

### 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.*

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 6th October, 2024 at 3pm** in Mary MacKillop Hall. At least one representative from each group needs to be in attendance.

The Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, is seeking applications for a full time, Benefactor Support Coordinator. The role is based at the national office in Penrith. Experience in customer service and/or the processing of donations is ideal. For information visit, [www.aidtochurch.org/jobs](http://www.aidtochurch.org/jobs). Applications close 23 August.



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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S SESSION:

Sunday mornings 8.30am Mary MacKillop Hall  
 18th AUGUST, 2024  
 25th AUGUST, 2024 8th SEPTEMBER, 2024  
 (Miss Father's Day Weekend 1st September, 2024)  
 (Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)

**SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:**  
 SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2024 12.00 NOON  
 SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2024 3.00pm

### BISHOPS FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Dear Parishioners *Weekend 31st August/1st September*, our parish is proud to support the Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Your gift cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Your donations will enable our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team to provide our ageing clergy with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Ongoing assistance includes independent retirement living, aged care, or nursing home accommodation for frail priests; and meals, transport, and medical care, as needed. Please honour the fathers who have guided us spiritually, by giving generously via the giving envelopes provided, and place them in the receptacle for the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal Collection plate. Let us keep our retired priests in our prayers, just as they keep us in theirs. Thank you.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th & 25th of AUGUST 2024					
MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	Dave S	Rita Di S	Jennifer F	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Vena T	Anthony P	Clarita R	
Sun 9:00am	Selina V	David P	Edith G	Cheryl M	
Sun 10:30am	Christelle S	Justino G	Walter R	Mary B	Edgardo P
Sun 5:30pm	Agnes G-M	Angelo A	Juliet A	Evelyn E	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th & 25th of AUGUST 2024			
MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Milan G	Kava M	Mauryce P
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Thamas P
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Charles S	Euane B-D

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 23rd - 25th of AUGUST 2024	
Group 1	
Gianna H	
Marissa R	
Tony R	

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 Year B  
 17th & 18th of AUGUST 2024

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News



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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\\_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

**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank the acolytes and Choirs who helped to make our celebration of the Assumption both solemn and devout, yet joyful. In particular I would like thank Mr Anthony Pereira and Mr Stephen Pritchett our Sacristans and Mr Terry Smith who organized the Choir. *Fr Alan*

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 Precious Tamayo (Contact Parish Office)

**YOUTH**  
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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

**Invitation - Feast Day of St. Aidan**

To celebrate this special occasion, the Palm Olive Grove team is inviting the parishioners to join us for a complimentary morning tea after the **9.00am mass on SATURDAY, 31st August**. We will be hosting this event in honor of our patron saint and to personally thank you for your support in helping us complete this project. *We hope to see you there!*



# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B  
17th & 18th of AUGUST 2024

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

## FIRST READING Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs  
*Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.*

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

- (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
  - Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
  - Come children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
  - Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R.)

## SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*  
Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but

recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*  
Jesus said to the crowd:  
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Troadio Terrado, Ferdinand Bueno, Alma Co, Emanwel Agius & Luz Guzman Concepcion.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Rose & Annette Grima, Joseph Gatt Grazio, Mannae Joe Bigeni, Clara Galvan, Teresita Alignay, Manolito Ilagan & Johnny Jabile.

## 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, Bronia Flak, Katarzyna Haladus, Edwin Diaz, Jose Tullao, Lani Cutchon, Fr Leonard Testa, Federico Manzo, Fe Alegado, Adrien Cerdor, Josie Guintu, Br Abraham Macaraeg, Robert Faata, Maria Llave, Eve Carney, Gustina Nigro, Seak Keo, Pompeo Catone & Rimma Abolencia  
*(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 4th of SEPTEMBER 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 25th of AUGUST 2024  
SUNDAY the 8th of SEPTEMBER 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.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION - Practical Matters

Some adorers have been a bit concerned about people whom they do not know knocking on the door and asking to be allowed into the adoration chapel. We will be placing a doorbell and small screen so people can see who is there without opening the door.

It is ENTIRELY AT YOUR DISCRETION to let such a person in. Feel free to say No if they don't know the code and you don't feel comfortable about letting them in. *Fr Alan*

## ST JOHN PAUL II - "JESUS, SON AND SAVIOR"

### The Son Lives to Give Thanks to the Father

#### The Eucharist

The original Greek of the expression "gave thanks" is (from "eucaristein") - from which comes "Eucharist." Thus the sacrifice of the body and blood instituted as the most blessed sacrament of the Church fulfilled and at the same time superseded those sacrifices of blessing and praise spoken of in the psalms. The Christian communities from the earliest times joined the celebration of the Eucharist to thanksgiving, "We thank you, our Father, for the life and knowledge which you have made known to us through Jesus Christ your servant.

"We thank you, our Father, for your holy name, which you have made to dwell in our hearts, and for the knowledge, the faith and immortality which you have made known to us through Jesus Christ your servant" (Didache 9:2-3; 10:2).

The Church's hymn of thanksgiving which accompanies the Eucharist arises from her inmost heart, and indeed from the very heart of the Son, who lives to give thanks. It can rightly be said that her prayer, and indeed her whole earthly existence, became a revelation of this fundamental truth stated in the Letter of James: "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (Jas 1:17). By living to give thanks, Christ, the Son of Man, the new Adam, radically vanquished sin which was conceived in the heart of the first Adam, under the influence of the "father of lies" (cf. Gen 3). The giving of thanks restores to man the awareness of the gift bestowed by God from the beginning, and at the same time expresses the readiness to reciprocate the gift - to give with all one's heart to God oneself and everything else. It is as if it were a restitution, because everything has in him its beginning and source.

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." This is the invitation which the Church places at the center of the Eucharistic liturgy. This exhortation strongly echoes the thanksgiving by which the Son of God lives on earth. The voice of the people responds in unison with a humble and grand testimony: *Dignum et iustum est*; "it is right to give him thanks and praise."

*When we adore Jesus in the Blesses Sacrament we continue, in a very special way, this great act of thanksgiving and joy which lies at the very heart of the practice of our Faith. Fr Alan*