

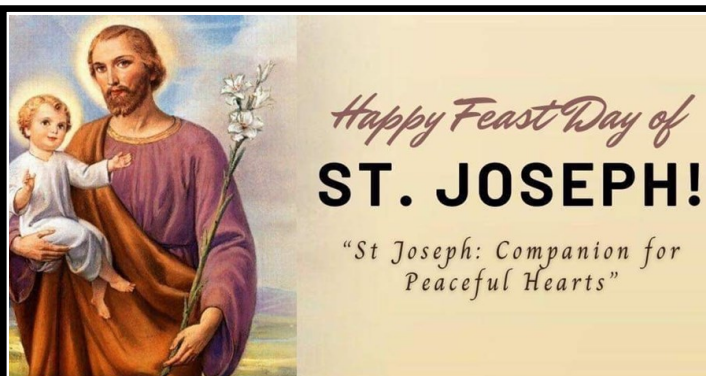
HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY

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.

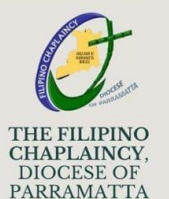
The details are as follows:-

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.



Solemn High Mass:
 10:30AM, Saturday, 16 March 2024
 @ St Patrick's Church,
 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 2148
 Main Celebrant:
Most Rev Robert McGuckin
 Bishop Emeritus of Toowoomba




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Novena Masses:
 6 March - 8:00 PM
 7-12 March - 7:30 PM
 13 March - 8:00 PM
 14 March - 7:30 PM
 @ St Michael's Church,
 58 Orwell St, Blacktown 2148

Email:
 filchap.dop@gmail.com
 Facebook page:
 fb.com/filchap

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 3rd March 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Monica Doumit** who will talk about and lead discussion on **'How to speak about Hot Topics in the public sphere'**. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477004687.



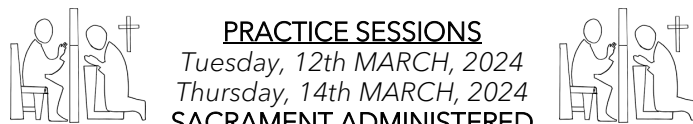
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ST. AIDAN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

CHILDREN SESSIONS

Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall
 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

PRAYER GROUP

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels deeper for our Lenten Sessions every week in the Parish Centre after 9.15 mass. For more information contact: **Mary Testa 0403302283**

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR CYCLE 1:

Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet? Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.
 Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10.00am - 11.00am)
 Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10.00am - 11.30am)
 Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10.00am - 11.30am)

Please register by emailing:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



FAVORite

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

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 2nd & 3rd of MARCH 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Rizaldy Guintu	Sharon Quiroz-C	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	Sonny Balido	Edith Garsuta	Anna Santos	
Sun 10:30am	Celeste Salimbangon	Justino Gutierrez	Mary Bringera	Evelyn Estacio	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Beth Kuzmic	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st - 3rd of MARCH 2024

Group 1	Gianna Haladus	Ryan Rozario
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SECOND
 SUNDAY
 OF
 LENT
 Year B
 24th & 25th
 of FEBRUARY
 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

SAEY YOUTH FUNDRAISER

We will be having a BBQ Fundraiser after Masses on Saturday February 24th and Sunday February 25th. All proceeds will go to youth activities for this year, including talks, retreats etc. SAEY desires to create a space for our young people to encounter God in authentic ways. God Bless.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



PARISH SACRISTAN
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ASSISTANT SACRISTAN
 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160
FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR
 Precious Tamayo (Contact Parish Office)

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 inside the Church followed by fellowship

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Elizabeth Portelli - 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



Second Sunday of Lent

Year B
24th & 25th of FEBRUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

- I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
- Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
God did not spare his own Son.
With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rodian P Britanico, James R. Santos, Norberto Dooma Snr & Br Michael Davidson.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Angelo Attard, Catherine Therese Browne, Topic Family and deceased souls, Angelina, Leon, Dimaanoal & Christian Anoaya, Sam Vassallo & Norma Madrid.

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, Seak Keo, Christopher Dundov, Gloria Amarilla, Corine King, Lina Cassar, Ricky Manzo & Sr Cecilia.

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 6th of MARCH 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 25th of FEBRUARY 2024
SUNDAY the 10th of MARCH 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.

SECURITY

In future, Monday, Saturday & Sunday, 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

LENT

We are now in the season of lent, a season in which all of us are called to reflect on our Christian lives. What habits of sin must we fight against? How has our attachment to things of this world grown over the past year? What must I do to change this? What reparation am I going to do for my sins and those of the world I live in?

The Church no longer Specifies what I must do for Penance in Lent but it expects me to make serious and ongoing sacrifices in this season.

These sacrifices are in almsgiving (really caring more for my neighbour), prayer (praying more and beginning practices of prayer which will continue after Lent and self denial or fasting - This last one embraces not only food, but social media, entertainment, seeking my own comfort and satisfaction in the things of this world. May God bless you all this Lent. Fr Alan

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 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

will be held on Sunday the
14th of April 2024 at 3.00pm
in the Mary MacKillop Hall.
A representative from each group
should be in attendance.