

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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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

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



THIRD
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT
YEAR B
16th & 17th 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.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 - 23rd & 24th of DECEMBER 2023

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	Cheryl Machado	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Periera	Walter Roberts	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Mary Bringer	Justino Gutierrez	Lina Vaasili	Anna Santos	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Rizaldy Guintu	Aurora Mata	Emmanuel Mata	Sharon Quiroz- C
Sun 5:30pm	Celestine Salimbangon	Maribeth De Leon	Edgardo Pestano	Maribeth De Leon	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd - 24th of DECEMBER 2023

Group 1	Alex Almazan	-----	-----
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MUST I GO TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND ON MONDAY CHRISTMAS DAY AS WELL..... YES!

Sunday is a normal Sunday with the obligation to go to Mass and
Monday is Christmas Day, a holy day of obligation!


You could go to any Sunday Mass as well as going to the 5:30pm
Mass on Sunday as the Vigil Mass for Christmas Day or you could go
to the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday and the 5:30pm Mass on Christmas
Day, or any other combination. These obligations are the blessing of
God who desires that we express our love for him this way.

God bless you and have a HOLY & HAPPY Christmas.

Fr Alan

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Parish Office is closed
Tuesday 26/12/2023 and
re-opens on
Tuesday, 2nd January, 2024.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B
16th & 17th of DECEMBER 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I exult for joy in the Lord.
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of
salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of
integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.
1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians
*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and
body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all
things give thanks to God, because this is what
God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift
of prophecy with contempt; think before you do
anything – hold on to what is good and avoid
every form of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfect and
holy; and may you all be kept safe and
blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and
he will not fail you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon
me; he sent me to bring Good News to the
poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John
*There stands among you, unknown to you, the
one who is coming after me.*
A man came, sent by God. His name was John.
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for
the light, so that everyone might believe
through him. He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
This is how John appeared as a witness. When
the Jews sent priests and Levites from
Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not
only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I
am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are
you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the
Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to
him, 'Who are you? We must take back an
answer to those who sent us. What have you to
say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah
prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'
Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees,
and they put this further question to him, 'Why
are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and
not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I
baptise with water; but there stands among you
– unknown to you – the one who is coming after
me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.'
This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the
Jordan, where John was baptising.
The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not
fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will
save us.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Francisca Fronda, Ron Burgess, Lucita
Zamora & Ramona Almazar.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED


Joseph Gatt Grazio, Ive Maryanne Bigeni,
Lucena Gloria, Rosario Bajar, Jesus Zamora,
Jose Zamora, Don Bosco Gonsalvez, Aguido
Gonzales, Rosenda Flora, Josephine & Paul
Cortis, 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:
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,
Ricky Manzo & Ivan Fitz.

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 17th of DECEMBER 2023
SUNDAY the 14th of JANUARY 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

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

There was an envelope placed in our collection bags last
weekend addressed "To Susie from Nevanka"
If this is your envelope, please contact our Parish
Secretary, Elizabeth, on 02 9625 8404 during office hours
(Tuesday-Friday 10am-4.30pm).
You will need to provide driver's license and state the amount in the
envelope before it will be released to you.