

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.

SYNOD NOVENA PRAYER

O God, who always walks with us on 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.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' RESPONSE TO THE DUBIUM ABOUT BLESSING SAME SEX COUPLES

There has been a lot of unnecessary confusion about this so let's clarify a few things: The pope was replying to a letter from some Cardinals asking for a clear statement on a few issues, such letter is called a "Dubium" The Pope's reply is just that, it is not teaching as you would find it in an Encyclical or an Apostolic Letter.

Essentially the Pope has said nothing new. He was asked about blessing same sex unions. His response was to reaffirm the church's teaching on marriage which comes directly from the teaching of Christ and is unalterable. Marriage is between a man and a woman and is an exclusive relationship. No one can bless any other sort of union in any way that would imply that it is a marriage.

Implicitly included in such a statement is that any form of sexual relationship apart from that found in marriage is forbidden by God. This is abundantly clear from Jesus Himself and St. Paul. So no blessing could be given to any such union which implied that it would or could be acceptable to God. Pope Francis does not say this directly.

We cannot, however, Pope Francis points out, judge people and condemn them as sinners. This means that, although we can judge actions as good or bad, we can't conclude that the person doing them is therefore bad or a sinner. We always have to approach such situations with mercy and compassion. Priests have to deal with complex and very real human situations. Pope Francis does not think it is wise to start trying to make regulations to govern the enormous variety of these which could present themselves to a priest.

If, for example, a same sex couple, or another good example would be a porn addict, asked someone to pray with them and perhaps bless them as they struggled to overcome their situation and restore their relationship with Jesus then we should really show mercy and compassion. The condition is that whatever we do we should not imply that the way they are relating sexually now (in the case of a porn addict, with their computer or phone) is in any way acceptable to God.

You may think this applies only to priests but a lay person can bless someone and definitely pray for them. Since there have, unfortunately, been a number of abuses in this area the Pope's answer will not satisfy many who long for a clearer direction, but that is up to the judgment of the Pope.

I know the ABC and some others are interpreting this as if the Pope had approved of the blessing of same sex unions as if such a blessing involved approving of gay sexual relationships and treating them as if they were marriage. The problem is he has said no such thing or even implied it. The ABC does have problems with complex statements, however, and I would not trust anything they said about the Catholic Church.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 7th & 8th 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: staidanschurch@bigpond.com
 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

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

will be held on Sunday, 3rd December, 2023 at 3.00pm in Mary MacKillop Hall.

Representative from each group should be in attendance.



To Mary Testa's Prayer Group Who contributed \$238 to repair our verandah roof.

Thank you Fr. Alan

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 14th & 15th of OCTOBER 2023

| MASS | LECTOR | ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER | SPECIAL MINISTER | SPECIAL MINISTER | SPECIAL MINISTER |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Vigil 6:00pm | Darlene Palermo-Dabbagh | Joel Apostol | Terisita Apostol | Myriam Amarilla | |
| Sun 7:30am | Maribeth De Leon | Walter Roberts | Anthony Periera | Clarita Roberts | |
| Sun 9:00am | Rita Di Stefano | Justino Gutierrez | Gertrude Elmo | Lina Vaasili | |
| Sun 10:30am | Nora Piliae | Emmanuel Mata | Aurora Mata | Evelyn Estacio | Mary Bringera |
| Sun 5:30pm | Jocelyn Salimbangon | Sanele Vaasili | Maribeth De Leon | TBA | |

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 13th - 15th of OCTOBER 2023

| | | | |
|---------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Group 1 | Alex Almazan | Charlie De Souza | Eunice De Souza |
|---------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:6-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 21:33-43**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sanele Vaasili, Barbara Madry, Mary Rodrigues, Pauline Dunn, Reming Biala, Brasher Tagudar, Kevin Tollefsen, Joy Meyers

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Delia Valmeo, Kathleen Haliburn, Anthony Haliburn, Noel Acodesin So, Lino Baldivia, Violeta Mapa, Paul & Josephine Cortis, Rosevida Demerin, Jose Briones

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

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

**SUNDAY the 8th of OCTOBER 2023
SUNDAY the 22nd 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.

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.

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 sustain, 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.