

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - SUNDAY, 1st OCTOBER

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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

One for adults who wish to know more about their faith: Two classes per month either of a **FRI-DAY** or a **SUNDAY**.

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**.

BLACKTOWN PARISH GOLF DAY 2023: 29 SEPTEMBER

The parish community of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, is inviting golfers to join their Parish Golf Day, which will take place on Friday 29 September from 7am at Stonecutter Ridge Golf Course - 86 Stonecutters Drive Colebee NSW 2761. All funds raised at this event will go towards the repair of our church roof at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For further information and/or to register to participate, please click onto the following website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfday2023> Or contact the parish office: (02) 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

SYNOD NOVENA PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us the journey of life, we call upon you to lead 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.

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd & 24th of SEPTEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	Edgardo Pestano	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Walter Roberts	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Justino Gutierrez	Rita Di Stefano	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Alma Espina	Rizaldy Guintu	Jennifer Fernandes	Ime Taateo	Sharon Quiroz-C
Sun 5:30pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Anna Santos	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd - 24th of SEPTEMBER 2023

Group 3	Chryzshamel Prudencio	Ryan Rozario	-----
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
 16th & 17th of SEPTEMBER 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
 Office Assistant: Yvonne Lanau
 Phone: (02) 9625 8404
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rootyhill@parracatholic.org
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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.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

CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS
 Mr Paul Stenning
 (02) 8886 9500

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

There are two Masses - 12noon and 3.00pm



We would like to congratulate all our candidates on this special day!
 May the love and grace of God be with you always as you take this important step in your spiritual journey.

CONFESSIONS OF A SATURDAY

As of Saturday the 23rd of September, 2023, confessions will be from 4.30pm-5.30pm, NOT 4.00pm-5.00pm.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Sir 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

- (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
- 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
- 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion (R.)
- 3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
- 4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong

to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.
Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Marta Pedrozo, George Simotas, George Galdes & Jenny Jane Chan Park.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Eduardo Nassif, Joseph Gatt, Maryanne Grazie & Joe Baseni.

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. Barbara Madry, Lydia Ramos, Jay Rivera, Khissy Pezzano, Nenita Gonzales, Milna Penafuente & Vishna Taylor .

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.

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

**PADRE PIO'S RELIC -
SUNDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 2023**

Padre Pio's Relic is coming to Padre Pio Parish at Glenmore Park from Thursday, 21s September till Sunday, 24th September 2023.
Please contact 4789 2232 for details.