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9th & 10th of  
NOVEMBER  
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

PERPETUAL ADORATION IS CARRIED OUT IN THE CHURCH 24/7

## 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.

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

## SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual adoration in our Parish began on the Feast of Christ the King 2022.  
The Feast this year on 24 November marks our second anniversary.

**We are very grateful to Jesus and Mary for this great blessing upon our Parish.  
We ask everyone to give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and to Mary on the Feast of Christ the King for the blessing and invitation to all of us to draw closer to Jesus.**

To celebrate we will have a lunch in the McKillop Hall on Sunday the 15th of December following the 10:30am mass. It will be an opportunity for those currently adoring the Blessed Sacrament to meet each other.

It will also be an opportunity to meet with the new assistant Priest Fr Matthew Midian. Everyone who is interested and able to come is most welcome.  
Please bring a plate to share. *Fr Alan*

## 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: 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

## RED NOVEMBER

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED has organized an initiative called Red November.

During November 1300 Parishes around Australia will be praying especially for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in so many countries around the world.

The Masses on the Feast of Christ the King on 24th November will all include this as a special intention. The Parish will make a contribution to ACN to help our fellow Christians.

If you would like to know more or help the details are on posters in the entrance to the Church. *Fr Alan*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings  
*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2**

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever 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 bowed down. It is 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 Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled

on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



**We pray for all the deceased  
relatives and friends listed in the  
November Masses Folder.**

**NOVEMBER MASSES**

If you would like to have deceased family members and friends remembered at all the Masses during the *month of NOVEMBER*, please write their names on the envelopes which are in the gathering area of the Church and place them in the collection basket.

Thank you, Fr. Alan Layt.

**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, Fe Alegado, Milagros Felizardo, Dominador Grecia, Maria Maligalig, Dolly Laroza, Zeny Bables, Bronia Flak, Katarzyna Haladus, Andres Diaz.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION PRACTICAL MATTERS**

If you leave adoration during the night via the front door of the Church please exit by the right door as you leave the Church. It locks behind you. Make sure you leave the Church locked please.

**THIS IS THE SECOND PART OF  
THE PRAYER OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA**

And just as you did not send the Word alone as gift for our redemption,

So you left us not him alone as food,  
But, as I have said, the whole divine being, as one mad with love for your creature.

Even more –

Just as you did not leave us only yourself as food, so you do not give only yourself to the soul who turns her back on herself completely

For love of you and desires and seeks  
Only the glory and praise of your name.

(Such a soul seeks you not for selfish reasons,  
But because you are supreme eternal goodness worthy of your creatures' love and service.

Nor does she love her neighbors for her own sake but for yours, to give you glory.)

To such as these you do not give just yourself.  
No, you make them strong in your own power against the devil's assaults,

against other peoples abuse,  
against the rebelliousness of their own flesh,  
against all anguish and trouble  
from whatever source it may come.

You enlighten them with your Son's wisdom to know both themselves and your truth as well as the devil's secret deceits.

And you set their hearts ablaze with the Holy Spirit's fire,

With desires to love and follow you in truth.  
All this you do in your servants  
in proportion to the measure of love  
with which each one comes to you,  
and according to the way  
each has used your gift of natural light.

Thanks,  
thanks to you,  
most high eternal Father,  
For showing us today –  
madly in love as you are with your creature –  
how your bride, holy Church,  
can be reformed.

And I beg you,  
Since you have on the one hand provided by enlightening our mind's eye regarding this need, so now on the other hand provide by disposing your ministers, and most especially your vicar, to follow the light you have poured forth and will yet pour forth.

O eternal Trinity, I have sinned all my life long!  
O my wretched soul, have you ever given a thought to your God?

Surely not, for if you had, you would be ablaze in the furnace of his charity.

Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy for the world and for the reform of holy Church.

And listen to your own voice with which we cry to you.

And while I cry out to you in general for the whole world, I cry out to you most particularly for your vicar and for his pillars, as well as for all those you have given me to love with a special love.

Even though I am sick, I want to see them healthy;  
and even though I am less than perfect because of my sins, I want to see them perfect' and even though I am dead, I want to see them alive in your grace.

O immense fire and affection of charity!  
What is the source of such humility and mercy that you, God, shared so much with your human creature—by joining your divine nature with human nature, as well as by the new creation you have granted us in your image and likeness, and by the sense of union with you that you give the soul who loves and serves you with a sincere and generous heart?

It does not come from our goodness, for we are devils incarnate, enemies to you.

No,

It comes only from the fire of your charity. How ashamed we should be for not making our constant dwelling place in you with all our heart, even though you, high eternal Trinity, make your dwelling place with us in so many ways!

O my wretched soul!

It is because you have never given a thought to your God that you have not grounded your heart firmly in true virtue.

## 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.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

DAVID STAUNTON AND JOY BERGADO are engaged and will be married in the Philippines this January. If anyone has any objection to this marriage could you please contact the Parish office on 9625 8404.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on *Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 at 3pm in Mary MacKillop Hall*. At least one representative from each group needs to be in attendance.



### 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 WEDNESDAY the 4th of DECEMBER 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 10th of NOVEMBER 2024  
 SUNDAY the 24th of NOVEMBER 2024

### You're invited



To the St Aidan's Parish, Christmas Carols and Youth Play, for the Story of Christmas

**When: Sunday 22nd December**

**From: 6.30pm for 7pm start.**

**Where: In the School playground.**

*Bring along your picnic chairs, rugs and nibblies with candles and your singing voice .*

All are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there

### 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). Visit this QR Code to download more details (brochure):



### CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - Christmas Appeal

will take place on the weekend of Saturday 30 November to Sunday 1 December 2024

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend 16th & 17th of NOVEMBER 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene D-P	Dave S	Jennifer F	Cheryl M	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Vena T	Rosemarie E	Gertrude E	
Sun 9:00am	Rita D	Fernando S P	Joshua S	Edith G	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Emmanuel M	TBA	Walter R	Edgardo P
Sun 5:30pm	Agnes G-M	Anthony P	Evelyn E	Maria A	

### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 16th & 17th of NOVEMBER 2024

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Thomas P-D	George M	Mathias F
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Angela U
Sun 10:30am	TBA	TBA	Rafaella A
Sun 5:30am	Euane B-D	Mauryce P	Kava M

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 15th - 17th of NOVEMBER 2024

<b>Group 6</b>
June M
Maria G
Dennis G