

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

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY - BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
 Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

PRAYER GROUP

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels deeper for our Lenten sessions every week starting on Ash Wednesday in the Parish Centre after 9.15 mass. All are Welcome! For more information contact: Mary Testa 0403302283

ST. AIDAN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

FIRST CONFESSION (Reconciliation)
 (Children from Year 2 and Year 3)

REGISTRATION - this weekend
 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

"JOB VACANCIES" DIOCESAN OUTREACH ASSISTANTS - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle.

For more information and to view the full job ad go to www.aidtochurch.org/work or scan -



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 10th & 11th 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: staidanschurch@bigpond.com
 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
ASSISTANT SACRISTAN
 Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT: Maelody Gevero: 0426 263 081
 Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544
 EMAIL: staidans.eucharistic-youth@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

ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH OF FEBRUARY

There will be a 9:15am Mass
 12:00pm School Mass
 7pm Mass & 8:30pm Mass
 Thank you - Fr Alan



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Unfortunately our email "rootyhill@parracatholic.org" has been compromised and inactive over the last few days. If you are wanting to send us an email send to staidanschurch@bigpond.com
 Apologies for any inconvenience. Fr Alan

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St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th & 18th of FEBRUARY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Dave Santos	Rita Di Stefano	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	TBA	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 9:00am	Evelyn Estacio	David Portelli	Mary Bringera	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Christelle Salimbangon	Sonny Balido	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Rosemarie Estigoy
Sun 5:30pm	Nora Piliae	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th - 18th of FEBRUARY 2024

Group 3	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral	-----
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B
10th & 11th of FEBRUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

FIRST READING **Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

A reading from the book of Leviticus
*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone,
outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
- But now I have acknowledged my sin
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Mark 1:40-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The leprosy left him and he was cured.
A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Topic Family and deceased souls,
Rodolfo Henson, Zenaida Matias, Nita
Tobias Nool, Merle Tobias & Joe Kowalczyk

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Sherry Rose Andal, Martin Nikic, Sanele Vaasili,
Paul & Josephine Cortis, Joseph Gatt, Mar-
yanne Bigeni, Emilia Kowalczyk, Naty & Max
Llaise, Connie Debono
& Rene Tanner.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Next Parish Council Meeting
will be held on
**Sunday the 14th of April at 3pm in the
Mary MacKillop Hall.**



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 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, 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, 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