

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.*



ST. AIDAN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

FIRST CONFESSION (Reconciliation)
 (Children from Year 2 and Year 3)

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
 Thursday, 8th FEBRUARY, 2024
 7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION
 10th & 11th FEBRUARY, 2024
 Sacristy in the Church after all the weekend Masses.

PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING
 Thursday, 15th FEBRUARY, 2024
 7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall

CHILDREN SESSIONS
 Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall
 18/2/24 25/2/24 3/3/24 10/3/24

PRACTICE SESSIONS
 Tuesday, 12th MARCH, 2024
 Thursday, 14th MARCH, 2024

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED
 Tuesday, 19th March, 2024 7.30pm in the Church
 Thursday, 21st March, 2024 7.30pm in the Church

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: _____



Name: Michael Idaszak

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St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for NEXT weekend - 20th-21st of JANUARY 2024

| MASS | LECTOR | ACOLYTE/ ALIER SERVER | SPECIAL MINISTER | SPECIAL MINISTER | SPECIAL MINISTER |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Vigil 6:00pm | Dave Santos | Stan Pakulski | Sharon Quiroz- Candelaria | Myriam Amarilla | |
| Sun 7:30am | Veronica Malachowski | Walter Roberts | Anthony Pereira | Gertrude Elmo | |
| Sun 9:00am | Angelo Armas | David Portelli | Edith Garsuta | Anna Santos | |
| Sun 10:30am | Christopher Salimbangon | Fernando San Pedro | Joshua San Pedro | Edgardo Pestano | Jennifer Fernandes |
| Sun 5:30pm | Evelyn Estacio | Angelo Armas | Juliet Armas | Maribeth De Leon | |

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for NEXT weekend - 20th-21st of JANUARY 2024

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| Group 3 | Marissa Rumeral | Tony Rumeral | |
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2ND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME
YEAR B
13th-14th
of JANUARY
2024

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/UCcy5n3vxtKz7yEY_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

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

13 DAYS or 19 DAYS



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.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

13th-14th of JANUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING

 1 Samuel 3:3-10:19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

 Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

 John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

 John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Kowalczyk, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo, Ron Burgess, Lucita Zamora, Ramona Almazar, Felipe Paredes.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Flora Toledo, Ester Blando, Tess De Guia, Restituto Himena, Jose Luis Nunes, Ampara Himena, Virginia Ang, Maria Necita Himena, Aquilina, Carlota, Alberto, Raymunda, Eufrecina, Elsa, Leonida, Wilfredo., souls in purgatory, Buencamino Manalo.

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:

Lorenz Pedroso, Jo Salacup, 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, Pastor Soller, Louise Janic & Helen Janic, Marie Ange Lan, Jo Tullao, Alfonso Diaz, A Castro, Mrs Tara Ram, Ms Sophia Roubeka, Mrs Roubeka

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 7TH FEBRUARY 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

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. Fr Alan Layt



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. As well as the link above there is now a form in the church foyer which you can fill out if you wish to be part of our Eucharistic Adoration.

ST JOSEMARIA SAID THAT SINCE HE WAS A SMALL CHILD HE HAS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THE REASON FOR THE EUCHARIST

It is a feeling that we all share: we always want to remain with those we love. St Josemaría, considering the mystery of the love of Christ, whose delight is to be with the children of men (cf. Prov 8:31), who is not willing to leave us orphans (cf. Jn 14:18), has chosen to remain with us until the end of the world (cf. Mt 28:20). He used the example of people who have to part from one another to illustrate the motive for the institution of this Sacrament. "They would like to stay together forever, but duty—in one form or another—forces them to separate." And not being able to stay together, "they exchange gifts or perhaps a photograph," but "they can do no more, because a creature's power is not so great as its desire." Jesus, God and Man, overcomes these limits through his love for us. "What we cannot do, our Lord is able to do. He leaves us, not a symbol, but a reality. He himself stays with us." He who was born of Mary in Bethlehem, who worked in Nazareth and journeyed throughout Galilee and Judaea, and died on the Cross on Golgotha; who rose gloriously on the third day and appeared a number of times to his disciples, stays with us now.

The Catholic Faith has always professed this identical presence, in part to reject the idle daydreaming of those who excused their lack of Christian spirit by alleging they couldn't see our Lord as the first disciples did, or who claimed they would behave differently if they were able to meet him physically. "How many now say, I would wish to see his form, his face, his clothes, his shoes. Lo! You see him, you touch him, you eat him. And you indeed desire to see his clothes, but his gives himself to you not to see only, but also to touch and eat and receive within you. Let no one then approach with indifference, let no one faint-hearted come, but all with burning hearts, all fervent, all vigilant."

SECURITY

In future, during weekdays, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Crying Room and the door between the Crying Room and the Church will be locked. The only access will be through the outside door to the Crying Room. Fr Alan Layt