

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.

SAVOUR, Young Adults 18+

Young Adults Adoration and Fellowship is back for 2024 on Thursday 22nd February!
 Join us at any time from 6pm in the Church for silent adoration until 7:30pm. Confession will be available from 6:30pm with benediction at 7:20pm.
 Afterwards, we'll head to West HQ for dinner and drinks. See you there :)

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.

JOB VACANCIES at Aid to the Church in Need

Campaign Coordinator:
<https://cathnews.com/jon/campaigns-coordinator-aid-to-the-church-in-need/>

Coordinator, Friends of the Suffering Souls:
<https://cathnews.com/job/coordinator-friends-of-the-suffering-souls/>

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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



PROJECT COMPASSION

First Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion. 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



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 17th & 18th 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 Bulathsinhalage
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

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

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 inside the Church followed by fellowship

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 RECONCILIATION PROGRAM
CHILDREN SESSIONS
 Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall
 18/2/24 25/2/24
 3/3/24 10/3/24

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?
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St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th & 25th of FEBRUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica Malachowski	Anthony Periera	TBA	Clarita Robles	
Sun 9:00am	Mary Bringera	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Anna Santos	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Rosemarie Estigoy	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Angelo Armas	Anthony Periera	Edgardo Pestano	Juliet Armas	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd - 24th of FEBRUARY 2024

Portelli Family

First Sunday of Lent

Year B
17th & 18th of FEBRUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.
The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis
I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again. 'God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

- (R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
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 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.
Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.
The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.
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.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Norberto Dooma Snr, Rodolfo Henson, Zenaida Matias, Nita Tobias Nool, Merle Tobias, Joe Kowalczyk

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Sam Vassallo, Topic Family and deceased souls, Conchita Roberts, Kwang Nam Jung, Soon Lye Yoon, Abraham Lagrito & Josefina Baena.

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.

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.

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



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 CONTINUED

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.

Included with this bulletin is Cardinal Pell's statement on Lenten Penance. This reflects the law of the Church and has not changed.
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.