

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.

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St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

LOWANA STUDY CENTRE - SPRING FETE
 Date - Sunday the 19th of November 2024
 Time - 8:30am - 2:30pm
 Collins Street, St Mary's - Next to Our Lady of the Rosary Church (All are Welcome)
Lowana is a Centre for young, single and married catholic Women to support them in their faith

THANKYOU
 Thank you from the Vaasili family for your support and prayers for their family and their father's soul.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2024 FISHERS OF MEN
 Youth & Young Adults (16-35 ages)
 1 - 6 January 2024
 \$450 per person - ends 30th November
 \$490 Per person - After 30th November
Families & Couples 7 -10 January 2024
 \$310 per person - Adults & 17+
 \$290 per person - Teens 13 - 16
 \$200 per person - Child 4 - 12
 3 & Under - Donation per person
 Register online - immaculata.org.au/ims
 For inquiries please call 0406 372 608 or email immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese - CATHWEST
2023 BEYOND SCHOOL, WHAT'S NEXT?
6th NOVEMBER, 2023 10am - 1pm
Cathwest Innovation College, Loyola Campus, 91 North Parade, Mt Druitt
 For many students, the post-school transition can be challenging. This event will allow high-school graduates the opportunity to have conversations and coaching sessions with experts from their desired field.
What's on offer:
Employment opportunities
Employment support services
Further Education
Career Coaching

MAGI PILGRIMAGES
 Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 Will be held on Sunday 3rd December, 2023 in Mary MacKillop Hall.
 A representative from each group should be in attendance.
 Thank you

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt
 Assistant Priest: Fr Neil Bulathsinalage
 Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
 Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak
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 Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208
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 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

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

YOUTH
YOUTH CONTACT: Maelody Gevero: 0426 263 081
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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

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

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.

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

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 - 4th & 5th of NOVEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita De Stefano	Dave Santos	Myriam Amarilla	Jennifer Fernandes	
Sun 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	David Portelli	Gertrude Elmo	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Elvie Yambot	Sonny Balido	Evelyn Estacio	John Quiroz	Sharon Quiroz-C
Sun 5:30pm	Jocelyn Salimbangon	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Maribeth De Leon	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 3rd - 5th of NOVEMBER 2023

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	-----
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ATTENTION PARISHIONERS - YOUR ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF FR ALAN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON IN MARY MACKILLOP HALL ON THIS SUNDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2023 AT 12.30PM. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE ON THIS DAY

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY
 This Wednesday is All Saints Day & This Thursday is All Souls Day
 Masses on All Saints Day will be the usual 9:15am and 7:00pm Masses on All Souls Day.
9:15am / 11:30am - Whole School Mass / 7:00pm
 A plenary INDULGENCE can be obtained for the Souls in Purgatory, only one, on All Souls Day by going to Mass and Communion, and/or, visiting a Church and saying the Our Father and the Apostles Creed for the Popes Intentions one has to go to Mass and Communion and to Confess within about a week of All Souls Day.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

- (R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.
- 1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
- 2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Theresa Ortiga, Lourdes Bondoc, Jaime Caraan, Yolanda Millapre, Nancy Marie Olsen, Sanele Vaasili & Leilua Kose Piliae.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Fr Renato Paras, Remedios S. Santos, Josefino Testor, Teresita Agignay, Remedies S. Santos, Lydia E Santos, Cayetano Jr., Paderanga, Felipe Jose Paderanga, Nector Gaputan, Caterina Catone Nigro, Emilio & Maria Custodia, Alfredo Caoile, Benjamin Gaputan, Emilio Nacua Sr., Francziszek Haladus, Marian Idaszak & Maria Idaszak.

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, Julie Davey & Seak Keo.

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 YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH. GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

**SUNDAY the 12th of NOVEMBER 2023
SUNDAY the 26th 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.

PERSONAL INVITATION

We are in need of more Adorers. Personal invitation works best and it is a worthwhile apostolic activity to invite friends and relatives to join you and possibly commit to one hour per week.
You are already aware by now of how it alters your personal relationship with Jesus, protects you from sin, and gradually changes your life for the better. It is a gift you should invite others to share.

**THIS EXTRACT IS TAKEN FROM
ST. JOHN PAUL II ' 'JESUS SON and SAVIOR."
REMEMBER THAT THE RISEN JESUS WHO HAS
ASCENDED TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER IS
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Peter, the apostles and the disciples understood perfectly that their principal mission was to be witnesses to the Lord's resurrection. Faith in Christ and the acceptance of his saving message depends upon this unique and amazing event.
Every Christian, in every age and place, is a witness to the risen Christ. He sees with the eyes of Peter and the apostles. He is convinced of the glorious resurrection of Christ crucified and therefore believes completely in him who is the Way, the Truth, the Life and the Light of the world. He proclaims Jesus with a serene courage. The paschal witness is thus the specific characteristic of the Christian.

St. Paul therefore writes to the Colossians: "If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:1-3).

Rightly then does St. Ambrose observe in a discourse on the sacraments: "God has anointed you; Christ has marked you with his seal. In what way? Because you have been marked to receive the imprint of his cross, to conform you to his passion. You have received the seal that makes you like to him, so that you may be able to rise to his image, to live by imitating him who was crucified to sin and lives for God. Your old self has been immersed in the font and has been crucified in sin, but is risen for God" (Discourse V1, 2, 7).

The whole life of a Christian must be paschal! I invite you all to bring to your families, your work, your daily concerns, your schools, your professions, your free time and also to your suffering, the serenity and peace, the joy and trust that come from the certainty of Christ's resurrection! May Mary Most Holy accompany you and strengthen you in your paschal witness!

Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor rex, miserere! "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor king, ever reigning!"