

### 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.*

### HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2024

**HOLY SATURDAY 30th March, 2024**  
 7.00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS  
*Begins outside with the lighting of the fire and Paschal Candle.*  
**EASTER SUNDAY 31st March, 2024**  
 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm  
**EASTER MONDAY 1st April, 2024**  
 9.00am Mass in the Church  
**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 7th April, 2024**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
 1.00pm Adoration, Confession, Prayers  
 3.00pm Divine Mercy Mass  
*As many as possible are encourage to attend all the Holy Week Ceremonies*  
**1st RITE RECONCILIATION at ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH**  
**HOLY SATURDAY 30th March, 2024**  
 3.00pm-5.00pm  
**No Confession during Easter Sunday**

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on **Sunday 7th April 2024** at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Rev Dr Paschal Corby** who will talk about and lead discussion on 'The bioethics of IVF and contraception'. 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.

**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**

**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.

### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413

**PLEASE RETURN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

### NOTICE FOR PELEPETUA TATUILA

We have your certificate for the completion of Mandatory safeguarding training. Would you be able to collect it from the Parish Office or send us your email address please.



**Name: Michael Idaszak**  
**Mobile: 0433 053 125**  
**midaszakplumbing@hotmail.com**  
**Plumber, Drainer, Gasfitter, LP**  
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### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 6th & 7th of APRIL 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Stan Pakulski	Joel Apostol	Terisita Apostol	Myriam Amarilla	
Sun 7:30am	Monica Flores	Anthony Pereira	Sen Custodia	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 9:00am	Rita Di Stefano	Justino Gutierrez	Edith Garsuta	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean Brunner	Sonny Balido	Edgardo Pestano	Aurora Mata	Emmanuel Mata
Sun 5:30pm	Elvie Yambot	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Sharon Quiroz-C	

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 5th - 7th of APRIL 2024

Group 1	Gianna Haladus	Ryan Rozario
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EASTER  
 SUNDAY OF  
 THE  
 RESURRECTION  
 OF THE LORD  
 Year B  
 30th & 31st  
 of MARCH  
 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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 Phone: (02) 9625 8404  
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 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](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  
**FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR**  
 Precious Tamayo (Contact Parish Office)

### YOUTH

**YOUTH CONTACT:** Maelody Gevero: 0426 263 081  
 Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544  
**EMAIL:** [staidans.eucharistic-youth@gmail.com](mailto: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 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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This will be celebrated on the Second  
 Sunday of Easter - 7/04/2024  
**1:00pm - Adoration Begins in the Church**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm Confessions available**  
**3:00pm - Sunday mass for the Divine Mercy**

*Remember - this is a special time of Mercy in which Jesus encourages everyone to go to confession*

**ATTENTION  
 PARISHIONERS**  
**Children ARE NOT  
 allowed to play on  
 the new playground  
 unless supervised by  
 their parents.**





# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Year B  
30th & 31st Of March 2024

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
alleluia.

## FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:  
'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

- (R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.  
or  
(R.) Alleluia!
1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
  2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
  3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*  
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'  
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Rhodora Arada, Miruie Montenegro

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Marian Malachowski, Norberto Dooma Sr., Lilia Satumba, Lidalia Satumba, Michael Satumba Sr., All Souls in Purgatory, Vicente Francisco, Florencia Francisco

## 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, Ester Moralesc, Precious Tamayo, Luz Pagcaliwagan & Ampie Cabangon, Tony Naisara, JD Tullao & Lanie Cutchon, Tony Naisara, JD Tullao, Lanie Cutchon

## 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 3rd of APRIL 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 14th of APRIL 2024  
SUNDAY the 28th of APRIL 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.

## NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENT

We now have a security screen on the tabernacle door in the crying room and a new security screen door.  
When doing adoration of a Saturday, Sunday or Monday please lock that security screen door from the inside, especially if you have to leave the Blessed Sacrament with the screen in front of it because there is no one there.  
**Do not ever leave that Crying Room Chapel unlocked if there is no-one there while the Church is open.**

## EVERYONE IS CALLED TO HOLINESS

The Council asserts: "The followers of Christ, called by God not in virtue of their works but by his design and grace, and justified in the Lord Jesus, have been made children of God in the Baptism of faith and partakers of the divine nature, and so are truly sanctified" (Lumen Gentium n.40). Holiness means belonging to God; this belonging is realized in Baptism, when Christ takes possession of the human being, to make him "share in the divine nature" (cf. 2 Pt 1:4) which is in him by virtue of the Incarnation (cf. Summa Theol, III, q. 7, a. 13; q. 8, a. 5) Thus Christ truly becomes, as has been said, "the life of the soul". The sacramental character imprinted on the person by Baptism is the sign and the bond of consecration to God. This is why Paul, speaking of the Baptized, calls them 'saint's (f. Ro1:7:1 Co1:2;2 Co1:1, etc.)...

All must strive for holiness, because they already possess the seed in themselves; they must nurture this holiness which has been given them. Everyone must live 'as is fitting among saints' (Eph 5:3), and put on, 'as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col 3:12). In the Baptized, the holiness that they possess shields them neither from temptation nor from every fault, because the weakness of human nature persists on in this life...

To strive for perfection is not the privilege for some, but an obligation for all the members of the Church. The commitment to Christian perfection means persevering on the way of holiness.

General Audience, March 28, 1979  
Prayerful reflections from St John Paul II the Great