

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

ST. AIDAN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CHILDREN SESSIONS



Sunday mornings 8.30am, Mary MacKillop Hall - 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

SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Awaken Your Desire

5:30pm-10:30pm, Friday 15th Mar 2024

St Aidan's Parish
 9 Adelaide St, Rooty Hill NSW 2766

**This Event Includes 2 Talks, Adoration, Confession and Holy Mass*

POSITIONS VACANT:

Administration Assistant (part-time) - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South and Permanent Diaconate community - Applications close 10pm Monday 11 March
 More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th & 17th of MARCH 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn Winn	Stan Pakulski	Sean Custodia	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Alma Espina	Walter Roberts	Anthony Pereira	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 9:00am	Elvie Yambot	David Portelli	Edith Garsuta	Lina Vaasili	
Sun 10:30am	Christopher Salimbangon	Sonny Balido	Edgardo Pestano	Jennifer Fernandes	Mary Bringera
Sun 5:30pm	Evelyn Estacio	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	TBA	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 15th - 17th of MARCH 2024

Group 3	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 9th & 10th 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
 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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 & 10 March

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion. 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.

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

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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-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

Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 29 March

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes in your parish or donate directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or holyland@franciscans.org.au.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B
9th & 10th Of March 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to

Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)

3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was

generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Trevor Vaz, & Caridad Cabitac.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Paula Cariolato, Claudia Enverzo, Joseph Gatt, Joe Grazio, Maryanne Bigini, Wilbet S. Villarete, Rosenda Flora, Arthur Claro, Ignatius Castellino, Fe Ongleo, Lorenz & John Bigeni, Paul & Josephine Cortis, Sanele Vaasili, Maria Motta Quispe, Topic Family and deceased souls.

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,

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 10th of MARCH 2024
SUNDAY the 24th 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.

WHAT IS ALMSGIVING?

Let us here recall St. Paul: "If I give away all I have.... But have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Cor 13:3). St Augustine, too, writes well in this connection: "if you stretch out your hand to give, but have not mercy in your heart, you have not done anything; but if you have mercy in your heart, even when you have nothing to give with your hand, God accepts your alms" (*Enarratio in Ps. CXXV, 5*).

We are here touching the heart of the problem. In Holy Scripture and according to the evangelical categories, "alms" means in the first place an interior gift. It means the attitude of opening "to the other". Precisely this attitude is an indispensable factor of "Metanoia", that is, conversion, just as prayer and fasting are also indispensable. St Augustine, in fact, expresses himself well: "how quickly the prayers of those who do good are granted! And this is man's justice in the present life: fasting, alms, prayer" (*Enarratio in Ps. XLII, 8*): prayer, as an opening to God: fasting, as an expression of self-mastery also in depriving oneself of something, in saying "no" to oneself; and finally alms, as opening "towards others". The Gospel draws this picture clearly when it speaks to us of repentance, of "metanoia". Only with a total attitude—in his relationship with God, with himself and with his neighbor - does man reach conversion and remain in the state of conversion."

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



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**

CATHOLIC CARE MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.