

**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.*

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 19th & 20th  
 Of AUGUST  
 2023

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**

**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PAPAL, CIVIL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS**

From today until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit [parracatholic.org/awards](http://parracatholic.org/awards). The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

**FAITHLIFE - 3 NIGHT SHORT COURSE ON SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY: BEGINNING 22 AUGUST**

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**CHILDREN'S SESSION:**  
 Sunday mornings 8.30am  
 Mary MacKillop Hall  
 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

**PLAY TIME**

**Special needs Support Group**

Date: Sunday, 27th of August 2023  
 Where: Good Shepherd Church (Meeting Room)  
 Address: 136 Hyatts Road Plumpton  
 Time: 3:00pm  
 For more Information, please contact Maryrose Caruana 4033 265 579

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  
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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 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

**St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 26th & 27th of AUGUST 2023**

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Stan Pakulski	Evelyn Estacio	Anna Santos	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Walter Roberts	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Alma Espina	Sonny Balido	Rita Di Stefano	Lina Vaasilli	
Sun 10:30am	Elvie Yambot	Rizaldy Guintu	Jennifer Fernandes	Mary Bringera	Anna Santos
Sun 5:30pm	Jocelyn Salimbangon	Sanele Vaasili	Ime Taateo	Edgardo Pestano	

**St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th - 27th of AUGUST 2023**

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	-----
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**Dear Parishioners, THIS weekend**

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.**

**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.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 56:1.6-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*  
Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act  
with integrity, for soon my salvation will come  
and my integrity be manifest.  
Foreigners who have attached themselves to the  
Lord to serve him and to love his name and be  
his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not  
profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I  
will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them  
joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and  
their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for  
my house will be called a house of prayer for all  
the peoples.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

- (R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!
- O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
  - Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
  - Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans  
*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*  
Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to  
the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of  
being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my

own people envious of you, and in this way save  
some of them. Since their rejection meant the  
reconciliation of the world, do you know what  
their admission will mean? Nothing less than a  
resurrection from the dead! God never takes  
back his gifts or revokes his choice.  
Just as you changed from being disobedient to  
God, and now enjoy mercy because of their  
disobedience, so those who are disobedient  
now - and only because of the mercy shown to  
you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has  
imprisoned all men in their own disobedience  
only to show mercy to all mankind.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 15:21-28**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
*Woman, you have great faith.*  
Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the  
region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a  
Canaanite woman from that district and started  
shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My  
daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he  
answered her not a word. And his disciples went  
and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she  
wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after  
us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost  
sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman  
had come up and was kneeling at his feet.  
'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not  
fair to take the children's food and throw it to  
the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but  
even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall  
from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered  
her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish  
be granted.' And from that moment her  
daughter was well again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

George Galdes, Jose Ruiz, Cornelia Quiling  
Ho, Bronwyn Smith, Salvador David, Teresa  
Bartolo, Norma Aunero & Teresa Cowie.

**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.

**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, Wieslawa  
Taylor, Nenita Gonzales, Albino Reyonda, Alma  
Espina, Manuel Iniguez, Lydia Maalat, Analie  
Ramos, Tina King, Archaelus David, Romeo  
Susi, Felicitas Walsh & Martin David Nikic.

**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, 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

**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

