

### 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.*

#### BANNS of MARRIAGE

Are announced for OGWU OLISEMEKE COLLINS and UNABOR BENEDICTA both of DELTA STATE NIGERIA. They wish to marry in ST JOHN PAUL II church in KABAR-NA DISTRICT NIGERIA.

*If you have any concerns about this marriage, please contact the Parish Secretary of St. Aidan's Parish 02 9625 8404.*

#### DIocese of PARRAMATTA -

##### DEEP GRATITUDE FOR OUR PARISH STAFF

Parish staff across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have been formally acknowledged by the Diocese of Parramatta for their dedicated and passionate ministry as the 'frontline workers' of the Church. On 29 November 2023, close to 70 parish staff and volunteers were joined by Chancery staff for a day of reflection ahead of the Advent season at Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. *The highlight of the day was the Recognition Ceremony which awarded staff from five to 32 years of faithful service to their parishes. Unfortunately, unable to attend the day, Elizabeth Idaszak was the most notable awardee for an outstanding 32 years in St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill. Congratulations to all award recipients!*



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#### CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

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  
*After Mass please bring a plate to share*



##### 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 & 5:30pm Mass

##### MONDAY - 1/01/2024

9:15am Mass

#### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 30th & 31st of DECEMBER 2023

| MASS         | LECTOR                  | ACOLYTE/<br>ALTER SERVER | SPECIAL<br>MINISTER | SPECIAL<br>MINISTER | SPECIAL<br>MINISTER |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Vigil 6:00pm | Stan Pakulski           | Rizaldy Guintu           | Myriam Amarilla     | Cheryl Machado      |                     |
| Sun 7:30am   | Alma Espina             | Anthony Pereira          | Gertrude Elmo       | Maribeth De Leon    |                     |
| Sun 9:00am   | Nora Piliae             | David Portelli           | Rita Di Stefano     | Edith Garsuta       |                     |
| Sun 10:30am  | Elvie Yambot            | Fernando San Pedro       | Joshua San Pedro    | Jennifer Fernandes  | Evelyn Estacio      |
| Sun 5:30pm   | Christopher Salimbangon | Angelo Armas             | Juliet Armas        | Maribeth De Leon    |                     |

#### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th - 31st of DECEMBER 2023

|         |                       |               |              |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Group 2 | Crawelle M. Dela Cruz | Cassidy Dizon | Rowena Dizon |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|

FOURTH  
 SUNDAY  
 OF  
 ADVENT  
 YEAR B  
 23rd & 24th 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  
 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

#### 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



A big Thank you to all those who helped with the Dawn Masses and the Priests who celebrated them.  
 Fr Alan

#### PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Parish Office closed Tuesday 26/12/2023 and re-open on

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B  
23rd & 24th of DECEMBER 2023

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.  
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)  
is not said.

## FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.  
(R.)

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me.'

I will keep my love for him always;  
for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

## SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*You will conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Creed is said.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Rudy Magpantay, Francisca Fronda, Ron Burgess,  
Lucita Zamora, Ramona Almazar

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Pascasio "Bong" Vicario, Cornelia Quiling-Ho, Leslie Clarke, Rodolfo Hollero, Ali Alag, Joseph Gatt Grazio, Ive Maryanne Bigeni, Lucena Gloria, Rosario Bajar, Jesus Zamora, Jose Zamora, Don Bosco Gonsalvez, Aguido Gonzales, Rosenda Flora, Magdalena Malixi, Pilar Malixi

## 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:

Ricky Manzo, Ivan Fitz, Manolo Pastor Soller, Nelly Eco, Maria Llave, Mr Ravneet Ram, Katarzyna Haladus, Bronia Flak, Sarah Jane Milner, Romeo Susi, Wieslawa Taylor, 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 Manolo Pastor Soller.

## 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 10th of JANUARY 2024

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 14th of JANUARY 2024  
SUNDAY the 28th of JANUARY 2024



## 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

## IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL: SAILING THE AEGEAN WITH OPTION MALTA EXTENSION FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> -22<sup>ND</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

Escorted by FR NEIL BULATHSINHALA, ST AIDAN'S ROOTY HILL  
13 DAYS or 19 DAYS

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