

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.

CAFÉ IVAN
Soup Kitchen
 By OLR & KKOTTONGNAE
OFFERING A MEAL TO NEIGHBOURS IN NEED
Thursdays 6pm -7pm
 Our Lady of the Rosary, Parish Hall Basement
 12 Swanston Street, St Mary's, 2760
 (Access via Collins Street)
 For more Information, please contact
 Br. James, KBJ kkottongnae@gmail.com

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: _____

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 Will be held on Sunday, 4th February, 2024,
 at 3.00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall.
 A representative from each group should be
 In attendance.

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 ABN: 98970315903

Name: Michael Idaszak
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St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 3rd & 4th of FEBRUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita Di Stefano	Stan Pakulski	Cheryl Machado	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen Patiag	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 9:00am	Beth Kuzmic	David Portelli	Mary Bringera	Edith Garsuta	
Sun 10:30am	Jocelyn Salimbangon	Sonny Balido	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Sharon Quiroz-C
Sun 5:30pm	Elvie Yambot	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 2nd - 4th of FEBRUARY 2024

Group 1	Gianna Haladus	Ryan Rozario	-----
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Fourth
 Sunday in
 Ordinary
 Time
 Year B
 27th & 28th
 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
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 Website: http://rootyhillparish.org.au

PARISH SACRISTAN
 Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208
ASSISTANT SACRISTAN
 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

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

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

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.

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

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 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

PRAYER GROUP
 Come and join us!
 Reflecting and explaining
 Sunday Gospel and pray the
 Rosary. In the Parish Centre
 every Wednesday from
 10:30am to 12pm.
All are welcome!
 For any enquiries please
 contact:
 Mary Testa on 0403 302 283

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.





Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B
27th & 28th of JANUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who

presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Kowalczyk, Marilyn Macabulos
Nalapo & Arlene de Leon

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

John Carney, Martin Nikic, Lolita Eduvane,
Dranreb Elemancil, Jaime Nassif, Sanele
Vaasili, Joseph Gatt Soazio, Maryanne Joe
Bigeni, Josephine Dizon & Remigia Decena.

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, Christopher Dundov, Gloria Amarilla & Eleuterio Arnobit.

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 of 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 28th of JANUARY 2024
SUNDAY the 11th of FEBRUARY 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. 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