

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

VPS VORTEX PLUMBING SOLUTIONS
 DO IT ONCE DO IT RIGHT
Name: Michael Idaszak
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 ABN: 98970315903

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St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 13th & 14th of JANUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palmero-Dabbagh	Rizaldy Guintu	Myriam Amarilla	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Maribeth De Leon	Walter Roberts	Sen Custodia	Clarita Robles	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Sonny Balido	Juliet Armas	Rita Di Stefano	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Rosemarie Estigoy	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret Taito	Anthony Pereira	Edgardo Pestano	Evelyn Estacio	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 12th - 14th of JANUARY 2024

Group 2	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito
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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: _____

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!

The Epiphany of the Lord
 6th & 7th 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/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

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th & 7th of JANUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

- (R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
 - In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
 - The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
 - For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:
And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'
Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ron Burgess, Lucita Zamora, Ramona Almazar ,
Fellipe Paredes

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

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.

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

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*), who has chosen to remain with us until the end of the world (cf. *Mt 28:20*), use 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