

## 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 6 - 29th of July 2023 - Saturday TALK 9 - Awakening of The Power of 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

### TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)

Would like to thank the Parish for their support of the raffle ticket sale last week. All proceeds directly support their free legal clinic which provides free legal advice every Thursday 6pm-9pm and Saturday 9am-1pm to the disadvantaged and vulnerable members of Western Sydney. Tickets will be drawn on the 7th of October 2023 at 11:00am at St Anthony's Church Hall, 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie. For winners, see TLC website: [tlc.asn.au](http://tlc.asn.au)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL - 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.

Please support St Aidan's Conference in our ongoing work and give generously to our Winter Appeal this weekend 22/23 July.

You can assist by making a donation to the collectors when leaving Mass this 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 and God bless. Alan Ruff  
 St Aidan's Conference President



SIXTEENTH  
 SUNDAY IN  
 ORDINARY  
 TIME  
 YEAR A  
 22nd & 23rd  
 of JULY 2023

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt  
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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)

(At the MLCC Centre - 64 Carroll Street, Plumpton)

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](mailto: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

## St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th & 30th of JULY 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Mary Bringera	Stan Pakulski	Ime Taateo	Rita Di Steefano	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Gertrude Elmo	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Sonny Balido	Cheryl Machado	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Elvie Yambot	Rizaldy Guintu	Jennifer Fernandes	Edgardo Pestano	Sharon Quiroz-C
Sun 5:30pm	Christopher Salimbangon	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Anna Santos	

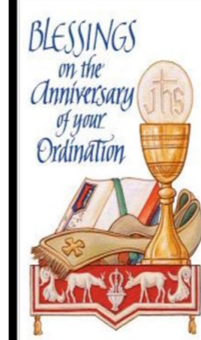
## St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th - 30th of JULY 2023

Group 5	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral	Gianna Haladus
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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PARENT  
 INFORMATION  
 EVENING:

This THURSDAY,  
 27th JULY, 2023  
 7.30pm  
 Mary MacKillop Hall



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr Ed  
 on the 60th Anniversary of his ordination.  
 We congratulate and thank him for 60 years of Ministry  
 to the Mystical Body of Christ.  
 May God bless him, keep him in his care  
 and let his face shine upon him.  
 May Mary our Holy Mother bless him. Fr Alan



# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A  
22nd & 23rd of JULY 2023

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## FIRST READING Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*  
There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your People how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

- (R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.
1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
  2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
  3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

## SECOND READING Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*  
The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

## 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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Let them grow together until the harvest.*  
Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Raffy Haulo, Albino Reyonda, Kristian Lee Metcalf, Fr Carl Ashton & Christine Formosa Rakic .

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Eddie Llave, 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.

## 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, 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.

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 intenseness, 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)

## MASS OFFERINGS FOR POOR PRIESTS

The offering of Mass stipends is an ancient tradition in the Church. The priest who celebrates the Holy Mass does so for the intentions of the person who has given the Mass offering, whether it be for a sick person or the soul of a departed loved one or for some other private intention. The money given is in no sense a "payment" for the Mass but rather a free gift, given in gratitude and for the material support of the priest himself. For many priests in the poorest parts of the world, who often have no other means of support, such Mass offerings are a vital contribution to their survival and to their work on behalf of the whole parish.



Note: Mass offerings are charged in Australian dollars.

## 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 A Espino, Mr A Estabilla, Mrs E Failagutan, Mrs H Galindez, Ms P Keekolio, Family Langan, Mr & Mrs R & E Manansala, Mr O Nuval, Mrs T Orcena, 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