

FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
Year C
21st & 22nd
of December
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, 20th 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

THE PARISH
OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
FROM
TUESDAY THE
24th DECEMBER,
2024 through to
THURSDAY, 2nd
JANUARY, 2025.

On Behalf of Fr Matthew
and the team here at St Aidan's -
I would like to wish everyone a very holy
& happy Christmas and New Year. Have
a blessed Christmas
season and if you go on
holidays we pray that
you travel safely.
Fr Alan



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ASSISTANT SACRISTAN
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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

DAWN MASSES
On Monday the 16th of
December we began the
nine dawn masses in
preparation for Christmas.
Masses are being
celebrated at 4:30am up
to and including
December 24th.
All are welcome.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah
Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come Back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teodorico Peralta Jnr., James Bray, Katarzyna Haladus, Fe Alegado, Consuelo Zargoza, Ponciano Del Rosario, Dominador Grecia, Macario S. Reyes Jr., Rhoda Fernandez, Norma Labrador, Mr & Mrs Israel, Benjamin Santiago

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Patrick & Olga Thomas, Theresa Tomas, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Rudy Batula, Christian Andaya, Joven Mercado, Jezebel Castellino, Teodoro & Emma Sibulo, Conrado Sibulo, Josefina Manacop, Aguido Gonzales, Benjamin S Recto, Benjamin Junior C. Recto, Eligio Solomon, Leni Ibanez Sicat, Lourdes Ramos Estacion.

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, Maria Maligalig, Dolly Laroza, Zeny Bables, Bronia Flak, Andres Diaz, Rachelle Nikic, Mario Edwin, Josie, Kristie, Joshua & Alfonso, Lanie, Federico Manzo, Marion Irwin, Marivi Gonzales, Phillip Hodge, Stephy Sanju & Joyce Meneses, Stephy Mary John, Antonio P. Olay.

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 8th of JANUARY 2025

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 22nd of DECEMBER 2024
SUNDAY the 12th of JANUARY 2025

ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

DAWN MASSES

MONDAY December 16th, through to
SUNDAY, 24th December, 4:30am

TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December
6:00pm Vigil & 11:00pm Carols

WEDNESDAY 25th December
12:00am, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30 and 5:30pm

THURSDAY, 26th December
9:15am MASS

FRIDAY, 27th December
9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

SATURDAY, 28th December
9:00am & 6:00pm Mass

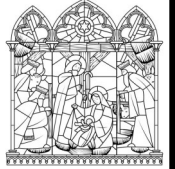
SUNDAY, 29th December, 2024
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm Mass

TUESDAY, 30th December, 2024
9:15am & 7:00pm (7:00pm is CHARISMATIC MASS)

WEDNESDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 2024
Feast of Mary, Mother of God

9:15am, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY, 2024
9:15am Mass



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS BELL

Mrs Marian Bell, the principal of St Aidan's school is retiring at the end of this year. I would like to congratulate her on behalf of our parish for her many years of service to Jesus Christ in teaching in Catholic Schools. She has been an excellent principal, a good friend to all and an example of patience and tolerance. Congratulations once more.

Fr Alan



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2025 Enrolments are open Study
scripture, theology, pastoral ministry
and spirituality · Introductory or
further studies available ·
Face-to-face or online modes
available · Audit, undergraduate or
postgraduate level for more
information: view our 2025
Prospectus ctc.edu.au/contact/
contact-the-registrar/

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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Feast of Christ the King this year was the second anniversary of the beginning of Perpetual Adoration in this parish. I would like to congratulate everyone, particularly those who organize the Adoration, for their efforts and every one for their fidelity to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This Practice is of great benefit to the parish and will bring many blessings upon all of us. In this sort of adoration Jesus really in face to face with us although we are restricted because we can only see Him with the eyes of faith. Regardless it is an intense human and personal encounter with Jesus Christ in which the extraordinary blessings of the mass continue to be made available to us. If it is at all possible I would urge everyone to become involved even if you can only do so irregularly. All those involved are invited to a celebratory lunch on Sunday the 15th of December in the Mackillop Hall.

SOME PRACTICAL MATTERS

Just a reminder to everyone that Jesus, if exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, cannot be left without someone adoring Him. So if you are in the Church during the day and no-one replaces you then please close the sliding door in front of the glass tabernacle where the monstrance is. The next person to come in can open it again for their adoration. Every adorer is authorized to go into the sanctuary and do this. If you are in the small chapel/crying room then put the screen in front of the glass tabernacle and lock to security screen door into the church if no-one comes to replace you. Please also check that the front doors of the church are locked as these have been left unlocked at times. This is especially important in the holiday season. Some of our regular adorers are on holidays and holes are appearing in our roster, especially late at night. We will launch a campaign for more adorers in the early part of next year so please bear with some of the problems we are experiencing at the moment.

Note: Jesus really notices those who make the sacrifice to come to adore him late at night or in the early hours of the morning. If you are seriously seeking something from Him that is well worth bearing in mind. God bless you all and congratulations to everyone once again.
 Fr Alan

Dear Friend in Christ our true Peace,

The familiar words in many Christmas carols is; "Peace on earth, good will to all." But is that what the angels really meant that night outside of Bethlehem? If it was, then the angels were making some sort of prediction that has not come true, The earth is not at peace. This year the fighting in the middle East, in northern Europe and in Sudan Africa tells us peace is elusive. In the last three thousand years only three hundred have been without war. Jesus Himself said, "You will hear wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place" (Matthew 24:6). So if we have been thinking that there was to be no more war after the birth of Jesus, we have not heard the angels correctly.

Christmas peace, is the peace that begins with God, the angels announced "peace among men and women with whom God is pleased." That's what the angels were talking about that night. Christmas peace begins, by having peace with God, the result of becoming a disciple of Jesus. Jesus Himself said to His disciples: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you" (John 14:27).

Thank God, this peace that God offers is beyond our human efforts. And the peace of God, which surpasses our understanding, is what the angels were talking about. Christmas peace begins through peace with God, and then flows out of our hearts to others. If peace is possible, it depends on us, being at peace with others. One day Jesus told His disciples, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). If you and are at peace with God, others will come to know peace. As the Christmas song says; 'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me'.

I pray that you and your family, will experience God's promised 'peace' this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Let us seek for peace and pray for peace. May the peace of Christ dwell richly in our hearts. Your Brother and friend in Jesus, the Christ Child of Bethlehem.
 Fr Andrew Robinson (Christmas 2024)

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th & 29th of DECEMBER 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Monica F	Joel A	Terisita A	John Q	
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Vena T	Rosemarie E	Clarita R	
Sun 9:00am	Mary B	David P	Edith G	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Margaret T	Sonny B	Edgardo P	Jennifer F	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Darlene P-D	Anthony P	Evelyn E	Maria A	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th & 29th of DECEMBER 2024

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	George M	Mauryce P	Mathias F
Sun 9:00am	TBA	TBA	Kava M
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Thomas P-D	Euane B-D	Annie V

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 27th & 29th of DECEMBER 2024

Group 5
Glenda S
Gregorio S
Joe G