

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B  
5th & 6th of OCTOBER 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/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY\\_VjPTdVQ/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCy5n3vxtKz7yEY_VjPTdVQ/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



*Dear Friends, once again you, your family & friends are cordially invited to attend our 34th Annual Thanksgiving Mass of Our Lady of Fatima*

**DATE:** Saturday, 12th October, 2024

**TIME:** 12PM (Rosary prayer will start at 11.30am)

**Main Celebrant:** Fr Galbert

**VENUE:** St. Aidan's Parish Church

**ADDRESS:** 125 Rooty Hill Road Nth, Rooty Hill

For further information please contact Nina Chavez  
0428 488 778

### PARISH SACRISTAN

Stephen Pritchett 0431 499 208

### ASSISTANT SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira 0422 884 160

### FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR

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

## A HUGE THANKYOU!!!

*Dear Fr Alan, Fr Neil and Parishioners,*

For the Generous support in our Fundraiser last weekend for the Orphanages and Needy **we Raised \$3,600!** We would like to Thank those who helped us with the sausage sizzle and donated the lovely Plants. We really appreciate it. If anyone would like to donate Powdered Milk/Tinned Food/Rice/Milo please leave in box in the church foyer. Thankyou again for your continued support throughout the year. May God Bless you abundantly. Tony and Mary Testa and Family.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**FIRST READING                      Genesis 2:18-24**

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM      Ps 127. R. v.5**

(R.) May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.

1.        O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2.        Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)
3.        Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! (R.)

**SECOND READING                      Hebrews 2:9-11**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL    Mark 10:2-16**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark  
*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Gloria Gan Yumul, Emmanuel Aroza, Eroid Ducass, Soncho Colina Jr's, Nixon Yaqoob, Clarel Cerdor, Kazimerz Paczkowski, Clifford Cawsey

### COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Ramon Zaragoza, Jan Pakulski, Conchita Roberts, Delia Valmeo, Thomas Wiggins, Weronika Bembenek, Amelia Koopelian, Hesus Alvarez-Gonzalez, Purisima Acuna-Africa, Merle Tobias, Rosa Chen, Gregorio, Serapia, Alicia, Conrado Sr, Manolo Madriaga

### 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, Eve Carney, Estela Lim & Rose Galipot, Fe Alegado, Venus Sta Ana, Helen Janic, Estela Lim, Edwin Diaz, Lanie Cutchon, Kristie Gibbons, Joshua Gibbons, Jaga Stojak, Katarzyna Haladus, Bronia Flak.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS THIS WEEKEND.**



**SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR at**

**2AM SUNDAY MORNING to 3AM**

### 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.

### 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.

### ADORATION AND OUR LADY

Mary, our Mother, is really present with us through the Blessed Sacrament. When we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and with Him the Father and the Holy Spirit in that self-same Spirit, we should pray in the same way as we pray when we say the Rosary. When we say the Rosary we contemplate Jesus in His mysteries with Mary.

When we adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament we contemplate Him in His Eucharistic Mystery. We also adore the Father and the Holy Spirit, in that self-same Spirit. We contemplate Him with Mary, who assists us in our prayer and permits us to participate in her own contemplation of her Son and of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit who are really present with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Let us read some points made by John Paul II about this quiet perseverance of Mary in his book "THEOTOKOS"**

Mary's example enables the Church to appreciate better the value of silence. Mary's silence is not only moderation in speech. It is especially a wise capacity for remembering and embracing in a single gaze of faith the mystery of the Word made man and the events of his earthly life. Mary passes on to believers this silence as acceptance of the Word, this ability to meditate on the mystery of Christ. In a noisy world filled with messages of all kinds, her witness fosters a contemplative spirit and enables us to appreciate a spiritually rich silence.

Mary witnesses to the value of a humble and hidden life. Everyone usually demands, and sometimes almost claims, to be able to realize fully his own person and qualities. Everyone is sensitive to esteem and honor. The Gospels often mention that the apostles were ambitious for the most important places in the kingdom and they argued among themselves as to which of them was the greatest. In this matter Jesus had to teach them the need for humility and service (cf. Mt 18:1-5; 20:20-28; Mk9:33-37; 10:35-45; Lk 9:46-48; 22:24-27). Mary, on the contrary, never sought honor or the advantages of a privileged position. She always tried to fulfill God's will, leading a life according to the Father's plan of salvation. To all those who often feel the burden of a seemingly insignificant life, Mary reveals how valuable life can be if it is lived for love of Christ and one's brothers and sisters.

Mary also witnesses to the value of a life that is pure and full of tenderness for all people. The beauty of her soul, totally offered to the Lord, in an object of admiration for the Christian people. In Mary, the Christian community has always seen the ideal woman, full of love and tenderness because she lived in purity of mind and body. The cynicism of a certain contemporary culture too often seems not to recognize the value of chastity and degrades sexuality by separating it from personal dignity and God's plan. In face of this, the Virgin Mary holds up the witness of a purity that illumines the conscience and leads to a greater love for creatures and for the Lord.

Furthermore, Mary appears to Christians of all times as the one who feels deep compassion for the sufferings of humanity. This compassion does not consist only in an emotional sympathy, but is expressed in effective and concrete help when confronted with humanity's material and moral misery. In following Mary, the Church is called to take on the same attitude towards all the earth's poor and suffering. The maternal attention of the Lord's Mother to the tears, sorrows and hardships of men and women of all ages must spur Christians, especially at the dawn of the new millennium, to increase the concrete and visible signs of a love that will enable today's humble and suffering people to share in the promises and hopes of the new world which is born from Easter.

Human affection for and devotion to the Mother of Jesus surpass the Church's visible boundaries and foster sentiments of Reconciliation. As a mother, Mary desires the union of all her children. Her presence in the Church is an invitation to preserve the unanimity of heart which reigned in the first community (cf. Acts 1:14), and consequently, to seek ways of unity and peace among all men and women of goodwill. In interceding with her Son, Mary asks the grace of unity for all humanity, in view of building a civilization of love, overcoming tendencies to division, temptations to revenge and hatred, and the perverse fascination of violence.

Our Lady's motherly smile, reproduced in so much Marian iconography, expresses a fullness of grace and peace that seeks to be shared. This expression of her serenity of spirit effectively contributes to giving the Church a joyful face.

Invoking her as *casua nostrae laetitiae*, This means "cause of our joy" the Christian people find in her the capacity to communicate the joy that is born of hope, even in the midst of life's trials, and to guide those who commend themselves to her to the joy that knows no end.



## 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.



### 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 6th of NOVEMBER 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 13th of OCTOBER 2024  
 SUNDAY the 27th of OCTOBER 2024

### April 2025 Medjugorje Pilgrimage

David and Angeline Wilkes are hosting their third pilgrimage to Medjugorje from April 1st to 9th, 2025. The group will be staying with visionary Mirjana Soldo, guided by her long time English interpreter Miki Musa and accompanied by Fr Neil Bulathsinhala. PLACES are LIMITED. For more details, please contact Angeline Wilkes at 0410 665 306 or visit [saintlytravel.com.au](http://saintlytravel.com.au).



*Sisters through Faith*

## Peace

Mt Schoenstatt Mulgoa  
 26th October  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Cost: \$20

Guest Speakers: Madeleine Carrington,  
 Jessica Doherty and Fr Pawel

SPEAKERS. WORSHIP. CONFESSION.  
 ADORATION. SPIRITUAL REFLECTION.  
 FRIENDSHIP. MEALS & MORE

WOMAN'S RETREAT

MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

### SERVING ROSTER for next weekend 12th & 13th of OCTOBER 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave S	Rizaldy G	Myriam A	John Q	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Vena T	Anthony P	Clarita R	
Sun 9:00am	Mary B	David P	Anna S	Edith G	
Sun 10:30am	Celestine S	Justino G	Walter R	Evelyn E	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret T	Angelo A	Juliet A	Maria A	

#### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 12th & 13th of OCTOBER 2024

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Noah T	Lucas T	Ciara T
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Vince B
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Savannah D-L	Nathaniel D-L	Annie V

#### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 11th - 13th of OCTOBER 2024

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R