

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

WEDNESDAY 27th March, 2024
 7.30pm *Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Parramatta*
HOLY THURSDAY 28th March, 2024
 7.00pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper including the washing of the feet and adoration till midnight.*
(NO OTHER MASSES PERMITTED ON HOLY THURSDAY and NO MASSES AFTER THIS TILL EASTER VIGIL)
GOOD FRIDAY 29th March, 2024
 10.00am *Stations of the Cross*
 3.00pm *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*
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
TUESDAY 26th March, 2024
 9.45am-10.30am (after Mass 9.15am) 7.30pm-9.00pm
WEDNESDAY 27th March, 2024
 AFTER 9.15am Mass 9.45am-10.30am
 Chrism Mass, Parramatta Cathedral 7.30pm
HOLY THURSDAY 28th March, 2024
 10.00am-11.00am & 3.00pm-5.00pm
GOOD FRIDAY 29th March, 2024
 11.00am-12.00pm (after Stations of the Cross)
 4.30pm-5.30pm (after Ceremony of the Passion)
HOLY SATURDAY 30th March, 2024
 3.00pm-5.00pm
No Confession during Easter Sunday

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.

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

SAVOUR, Young Adults 18+
 It was great to see so many Young Adults last month! Adoration and Fellowship is back on again this Thursday 21st March, and we hope to see more of you there :)
 5:30pm - 7:00pm:
 Silent Adoration with Benediction.
 Confession is available throughout the night.
 7:00pm onwards: Dinner and drinks at West HQ.

PROJECT COMPASSION
Fifth Sunday of Lent 16th - 17th March
 Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. Please donate to Project Compassion 2024. 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/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd & 24th of MARCH 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Rizaldy Guintu	Rita Di Stefano	Myriam Amarilla	
Sun 7:30am	TBA	Anthony Pereira	Clarita Robles	Rosemarie Estigoy	
Sun 9:00am	Elvie Yambot	Justino Gutierrez	Edith Garsuta	Anna Santos	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D'Souza	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Mary Bringera	Jennifer Fernandes
Sun 5:30pm	Nora Piliae	Anthony Periera	Edgardo Pestano	Evelyn Estacio	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd - 24th of MARCH 2024

Group 1	Gianna Haladus	Ryan Rozario
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 16th & 17th of MARCH 2024

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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 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
 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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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

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

ST. AIDAN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Reconciliation

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED
 Tuesday, 19th March - 7.30pm in the Church
 Thursday, 21st March - 7.30pm in the Church
May God bless all the young Children making their Reconciliation next week



PALM SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PALMS FOR EVERYONE ON PALM SUNDAY. So if you are able, please bring your own for the blessing. A palm branch or olive tree branch can be used. If you can donate some palm branches please bring them during next week. You can leave them in front of the Church over near the garden on the left hand side facing the Church. Thank you. Fr Alan

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year B
16th & 17th Of March 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity. See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

- (R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.
1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
 2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
 3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he

became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Helen Maree Triffitt,
Conrado Sibulo,
& Cecilia Bose Ore

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Carmelo Schembri, Octavio Villamar,
John Malachowski, Teodoro and Emma
Sibulo, Max & Naty Llave.

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.

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 24th of MARCH 2024
SUNDAY the 14th of APRIL 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.

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*