

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY

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.

THE VOICE - Just a few notes about the upcoming referendum:

- I. It is the civic duty of every citizen of this country to inform themselves, as well as is reasonable for them to do so, and participate in this referendum.
- II. The Voice is a prudential not a moral choice.
- III. We need to explain this distinction. That a sizable part of the population of people identifying as aboriginal in this country live under appalling conditions is perfectly clear. That it is incumbent on every citizen in the country to be aware of this and try to do what they can about it (which is undoubtedly limited for most), is, again, part of our duty as citizens. This is a moral argument about right and wrong and I don't believe anyone would dispute that. Whether the Voice is the way to achieve this is practical judgement (that is, a judgement based on prudence). It is not a moral argument.
- IV. So no-one has the right to tell you that, as a Christian, you are morally bound to vote for the voice.
- V. Also the argument is often trotted out that the "No" side has no better alternative. That is not their responsibility. It is the obligation of someone proposing to alter something to show that the change will produce a better outcome than the current procedures. This is what the "Yes" side has to do.
- VI. Arguments are also appearing about rights to sovereignty, a right to reparations and treaties and so forth. These are moral issues, which also lead to prudential arguments, but they have not been proposed as a clear part of this debate. Are we actually voting on these issues or not, it does not seem to be clear at all but that a "Yes" vote would be seen as implying these things is clear.
- VII. Finally the recognition of the Aboriginal people as the first people in this land is something just about everyone agrees on, but it has been tied in with the vote on the Voice. If you do not consider the Voice is the way forwards on these issues, there is no obligation on you to vote for it because you agree with the idea of the constitutional recognition of the place of the Aboriginal people in the history of this nation.
- VIII. The only persons who can tell you how to vote on this are the Three Persons of the Trinity, and if you are in the state of grace you'll find them in your own heart.

SYNOD NOVENA PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to head us forth united. Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love. Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep. Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility. May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your kingdom now, and forever.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
 St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, pray for us.

Be a part of something important "Become a Catechist"

Share the most basic message of God's love and this brings great hope to young people.

For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ's call to share the Good News, is a great source of joy and meaning. "Catechists make a difference."

Kindly give the Parish contact number I think anyone interested needs to speak to Father Alan first.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
 23rd & 24th of SEPTEMBER 2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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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

EMAIL: 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 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 4.30pm-5.30pm

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 - 30th of SEPTEMBER & 1st of OCTOBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Monica Flores	Dave Santos	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amarilla	
Sun 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Gertrude Elmo	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Elvie Yambot	Sonny Balido	Rita Di Stefano	Mary Bringera	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Ime Taateo	John Quiroz
Sun 5:30pm	Christopher Salimbangon	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Edgardo Pestano	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th of SEPTEMBER - 1st of OCTOBER 2023

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	-----
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We would like to begin two instruction classes in the Parish.

One for adults - this adult class will go ahead

- details to be announced.

A Catechism Class for children from 10.00am-10.30am of a SUNDAY.

If you are interested, please ring the parish office - TUESDAY to FRIDAY 10am - 4.30pm on (02) 9625-8404.

If you are interested in the adult class, please let us know whether you would prefer FRIDAY or SUNDAY.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY THE 1ST OF OCTOBER 2023

Parish Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1st October 3pm - 4.30pm in the MacKillop Hall.

Could a representative of the St. Aidan's Parish Groups please attend this important meeting.

Thank you, Fr. Alan.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55:6-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who
speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above
earth as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

- (R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.
- I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
 - The Lord is kind and full of
Compassion slow to anger, abounding in
love. How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
 - The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING **Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians
For me to live is Christ.
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results - I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I
want to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?
Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak
to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an
agreement with the workers for one denarius a
day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at
about the third hour he saw others standing idle in
the market place and said to them, "You go to my
vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So
they went. At about the sixth hour and again at
about the ninth hour, he went out and did the
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went
out and found more men standing round, and he
said to them, "Why have you been standing here
idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into my
vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the
vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and
pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals
and ending with the first." So those who were
hired at about the eleventh hour came forward
and received one denarius each. When the first
came, they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took it, but
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came
last" they said "have done only one hour, and you
have treated them the same as us, though we
have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He
answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am
not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to
pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I not
right to do what I like with my own? Why be
envious because I am generous?" Thus the last
will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Madry, Ruben Malificado, Rodolfo
E Santos, Nenita Tobias, John O'Rourke &
Ian Henry Marks

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Weronika Bembenek, Josefino Frusa, Joseph
Marc Frusa, Sophie D'Souza, Maria Elena Dayo
Lazo, Mary Lourdes Ave, Alberto, Elena,
Kodolfo Tobias, Victoria Rabanal, Aguido
Gonzales, Susan Rigor & Micheal Meilak

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 Nikic, Lanie Cutchon,
Antonino Mazacotte, Pedro Ruiz, John Benedict
Rivea, Sanele Vaasili, Brigida Guevarra, Rolando
Guevarra, Fenny Felizardo, Milagros Felizardo,
Maryanne Santos, Lydia Ramos, Jay Rivera,
Khriissy Pezzano, Nenita Gonzales,
Milna Penafuente, Vishna Taylor,
Lydia Maalat & Kevin Tollefsen.

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 4th of OCTOBER 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 24th of SEPTEMBER 2023
SUNDAY the 8th of OCTOBER 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.

THE FURROW ST JOSEMARIA

684 "This is my Body...", and the immolation of
Jesus took place, hidden under the
appearances of the bread. He is now there, with
his Flesh and with his Blood, with his Soul and
with his Divinity. He is the same as on the day
that Thomas placed his fingers in His glorious
wounds.

And yet, on so many occasions, you
saunter by, giving not even a hint of greeting
out of simple good manners that you would
give to any person you knew when you met
him.

You have much less faith than Thomas!

685 If, in order to gain for you your liberty, a
close friend of yours had gone to prison, would
you not try to visit him, to talk to him for a while,
take him some present, console him and show
him the warmth of your friendship? And, if that
conversation with the prisoner were to save you
from some evil and do you good, would you go
without it? And if instead of a friend it were to
be your father himself or your brother, what
then?

686 Jesus has remained in the Sacred Host for
us so as to stay by our side, to sustains, to guide
us. And love can only be repaid with love.

How could we not turn to the Blessed
Sacrament each day, even if it is only for a few
minutes, to bring him our greetings and our
love as children and as brothers?

687 Imagine the scene. An old sergeant or a
young lieutenant sees coming towards him a
fine-looking recruit, of an incomparably better
quality than the officer, but the salute and its
return are still given.

Meditate on the contrast. From the
tabernacle of that church, Christ, perfect God,
perfect Man, who has died for you on the Cross
and gives you everything that you need,
approaches you. And you go by without paying
any attention to him.

**ATTENTION TO PLANNED GIVING
CONTRIBUTOR NUMBER 73 (Mr Miller).**

**COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT
ELIZABETH AT THE OFFICE
DURING OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY - FRIDAY, 10am - 4.30pm
ASAP on (02) 9625 8404**