

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 KABARNA DISTRICT NIGERIA.

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

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 on a monthly basis) 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 : _____



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Name: **Michael Idaszak**
 Mobile: **0433 053 125**
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 Plumber, Drainer, Gasfitter, LP
 Gasfitter & Roof Plumber

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th & 7th of JANUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Alma Espina	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	Sonny Balido	Edith Garsuta	Anna Santos	
Sun 10:30am	Celestine Salimbangon	Justino Gutierrez	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Edgardo Pestano
Sun 5:30pm	Beth Kuzmic	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Maribeth De Leon	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 5th - 7th of JANUARY 2024

Group 1	Gianna Haladus	Ryan Rozario
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MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to enrol: www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry

THE HOLY
 FAMILY OF
 JESUS, MARY
 AND JOSEPH
 YEAR B
 30th & 31st 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_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
 EMAIL: staidans.eucharisticyouth@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



Fr Alan, Fr Neil and Staff of St. Aidan's
 would like to thank everyone who sent in their
 Christmas Greetings and Gifts.
 Thank you also to those who have helped
 in the parish in any way.
 We extend to all parishioners, their families
 and friends a faith and hope filled New Year.





The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B

YEAR B
30th & 31st of DECEMBER 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger. The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

FIRST READING Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus *Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.* The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.v.7.8

- (R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (R.)
 2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. (R.)
 3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)
 4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians *Concerning the Christian life in the world.* You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with

gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.* When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Janina Bogacz, 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., 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, 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.

SECURITY

I have noticed that, of a night, adorers will often open the door for someone who starts using the lock or knocks on the door. One of our adorers had a homeless man knock, telling her I had given him the code (*which I had not*) and asked to be let in. He was looking for a place to sleep and went through to the Lady Chapel. The adorer had to wake him up and get him to leave. I think it would be wiser not to open the door but let the next adorer use the code. If they have a problem and knock and ask to be let in, ask them to come to the window, and you can let them in or ask them to leave at your discretion. If you are at all concerned about someone outside don't hesitate to call the police. I would rather have the police complaining about excessive calls than anything happen to one of you. When we adore we are all in the hands of Jesus but we need to use the discretion He has given us.

GAPS

We will have a few absences over the holiday season that can't be filled. If there is no one to replace you please just close the slide if you are in the Church or use the screen if you are in the Crying Room. May God Bless you all this Christmas

Fr Alan

IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL:

SAILING THE AEGEAN WITH OPTION MALTA EXTENSION



FROM 10TH -22ND/28TH OCTOBER 2024

Escorted by FR NEIL BULATHSINHALA,

ST AIDAN'S ROOTY HILL

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FULL PACKAGE PRICE (Per person (Twin Share)) \$8,690*, Optional Single Room/Cabin Supplement \$1,550. Optional Malta Extension (per person (Twin Share)) \$3,790**. Optional Single Room Supplement \$1,495. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Fr. Neil or contact Olive Tree Travel (03) 8488 9696. To secure your place, a deposit of \$500 per person (plus additional \$250 deposit per person for Malta Extension) is due by 29th February 2024.

The final balance payment will be due in early August, 2024.