

### 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.*

### 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 Children's 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 NOTICE

#### DIOCESAN FOOD DRIVES

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at [parracatholic.org/fooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing [james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.atanasious@parracatholic.org)

### CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

FIRST RITE: SATURDAY 16/12/23 - 3pm 5pm  
 FIRST RITE: WEDNESDAY 20/12/23 - 10am-12pm & 7:30pm-9pm  
 FIRST RITE: THURSDAY 21/12/23 - 7pm-9pm  
 FIRST RITE: FRIDAY 22/12/23 - 10am-12pm  
 FIRST RITE: SATURDAY 23/12/23 - 3pm-5pm

### MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

#### DAWN MASSES

Saturday December 16th through to Sunday the 24th of December - 4:30am

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY - 24/12/2023

6:00PM Vigil

11:00pm Carols

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY - 25/12/2024

12:00am Midnight Mass, 7:30am Morning Mass

9:00am Morning Mass, 10:30am Morning Mass

5:30pm Evening Mass

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

TUESDAY - 26/12/2023

9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

#### WEDNESDAY - 27/12/2023

9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

#### THURSDAY - 28/12/2023

9:15am Mass

#### FRIDAY - 29/12/2023

9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

#### SATURDAY - 30/12/2023

9:00am Mass & 6:00pm Mass

#### FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SUNDAY - 31/12/2023

7:30am Mass, 9:00am Mass, 10:30am & 5:50pm Mass

#### MONDAY - 2/01/2024

9:15am Mass



FIRST  
SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
YEAR B  
2nd & 3rd of  
DECEMBER  
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](mailto: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/UCy5n3vxtKz7yEY\\_VjPtDVO/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPtDVO/live)

Terence Smith youtube.com

PERPETUAL ADORATION IS CARRIED OUT IN THE CHURCH 24/7

#### 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](mailto: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

#### SAVOUR (18+)

Every last Thursday of the Month 6:00pm - 7:30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration) Followed by fellowship

inside the Church

#### 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

### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 9th & 10th of DECEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	Rita Di Stefano	
Sun 7:30am	Maribeth De Leon	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	
Sun 9:00am	Angelo Armas	Justino Gutierrez	Sen Custodia	Juliet Armas	
Sun 10:30am	Nora Piliae	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	John Quiroz	Sharon Quiroz-C
Sun 5:30pm	Christopher Salimbangon	Anthony Pereira	Maribeth De Leon	Edgardo Pestano	

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th - 10th of DECEMBER 2023

Group 4	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	-----
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If you are able to help out with our Church Cleaning roster, please contact the parish Office on 9625 8404 as soon as possible for next year's roster!

#### THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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



#### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

##### Volunteers needed to help Clean Our Church

We have had a few people no longer available to help with the cleaning of our Church. We are looking for volunteers who may be able to help at least once a month, all cleaning equipment is provided. You will be placed in a small group and given a roster as to what weekend you are being allocated. (cleaners usually come in once a week either Friday or Saturday morning)

If you are a reliable person and are able to help us, please fill in your details below and hand into the Parish Office as soon as possible or call us on 9625 8404. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B  
2nd & 3rd of DECEMBER 2023

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

## FIRST READING **Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down

- at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4**

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your  
face and we shall be saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
- 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.)
- May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
(R.)

## SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our  
Lord.*  
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you  
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him  
that you have been enriched in so many ways,  
especially in your teachers and preachers; the  
witness to Christ has indeed been strong  
among you so that you will not be without any of  
the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for  
our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will  
keep you steady and without blame until the last  
day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because  
God by calling you has joined you to his Son,  
Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and  
love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL **Mark 13:33-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark  
*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will  
come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard,  
stay awake, because you never know when the  
time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad:  
he has gone from home, and left his servants in  
charge, each with his own task; and he has told  
the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,  
because you do not know when the master of  
the house is coming, evening, midnight,  
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he  
must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I  
say to all: Stay awake!'

The Creed is said.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth  
shall yield its increase.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Edgar Angeles, Fermin Tuason, Alexander  
Espina, Grace Saquibal, Emerenciano  
Albao Sr., Beryl Monaghan, Antonio Lapuz  
& Andrew Denny.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Gordon Alister Fernando, Raul Nool, Nenita  
Tobias Nool, Merle Tobias, Manda Urban,  
Pano Urban, Joseph Gatt, Joseph Bigeni,  
Marianne Srazio, Octavio Villamar, Kenneth  
Leonardo

## 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, Kevin McHugh, Charlie  
& Francesca Morello, Achaelus David,  
Dave Saunders, Vishna Taylor, Tina King &  
Matt Duncan

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

## OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 10th of DECEMBER 2023  
SUNDAY the 17th of DECEMBER 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.

## ANNIVERSARY OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Feast of Christ the King 2022 was the  
time that Perpetual adoration began in  
this Church. We have now had our First  
Anniversary.

I would like to congratulate everyone  
who has been a part of this, for their  
perseverance and devotion to Jesus  
really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I would call on every parishioner to try to  
be a part of this. Even if you can't  
guarantee a regular hour you can still  
come on as regular basis as you manage.

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed  
Sacrament changes a persons life for the  
better. It is not rushed but Jesus moves  
carefully and steadily to draw us closer to  
Himself.

It is a great devotion for married couples.  
It will deepen and mature their love  
relationship and open it more and more  
to the power and influence of the Holy  
Spirit.

Perpetual Adoration is a marvelous gift  
that Jesus has given to this Parish, may  
we all treasure and support it.

God bless and thank you once more to  
all of our adorers and those who  
organize the adoration.

Fr Alan