

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22

November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/

PRACTICAL MATTERS

If, while you are adoring Jesus, somebody comes to you asking for money please refer them to the Parish Office.

Do not give them anything yourself. If they refuse to leave, warn them you have been told to call the police. Do so if they don't leave. We will experiment with locking the door between the crying room and the Church at times when there are few people around.



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF FR ALAN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON IN MARY MACKILLOP



THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on *Sunday the 3rd of December, 2023 at 3.00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.* Representative from each group should be in attendance.

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 21st & 22nd of OCTOBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amarilla	Rita Di Stefano	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	David Portelli	Jennifer Fernandes	Anna Santos	
Sun 10:30am	Margaret Taito	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Sharon Quiroz-C	John Quiroz
Sun 5:30pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Maribeth De Leon	Edgardo Pestano	TBA	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 20th - 22nd of OCTOBER 2023

Group 2	Crawelee M Dela Cruz	Cassidy Dizon	Rowena Dizon
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
 14th & 15th of OCTOBER 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
 Email: rootyhill@parracatholic.org
 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
 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 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 4:30pm-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

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

This is taking place this weekend.
 Please pray that the Holy Spirit may be heard.

OUR DELEGATES

I have with the approval of the Parish Council appointed two delegates from this parish to attend the Synod.
 Mr Terence Smith - President of the Parish Council
 Mrs P Tamayo - who has conducted adult courses in the faith, and worked with the youth in this parish since about 2006.
 Please pray for them that they may be open to the Holy Spirit and speak as He wills them to.

THE ADULT CATECHISM INSTRUCTION CLASS

This will begin at 7.30pm on the second Friday in November (10th November) in the Parish Centre.

THE CHILDREN'S CLASS

AT 10.00am OF A SUNDAY

will also begin at a date to be announced.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 25:6-10**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.
On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all People a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 22. R. v.6**

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me. I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:1-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sanele Vaasili, Tony Attard, Virgilio Aredela Sr.,
Dr. Felix Soosay, Merle Tobias, Benjamin
Gaputan, Benjamin, Milna Penafuerte, Mary
Rodrigues, Felipe & Jose

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Jesus David Zapanta, Milagros Concepcion, Pat
Villasenor, Juanita Cordero, Chako Neduuellil,
Ferdinand Brunner, Julita A Garcia, Ernesto A Garcia,
Renato Dooma, Joseph Gatt, Maryanne Grazio, Joe
Bigeni, "Lydia" E Santos, Dewi Marie V Bernasor,
Danilo Patricio, Leodegario Cogtas, Constanca
Cogtas, Marica Mitric, Mrs Lorna Hall.

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, Martin David Nikic, Lanie Cutchon, Antonino Mazacotte, Pedro Ruiz, John Benedict Rivea.

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 1st of NOVEMBER 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 22nd of OCTOBER 2023
SUNDAY the 12th of NOVEMBER 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.

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THE FURROW ST JOSEMARIA

684 "This is my Body..." and the immolation of 685 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.