

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.



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November is the month when we make a special effort to pray for the faithful departed. These of course will include deceased family members, relatives, and friends. The envelopes can be collected from the gathering area of the Church.

ADORERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of those who organize the Perpetual Adoration
FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 2023
 7.30pm, Mary MacKillop Hall
 Mercy Connelly & Fr. Alan Layt

THANK YOU

To our 2 delegates who attended the Synod last weekend.
 Mr Terence Smith and Mrs Precious Tamayo
THEY DID US PROUD
 Fr. Alan



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to have deceased family members and friends remembered at all the Masses during the **month of NOVEMBER**, please write their names on the envelopes which are in the gathering area of the church and place them in the collection basket.

Thank you, Fr. Alan Layt



THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

will be held on **Sunday the 3rd of December, 2023** at 3.00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. A representative from each group should be in attendance.

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.

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on **Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery.**

All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
 21st & 22nd of OCTOBER 2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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 Assistant Priest: Fr Neil Bulathsinalage
 Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
 Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak
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 Phone: (02) 9625 8404
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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_VjPTdVO/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

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.

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



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF

FR ALAN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON IN MARY MACKILLOP HALL ON SUNDAY THE 29TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 12.00PM. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE ON THIS DAY

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th & 29th of OCTOBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Nora Piliae	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	Rita Di Stefano	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Periera	Gertrude Elmo	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Elvie Yambot	Justino Gutierrez	Edith Garsuta	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Rizaldy Guintu	Aurora Mata	Emmanuel Mata	Mary Bringera
Sun 5:30pm	Christopher Salimbangon	Maribeth De Leon	Maribeth De Leon	TBA	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 27th - 29th of OCTOBER 2023

Group 3	Chryzshamel Prudencio	Ryan Rozario	-----
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 45:1.4-6**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

- (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.
- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
 - The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
 - Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
 - Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:15-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Regina Scholastica Abeyesekera Sanele Vaasili, Mauricio Fandino, Flocerfida Dela Cruz, Rommel Delfin, Leilua Kose Piliae.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

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, O.K. Thomas, Jose Rommel

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.

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.

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.

**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!"