

### 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.*

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES


Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown this coming February.  
 Monday 5 February (9.30am - 2.30pm) - Modules 1-3: For those new to Parish Ministry or for those who have not yet completed the initial Cycle 1 training, or  
 Monday 12 February (10am - 1.30pm) - Modules 4-5: Renewal Safeguarding Training is for those in Parish Ministry who commenced Cycle 1 Training two years ago.  
 Please register for this training by emailing Maria Kervin at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### 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 enquiries please contact: *Mary Testa* on 0403 302 283

### MALTESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Singers from Malta, Ludwig Galea & Jasmine Abela will be performing and a theatrical group on the 3rd of March at 1pm at Wentworthville Leagues Club, Smith Street Wentworthville. Tickets are \$30. Children with parents go free. For bookings please contact 0414859386 or 0421345325.



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### ST. AIDAN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

**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

**IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL: SAILING THE AEGEAN WITH OPTION MALTA EXTENSION FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The final balance payment will be due in early August, 2024.



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 Carpet, Tiles & Grout Cleaning Service.  
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### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th & 11th of FEBRUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palmero-D	Rizaldy Guintu	Myriam Amarilla	Cheryl Machado	
Sun 7:30am	Alma Espina	Walter Roberts	Rosemarie Estigoy	Clarita Robles	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Justino Gutierrez	Sen Custodia	Rita Di Stefano	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D'Souza	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Evelyn Estacio	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Edgardo Pestano	Sharon Quiroz-C	

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 9th - 11th of FEBRUARY 2024

Group 2	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito	
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 Year B  
 3rd & 4th 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  
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### 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](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

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Will be held on **THIS Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, at 3.00pm** in **Mary MacKillop Hall**. A representative from each group should be in attendance.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH OF FEBRUARY**  
 There will be a 9:15am Mass  
 12:00pm School Mass  
 7pm Mass & 8:15pm Mass  
 Thank you - Fr Alan

**PARISH SACRISTAN**  
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**ASSISTANT SACRISTAN**  
 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

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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

**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.





# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B  
3rd & 4th of FEBRUARY 2024

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

## FIRST READING Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job  
*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I

have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Eleuterio Arnobit, Africa Castro, Crispin Francis, James R Santos, Joe Kowalczyk, Marilyn Macabulos Nalapo & Arlene de Leon.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Genevieve Castillo & Jose Salvacion Macabuag.

## 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.

## 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 11th of FEBRUARY 2024  
SUNDAY the 25th of FEBRUARY 2024



## PERPETUAL ADORATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in participating in our Perpetual Adoration which begun on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 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