

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 at the table in the gathering area of the Church, where you can make a donation to St. Aidan's Church from your own account. Just place your card on the machine as indicated and select the amount you would like to donate. Thank you.

BISHOPS FATHERS DAY APPEAL - THANK YOU

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests. Thank you for caring for our retired priests' health and wellbeing. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$3,334.55 to provide much needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve during their retirement. If you have not had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org Thank you.

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers

will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free clinic provided for over 16 years to disadvantaged, marginalized and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2each or \$20 for a book of 10 tickets. Prizes include 5 days accommodation in Tasmania with 5 x \$50 Restaurant Food Vouchers plus \$300.00 towards airfare*, 1 week accommodation in Cairns plus \$300.00 towards airfare*, Jabra GN - Evolve 2 75 speaker phone, Fitbit - Smartwatch, Samsung Tablet.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH - GLENMORE PARK NEWS

We invite you to our parochial feast of St. Padre Pio, the patron of our Parish. Details are as follows:
 The Triduum Novena will be as follows:
 19th Sept 2024 - 7pm Novena followed by Mass
 20th Sept 2024 - 7pm Novena followed by Mass
 21st Sept 2024 - 5:30pm Novena followed by Vigil Mass
On the 22nd Sept, at 10am, we will have a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St. Padre Pio followed by Solemn Feast Mass. After the Mass, the pilgrims will be blessed by the Relic of St. Padre Pio. You are most welcome to join us for the feast Mass. If you would like to concelebrate, please bring along white vestments.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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.

Mass to celebrate Fr Renato Paras birthday anniversary on Thursday 12 September at St Aidan's Parish at 6:30pm, officiated by Fr Dado Haber.

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue Sunday 8th September 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Fr Tom Green** who will talk about and lead discussion on **How not to be a proselytizer**. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477004678.



The legion of Mary invites you to share with us a cake and a cuppa after the 10:30a.m mass on Sunday the 8th of September to celebrate the nativity of our blessed Virgin Mary. Join us with your family and friends

St Aidan's Parish and Other News



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 7th & 8th of September 2024

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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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
 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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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

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend 14th & 15th of September 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	Stan P	John Q	Myriam A	
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Anthony P	Calrita R	Rosemarie E	
Sun 9:00am	Rita D	Sonny B	Edith G	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Fernando S	Joshua S	Walter R	Evelyn E
Sun 5:30pm	Evelyn E	Vena T	Mary B	Edgardo P	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 14th & 15th of SEPTEMBER 2024

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Thomas P-D	Milan G	Mauryce P
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Emily N	Angelina U
Sun 10:30am	Kava M	Joaquin L	Maddison L
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Charles S	Euane B-D

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 13th & 15th of SEPTEMBER 2024

Group 4
The
Portelli
Family

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS - Rosters for October to December 2024 are now available outside the Sacristy for Children & Parents to collect!

BIG, BIG THANKYOU & CONGRATULATIONS

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Feast of Our Patron Saint Aidan and congratulations to the 10 winners of the rice raffles.

Rafe Mapa, 2. Letty Macasieb, 3. Jesusa Agcaoli, 4. Ishay Nathan, 5. Elsa Cruz, 6. Maria Manlangit, 7. Roxane Shaloan, 8. Elsa Cruz, 9. Ariel Decena, 10. Christy Hamper Winner - Lucky Guest - Christine & Peter Nathan

Above all thankyou to all the members of the Palm-Olive Grove Team

Rosemarie Estigoy, Sherly Domingo, Marilou Estrada, Elsa Cruz, Sen Custodia, Ellen Patiag, Beth Kuzmich, Alma Espina, Marilyn Miranda, Norma Britos, Flor Sagun, Zen Cruz, Susan De Lima, Maring Del Mundo, Letty Macasieb, Moises Del Mundo, Mey Argana, Ricky Patiag, Roberto Cruz, Rico Sagun, Rudy Manalo, Joy Argana.

We appreciate all your good work for our Parish. God Bless you all, Fr Alan & Fr. Neil.

NO MASS

THIS TUESDAY EVENING, 10th SEPTEMBER, 2024 at 7.00pm in the Church



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B
7th & 8th of September 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 35:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING **James 2:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St James
Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and

at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Mark 7:31-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Charito De Leon, Reginette Vilorio & Rogelio Fernandez

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Fr Renato Paras, Peta Nikic, Milka Nikic, Ramona Almazar, Reynaldo B Ramos, Maria Elena Dayao Lazo, Mary Lourdes Ave, Sanele Vaasili, Reynaldo B. Ramos & Charles Chen Sr

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, Eileen Jimenez De-Borja & Rosie D'Souza.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S SESSION

Sunday morning 8.30am - Mary MacKillop Hall
8th SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRACTICE SESSIONS

TUESDAY 10th & THURSDAY, 12th of SEPTEMBER
7.30pm In the Church
(Confessions will be available during the practice sessions)

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2024 12.00 NOON
SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2024 3.00pm



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 2nd of OCTOBER 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 8th of SEPTEMBER 2024
SUNDAY the 15th of SEPTEMBER 2024



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.

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 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