

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.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE MARY MACKILLOP HALL ON SUNDAY 9TH JUNE, 2024 AT 3.00PM

Standard 3: Families and communities are informed and involved

As you'd be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>).

Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and who to talk to when they don't feel safe. It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation! Age Specific Information - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/Personal-Safety> - <https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/> Online Safety - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 2024.

We invite those students in years 7 to 12 wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation to participate in the sacramental process for high school students.

This process will be provided by Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown at St. Patrick's Church Blacktown (51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown). It will be held every Tuesday from 4 June 2024 at 4 pm for eight weeks. To register for the process or find out more information, please contact Gerald "Ged" Oblea, Sacramental Coordinator—MQOF Blacktown. Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au
 Ph: 029622 1125—Option 4. Mobile: 0422 724 008.
 Website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/sacraments>

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall
 19th MAY, 2024 26th MAY, 2024
 2nd JUNE, 2024 9th JUNE, 2024 16th JUNE, 2024

St. Aidan's Church SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th & 19th of MAY 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTER SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene Palermo-D	Stan Pakulski	Cheryl Machado	John Quiroz	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen Patiag	Anthony Pereira	Gertrude Elmo	Clarita Robles	
Sun 9:00am	Edith Garsuta	Fernando San Pedro	Joshua San Pedro	Edgardo Pestano	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D'Souza	Sonny Balido	Evelyn Estacio	Walter Roberts	Mary Bringera
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret Taito	Angelo Armas	Juliet Armas	Sharon Quiroz-C	

St. Aidan's Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th - 19th of MAY 2024

Group 3	Marissa Rumeral	Tony Rumeral
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The Ascension of the Lord Year B 11th & 12th of MAY 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

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
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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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Wishing a very Happy Mother's Day to Our Blessed Mother and to all mothers - biological, adoptive, foster, spiritual, living and deceased. May you all enjoy this special day dedicated to you, and may God hold you all in the palm of His hand and may our dear Blessed Mother keep you tucked away in her immaculate heart. Thank you for your love, service, example, and fidelity to your families and to those around you. *Have a wonderful day!*

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

St Aidan's Eucharistic Youth will be selling Mother's day roses after all Masses this weekend. All fundraising will go to future youth events and retreats. Card and cash payments will be available. *Prices will be announced next week.*
God Bless.





The Ascension of the Lord

Year B
11th & 12th of MAY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

((R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vladimir Dungo, Rafael Tiotuico, Orlando Noche Jimenez, Fr. Melitto Dias, W. Violet Mabel Fernando.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Charlie Vella, Felcy D'Souza, Rosamma John, Thomas John, John Thomas, Gliceria Ponce, Frank & Carmen Testa & Family, Denis Monteiro.

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:
Precious Tamayo, Tina King, Lyn Pickard, Romeo Susi & Federico Manzo.

(Names listed in our sick list will remain for one month. At the beginning of each month names will be removed unless we are informed Otherwise. Thank you.)

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 5th of JUNE 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 12th of MAY 2024
SUNDAY the 26th of MAY 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.

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

1. 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.

2. The Blessed Sacrament must not be left exposed if no adorer is present.

Every adorer is authorized

* If in the Church, to go into the Sanctuary and close the sliding door in front of the monstrance.

* If in the Crying Room/Chapel to put the screen in front of the Monstrance and lock the screen door of the Crying Room, leaving by the other door which will lock behind you.

* During the school holidays the monstrance will be moved to the Crying Room about 10:30am and remain there for the rest of the day.

THE HOLY SPIRIT, HOLINESS AND CONFESSION

The Spirit lives in baptized persons as in a temple. Therefore, every Christian is called to be holy, like his heavenly Father.

This truth, so clearly proclaimed by Jesus in the Gospel, was witnessed to by Blessed Josemaria Escriva through his life and constant teaching.

"God awaits us everyday", he loved to repeat. "Be sure of this: there is something holy, divine, hidden in the most ordinary situations, something that each one of us must discover". And he used to add: "There is no other way, my children: either we know how to find the Lord in our ordinary lives, or we will never find him"

(Conversations with Mons. Escriva de Balaguer, n 114).

Dear brothers and sisters, may you know how to make your own his program of life and pastoral commitment: to live by striving for holiness and to let every person you meet, whether man or woman, understand that they are called to full communion with God. . . We are well aware that dialogue with souls, if carried out in a profound manner, develops slowly. Do not abandon this fundamental apostolate; the concrete fruits, even though slow in coming, will certainly not fail to arrive. *Pope St John Paul II*