

## 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.



## FEAST OF ST AIDAN

This Coming Thursday 31st August 2023

Mass at 9:15am as normal

On the feast of the patron saint of a Church a Plenary indulgence can be obtained by any person who visits the Church and says the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed for the Popes intentions.

This will also be available on the following Sunday from the time of the Vigil Mass Saturday the 2nd of September and all Sunday the 3rd of September.

Please Pray to St Aidan over this period for our parishioners that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God opening their hearts to Him until they are filled with the utter fullness of God.



## FIRST COMMUNION

### CHILDREN'S SESSION:

Sunday mornings 8.30am

Mary MacKillop Hall

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

## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

2nd & 3rd of SEPTEMBER, 2023

*Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us*

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carry out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code.

Thank you



## St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 2nd & 3rd of SEPTEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Terisita 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-C	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Evelyn Estacio	

## St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st - 3rd of SEPTEMBER 2023

Group 5	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral	Gianna Haladus
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TWENTY-FIRST  
 SUNDAY IN  
 ORDINARY  
 TIME  
 YEAR A  
 26th & 27th  
 Of AUGUST  
 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  
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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)  
 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.eucharistic youth@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.eucharistic youth@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

#### CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS

Mr Paul Stenning

(02) 8886 9500



## THE FEAST OF ST AIDAN

This Coming  
 Thursday  
 the  
 31st of August  
 2023

Dear Father and Parishioners,  
 A HUGE THANKYOU!!

For the support in our fundraiser last weekend for the orphanages in the Philippines and Uganda. We raised \$3,500! To all those who helped us in the sausage sizzle/plant stall, we really appreciate your help and support. If anyone would like to donate Powdered Milk, Rice and tinned food please leave in box in the foyer of church. Thankyou again for your continued support, May God Bless you Abundantly.

Tony and Mary Testa.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the  
day long.

**FIRST READING**                      **Isaiah 22:19-23**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I place the key of the House of David upon his  
shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master  
of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8**

- (R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.
- I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
  - I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
  - The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**SECOND READING**                      **Romans 11:33-36**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*  
How rich are the depths of God - how deep his  
wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible  
to penetrate his motives or understand his  
methods! Who could ever know the mind of the  
Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who  
could ever give him anything or lend him  
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is  
by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!  
Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my  
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out  
against it. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**                                      **Matthew 16:13-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea  
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,  
'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And  
they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist,  
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the  
prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I  
am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the  
Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus  
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy  
man! Because it was not flesh and blood that  
revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So  
I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I  
will build my Church. And the gates of the  
underworld can never hold out against it. I will  
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven:  
whatever you bind on earth shall be considered  
bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth  
shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he  
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone  
that he was the Christ.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,  
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

George Galdes, Albino Reyonda, Thelma Reyes, Jose  
Ruiz, Cornelia Quiling Ho, Bronwyn Smith, Salvador  
David, Teresa Bartolo, Norma Aunero, Zaffar  
Mohammed, Adelfa Jerez Tarrayo, Vergara, Luisito  
Abelardo, Nita Tobias Nool, Anthony & Angeline  
Pereira.

**COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED**

Rose Grima, Annette Grima, Nena Regoniel,  
Brian Doyle, Amelia Chapman, Joseph Gatt,  
Maryanne Grazio Joe Bigeni, Napoleon  
Feuzardo, Mauricio Feuzardo, Honorato  
Feuzardo, Mrs Remeios S Santos, Pascasio  
Vicario II, Rukumani Sekaran, Asunsion Sucla  
Manzo, Colita, Carlota, Raymunda, Aquilina,  
Leonida & Elsa, Annamma Thomas, Celianna  
Joseph, Rodolfo Reyes Dasig, Remedios S.  
Santos, Edward "Doods" Decena, Jozefa  
Adamcewicz, Fr John Carl Ashton, Nicanor  
Pazcoguin, GCH's friends' unborn baby,  
Josephine Cortis, Adelfa Jarrayo & Elizabeth  
Jumenez.

**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:  
Bronia Flak, Katarzyna Haladus, Sarah Jane  
Milner, Romeo Susi, Wieslawa Taylor, Felicitas  
Walsh & Martin David Nikić.

**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 27th of AUGUST 2023  
SUNDAY the 10th of SEPTEMBER 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.

**A PRACTICAL NOTE**

Please try to come on time for your period of  
adoration, it makes it easier for those in the hour  
before yours. It may be worth obtaining the phone  
numbers of those adorers who come before and  
after you so that you can contact them if there is any  
delay. There is no need to put the screen in front of  
the Blessed Sacrament for a 10 or 15 minute period  
when there wont be an adorer present.  
Thank you                                      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

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Will be held on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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

