

### 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.*

Second  
 Sunday of  
 Easter Year B  
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 6th & 7th  
 of APRIL  
 2024

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News



9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

**PRAYER GROUP**  
 Come and join us in understanding the Gospels 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 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 at 3.00pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. A representative from each group should be in attendance.

**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.

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA**  
*If today you hear his voice, Harden not your heart. (Hebrews 3:15)*  
 St Aidan's Parish  
 10th of May to the 28th of June 2024  
 Friday 7pm - 10pm, At the Parish Centre, Rooty Hill. 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill.  
 No cost involved -  
 Sponsored by Couples for Christ Australia  
 Light Dinner will be provided  
 Children are welcome (Child minding provided)  
 For inquiries please contact:  
 Jojo Liwanag on 0425 318 801  
 or Dong Labayo on 0414 635 883

**THANK YOU PROJECT COMPASSION**  
 Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. 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/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or call 1800 024 413.

**DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD**  
 Sydney, Sunday the 14th of April 2024  
 10:30am Mass - St Mary's Cathedral  
 12 Noon Angelus - Followed by a prayerful Street Procession - Lead by Archbishop Fisher & Bishop Umbers (and others), followed by an address at Parliament House by our Guest Speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous  
 1:30pm Benediction - St Mary's Cathedral  
 The **Feast of the Annunciation** is internationally recognized as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in his mothers womb. It is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn and of the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.  
 An initiative of Life and Family Institute  
 Ph 02 9002 0354 [info@lifeandfamily.com.au](mailto:info@lifeandfamily.com.au)

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 Assistant Priest: Fr Neil Bulathsinalage  
 Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario  
 Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak  
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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/UCcy5n3vxtKz7yEY\\_VjPtDVO/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcy5n3vxtKz7yEY_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  
**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

### St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 13th & 14th of APRIL 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave Santos	Rizaldy Guintu	Jennifer Fenandes	Cheryl Machado	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen Patiag	Anthony Pereira	Edgardo Pestano	Rosemarie Estigoy	
Sun 9:00am	Alma Espina	David Portelli	Anna Santos	Gertrude Elmo	
Sun 10:30am	Jocelyn Salimbangon	Emmanuel Mata	Aurora Mata	Walter Roberts	Evelyn Estacio
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret Taito	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Maria Arroyo	

### St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 12th - 14th of APRIL 2024

Group 2	Margaret Taito	Peter Taito
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**DIVINE MERCY THIS 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.

A Friendly reminder that Daylight savings ends this Sunday morning.





# Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Year B  
6th & 7th of APRIL 2024

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*  
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

## SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John  
*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*  
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

*The Creed is said.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Trevor Vaz, Rhodora Arada & Miruie Montenegro.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Roberto Jagoring & Carmelina Mostoles.

## 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, Precious Tamayo, Luz Pagcaliwagan & Ampie Cabangon, Tony Naisara, JD Tullao & Lanie Cutchon, W. Violet Mabel Fernando, Penelope Wiggins, Felizardo Family,*

## 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 1st of MAY 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*