

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our local state member of Parliament, Mr Ed Atalla, and the NSW State Government for including religion as a protected personal attribute under the State Anti-Discrimination Law.

This is a good start because it means you cannot be abused or discriminated against because of your religion.

It is a good start but it is still a long way from protecting the right of parents to have their children educated in their faith without interference from Woke and LGBTQ activists. We must keep working for this.

Fr Alan



FIRST COMMUNION



CHILDREN'S SESSION:

Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall
 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 - 12.00pm
 SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 2023 - 3.00pm

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 *Aura Espino, Mrs Omega Nuval, 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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH PLANNED GIVING

Please make sure that you seal your planned giving envelope and write the amount on the front of the envelope. Thank you.

NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the

Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information:

<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 19th & 20th of AUGUST 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palermo-Dabbagh	Stan Pakulski	Ime Taateo	Myriam Amarilla	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Rosie D'Souza	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 10:30am	Evelyn Estacio	Justino Gutierrez	John Quiroz	Sharon Quiroz-C	Mary Bringera
Sun 5:30pm	Christopher Salimbangon	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Maribeth De Leon	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th - 20th of AUGUST 2023

Group 3	Chryzshamel Prudencio	Ryan Rizario	-----
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 SUNDAY IN
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 12th & 13th
 Of AUGUST
 2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt
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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

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
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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 FORUM

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

Ms Janette Holland
 (02) 8882 0700

CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS

Mr Paul Stenning
 (02) 8886 9500



Dear Parishioners,
 Next weekend on the 19th/20th August we will be holding a fundraiser for the postage of sending goods to the Orphanages in the Philippines. We will be having a **sausage sizzle** at the 6pm mass and on **Sunday 10.30 and 5.30pm masses**. We will also have a **plant stall** at all the masses. Thankyou for your generosity in supporting us in this mission for the last 20 years. Thankyou for making a difference in these children's lives.
 God Bless you - Tony and Mary Testa.



KEYS FOUND

A set of 2 keys on a lanyard have been found in the carpark last Monday. If you have lost these please come into the office to claim them.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A
12th & 13th of AUGUST 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.
What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too.
What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great,

my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water.
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cornelia Quiling, Fe Nicolas,
Raymond Wheatley, Yvonne Nettle, Lisa
Matkovic & Rosa Epondulan.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Pascasio Vicario II, Emigdio Sr, Elisa,
Roberto, Ludivico, Genara & Jacinto,
Katrisha Gayle San Pedro, Maria Elena
Dayao Lazo, Virginia Ang, Teresita
Alignay, David Ison & Thomas Wiggins.

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:
George Glades, Bronia Flak, Katarzyna
Haladus, Wieslawa Taylor, 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 6th of SEPTEMBER 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 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, 20th 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

FROM THE PASTORAL LETTER ON THE MONS. OCARIZ EUCHARIST

Before the mystery of faith and love, we fall down
in adoration. Only thus can we adequately show
that we believe that the Eucharist is truly Christ,
really and substantially present: his Body, his
Blood, his Soul and his Divinity. Only thus can our
love, heartfelt and total, produce an adequate
response to the immense love that Jesus has for
each of us (cf. Jn 13:1; Lk 22:15). Our adoration of
Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, since he is God,
includes both external gestures and internal
devotion, love. It is not a conventional ritual, but a
very personal self-offering, which is shown forth
externally. "In the Holy Mass we adore our God.
We fulfill lovingly the first duty of a creature to his
Creator: "You shall worship the Lord your God,
and Him only shall you serve' (Deut; 6:13; Mt
4.10). Not the Cold, external adoration of a
servant, but an intimate esteem and attachment
that befits the tender love of a son.'14

External signs of adoration - bowing our head
our body, genuflecting, prostrating ourselves -
are always intended to express reverence and
affection, submission, total self-abandonment, a
desire for union and service, and, of course,
nothing at all of servility. True adoration does not
mean separation, distancing, but loving
identification. "A Child of God treats the Lord as
his Father. He is not obsequious and servile, he is
not merely formal and well-mannered: he is
completely sincere and trusting."15

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will 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