

### 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.

### THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

### TLC'S 16TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saturday 25th of November 2023  
 Venue: Blacktown Leisure Centre, Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens  
 \$120 per person—Book through Humantix  
<https://events.humanitix.com/tlcdinner>

### IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awesome speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone ...

Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 January 2024

Married couples & families (specifically designed for married couples. Includes childrens and teens program): 7-10 January 2024

Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW

For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Positions Vacant:

Facilitator - Marriage - Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta - Applications close 10pm Monday 13 November 2023.

Youth Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill - Applications close Thursday 30 November 2023.

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)



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### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th & 19th of NOVEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palermo-D	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amarilla	Cheryl Machado	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Angelo Armas	David Portelli	Edith Garsuta	Jennifer Fernandes	
Sun 10:30am	Margaret Taito	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Edgardo Pestano	Mary Bringera
Sun 5:30pm	Christopher Salimbangon	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Maribeth De Leon	

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th - 19th of NOVEMBER 2023

Group 1	Alex Almazan	Charlie De Souza	Eunice De Souza
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 11th & 12th of NOVEMBER 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  
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 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\\_VjPTdVO/live](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

Fr Neil would like to thank all those who supported and prayed for his family, especially his mother. He will keep you all in his prayers.

*In this spirit of remembrance, You are warmly welcome to faithfully gather for Our second annual Mass for our Deceased Clergy, On Friday 17 November, from 10.30am At St. Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill.*

*Mass will be followed by prayers at the gravesites of our Clergy who are buried in Pinegrove Cemetery*

### PARISH SACRISTAN

Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208  
**ASSISTANT SACRISTAN**  
 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

### YOUTH

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 Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544  
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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

### 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



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16**

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*  
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding full grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave  
you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are  
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to  
them as they go in every thought of theirs  
coming to meet them.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

- (R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
- 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
- 3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- 4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians  
*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life  
with Jesus.*  
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about  
those who have died, to make sure that you do not  
grieve about them, like the other people who have no  
hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and  
that it will be the same for those who have died in

Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you  
this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who  
are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any  
advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet  
of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the  
command and the Lord himself will come down  
from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be  
the first to rise, and then those of us who are still  
alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with  
them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay  
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these  
you should comfort one another.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the  
Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet  
him.*  
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The  
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten  
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet  
the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and  
five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did  
take their lamps, but they brought no oil,  
whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as  
well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late,  
and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at  
midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is  
here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those  
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps,  
and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones,  
"Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going  
out." But they replied, "There may not be  
enough for us and for you; you had better go to  
those who sell it and buy some for yourselves."  
They had gone off to buy it when the bride-  
groom arrived. Those who were ready went in  
with him to the wedding hall and the door was  
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.  
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us."  
But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not  
know you." So stay awake, because you do not  
know either the day or the hour.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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.

We pray for all the deceased  
relatives and friends listed in the  
November Masses Folder.

**NOVEMBER MASS**

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.

**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:  
Katarzyna Haladus, Bronia Flak, Sarah Jane  
Milner, Romeo Susi, Wieslawa Taylor,  
Martin David Nikic, Lanie Cutchon,  
Antonino Mazacotte, Pedro Ruiz, John  
Benedict Rivea, Julie Davey, Seak Keo,  
Ilbra, Kevin McHugh, Charlie & Francesca  
Morello, Achaelus David & Emerenciano  
Albao Sr.

**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 6th of DECEMBER 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 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 hid-  
den 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!"