

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.

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: _____

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

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.

If anyone has lost a set of keys please contact Elizabeth in the Parish Office on (02) 9625 8404



FAVORite
 Carpet, Tiles & Grout Cleaning Service.
 Domestic & Commercial
 Free Quote 0417 210 403

VAS VORTEX PLUMBING SOLUTIONS DO IT ONCE DO IT RIGHT
 Name: Michael Idaszak
 Mobile: 0433 053 125
 midaszakplumbing@hotmail.com
 Plumber, Drainer, Gasfitter, LP Gasfitter & Roof Plumber
 Licence Number: 243364C
 ABN: 98970315903

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 27th & 28th of JANUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn Winn	Dave Santos	Rita Di Stefano	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Sharon Quiroz-C	Maribeth De Leon	
Sun 9:00am	Mary Bringera	Justino Gutierrez	Juliet Armas	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D'Souza	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Rosemarie Estigoy	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Nora Piliae	Anthony Pereira	Edgardo Pestano	Evelyn Estacio	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 26th - 28th of JANUARY 2024

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
 20th & 21st 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_VjPTdVO/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

PRAYER GROUP

Come and join us! Reflecting and explaining Sunday Gospel and pray the Rosary. In the Parish Centre every Wednesday from 8:30am to 1pm. 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.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 O sing a new song to the Lord;
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 In his presence are majesty and splendour,
 strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING **Jonah 3:1-5. 10**

A reading from the prophet Jonah
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.
 The word of the Lord was addressed to
 Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the
 great city, and preach to them as I told you
 to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in
 obedience to the word of the Lord. Now
 Nineveh was a city great beyond
 compare: it took three days to cross it.
 Jonah went on into the city, making a
 day's journey. He preached in these
 words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh
 is going to be destroyed.' And the people
 of Nineveh believed in God; they
 proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth,
 from the greatest to the least.
 God saw their efforts to renounce their evil
 behaviour. And God relented: he did not
 inflict on them the disaster which he had
 threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4**

- (R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.
 1. Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour. (R.)
 2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
 3. The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.
 Brothers, our time is growing short. Those
 who have wives should live as though they
 had none, and those who mourn should live
 as though they had nothing to mourn for;
 those who are enjoying life should live as
 though there were nothing to laugh about;
 those whose life is buying things should live
 as though they had nothing of their own;
 and those who have to deal with the world
 should not become engrossed in it. I say this
 because the world as we know it is passing
 away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is
 near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Mark 1:14-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel
 according to Mark
Repent, and believe the Good News.
 After John had been arrested, Jesus went
 into Galilee. There he proclaimed the
 Good News from God. 'The time has
 come' he said 'and the kingdom of God
 is close at hand. Repent, and believe the
 Good News.'
 As he was walking along by the Sea of
 Galilee he saw Simon and his brother
 Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they
 were fishermen. And Jesus said to them,
 'Follow me and I will make you into
 fishers of men.' And at once they left their
 nets and followed him.
 Going on a little further, he saw James
 son of Zebedee and his brother John;
 they too were in their boat, mending
 their nets. He called them at once and,
 leaving their father Zebedee in the boat
 with the men he employed, they went
 after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
 let your faces not be abashed.

RECENTLY DECEASED
 Joe Kowalczyk, Marilyn Macabulos
 Nalapo & Arlene de Leon

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED
 Joseph Gatt Soazio, Maryanne Joe
 Bigeni, Josephine Dizon, Remigia
 Decena, Hernando Pulido Sr & Elvie Dones.

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.

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