Consume me (like a fore would) above, Always.  
Behold my Heav'n, my destiny: Living by Love!!!

## St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal, 2023 —A Big 'Thank You'

Members of the St. Aidan's SVDP Society  
Conference wish to thank all parishioners and  
benefactors for the generosity shown in our  
recent appeal conducted on 22/23 July, 2023.  
*Donations of cash and envelopes totaled \$2,146  
and for this we are deeply grateful.*

We assure you that we will put your donations to  
good use as we respond to the many and differing  
needs of the disadvantaged in our parish and the  
wider community, particularly during these  
challenging times. Please pray for us as we aspire to  
live the gospel message through our  
Vincentian work.



Thank you and God bless.  
Alan Ruff, President,  
St Aidan's Conference, SVDP Society