

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.

DAWN MASSES

Dawn Masses start here at St. Aidan's Parish on Saturday, 16th December, 2023 at 4.30am and concludes Sunday, 24th December, 2023. Please bring a plate to share after Mass.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Parish Office is closed from Tuesday the 26th of December 2023 and will re-open on Tuesday, 2nd January, 2024.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held on Sunday the 4th of February, 2024, at 3.00pm in Mary MacKillop Hall. A representative from each group should be in attendance..

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you for giving comfort, faith, and hope to distraught people this Christmas. Fr. Fernando Montano Rodriguez, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospitals and prisons, who might otherwise feel abandoned. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised **\$3,309.00**, which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including our Catholic Care chaplaincy services.



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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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B
9th & 10th of DECEMBER 2023

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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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/UCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPTdVQ/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
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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

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 - 16th & 17th of DECEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Elvie Yambot	Stan Pakulski	Myriam Amarilla	Jennifer Fernandes	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica Malachwski	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	David Portelli	Gertrude Elmo	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Evelyn Estacio	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Edgardo Pestano	Mary Bringera
Sun 5:30pm	Jocelyn Salimbangon	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Maribeth De Leon	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 15th - 17th of DECEMBER 2023

Group 5	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral	Gianna Haladus
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PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to thank all the members of the parish council who have helped me throughout this year. Your support and advice has been most helpful and much appreciated.
 Fr Alan

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: _____



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B
9th & 10th of DECEMBER 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Prepare the way for the Lord.
'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING **2 Peter 3:8-14**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.
There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The
Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as
anybody else might be called slow; but he is being
patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day
of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar
the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall
apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.
Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait
and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will
dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.
What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new
heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness
will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are
waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain
so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall see the
salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Mark 1:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Make straight the paths of the Lord.
The beginning of the Good News about Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the
prophet Isaiah:
Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the
wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his
paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist
appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea
and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to
him, and as they were baptised by him in the river
Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a
garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and
wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said,
'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down
and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised
you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ramona Almazar, Martin Nikic &
Andrew Denny

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Don Bosco Gonsalvez, Aguido
Gonzales & Rosenda Flora.

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, 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 & Nelly Eco.

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 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 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, 20th 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