

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
Year C
7th & 8th
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

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

EMAIL: staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com

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

THANK YOU FR NEIL

As you are, no doubt, aware today is Fr Neil's last day in the parish. I would like to wish him well in his new appointment at Castle Hill and pray that God will bless him and his future ministry as a priest.

I would like to express my gratitude to him for his support and friendship over the last couple of years. He has always been there when I needed him and has always been very helpful and supportive.

It has been a privilege to work with him and he has been a blessing to our Parish. He has ministered to many people in the parish and I would like to thank him for his ministry on behalf of everyone in the parish.

I am aware that he has had a difficult time while he has been here with the illness and passing of his mother. That has been difficult for him, especially since he has been so far away. He has dealt with the situation well. In spite of all these difficulties he has served Jesus Christ in this parish and has ministered to us all, including myself.

I would like to express my respect for him as a priest and my deep gratitude to him for his work in this parish. May God and His Holy Mother bless him in his next appointment.

Yours in Christ, Fr Alan



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch
Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his Glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in Tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be Straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

James Bray, Katarzyna Haladus, Fe Alegado,
Dominador Grecia, Consuelo Zargoza,
Ponciano Del Rosario, Dominador Grecia,
Macario S. Reyes Jr., Rhoda Fernandez &
Norma Labrador.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Loreta Meilak, Oswald Haliburn, Feleipe
Paredes, Alejandrina Sadang Gonong, Yolanda
Aranas, Platon Matabang, Conrad Sibulo, Rex
Guerrero, Aurea Martin, Frank & Carmen Testa
& Family

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, Andres Diaz,
Rachelle Nikic, Mario Edwin, Josie, Kristie,
Joshua & Alfonso, Lanie, Federico Manzo,
Marion Irwin, Marivi Gonzales, Phillip Hodge,
Stephy Sanju & Joyce Meneses.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Sunday, 2nd February, 2025 at 3pm in the **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 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 YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE
DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH.
GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 8th of DECEMBER 2024
SUNDAY the 22nd of DECEMBER 2024

ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES 2024

FIRST RITE: Saturday, 14th December 3.00pm-5.30pm

FIRST RITE: Wednesday, 18th December
10.00am-12.00 noon 7.30pm-9.00pm

FIRST RITE: Thursday, 19th December
7.00pm - 9.00pm

FIRST RITE: Friday, 20th December
10.00am - 12.00pm

FIRST RITE: Saturday, 21st December
3.00pm - 5.30pm

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for new Acolytes, Special Ministers and
Lectors to serve at Saint Aidan's. If you are over 18-years
of age and can dedicate your time on the weekends to
serve Our Lord, please give Anthony a call on
0422884160. Thank you, Fr. Alan

LUNCH FOR THE ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This coming Sunday, 15th of December, we would like to
invite those who organize the adoration and those who
adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament when He is
exposed in the church, to a lunch in Mary MacKillop Hall
to celebrate the second anniversary of Perpetual
Adoration in this parish. If you would like to come about
12:30pm and bring a plate with you we can celebrate and
look to the future. Any one interested is also welcome to
come. Thanks Fr Alan

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

Those struggling with internet porn

*Are you stuck in a cycle of pornography addiction and don't know how to break free?

*Are you struggling in your relationship, doubting if this is "The One?"

*Are you a woman who feels stuck and desperate to design a more beautiful and fulfilling life?

Madeline and I would love to help you:

*Break free from porn

*Experience peace, joy and clarity in your relationship

*Design a beautiful life as a woman, wife and Mum

If you would like to be 1 of the 10 people we take on a private coaching clients at the beginning or middle of each year please contact Simon Carrington at simon@fireupministries.com *There are very limited numbers, so please know that you still may be on a waiting list!*

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank You for Supporting our Catholic Care's Houses to Homes
Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your generous support of homeless mothers and children. Our Bishop's Christmas Appeal has raised over \$2,500.00 ensuring Catholic Care can continue to provide homeless mothers and children safety, support, and a place to call home. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or fill out the envelope at the back of the Church.

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

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	Dave S	Jennifer F	John Q	
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Vena T	Rosemarie E	Gertrude E	
Sun 9:00am	Selina V	Fernando S	Joshua S	Edith G	
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Emmanuel M	TBA	Walter R	Mary B
Sun 5:30pm	Angelo A	Anthony P	Juliet A	Evelyn E	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 14th & 15th of DECEMBER 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	Angelina U
Sun 10:30am	TBA	TBA	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Euane B-D	Mauryce P	Kava M

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

Group 3
Catherine N
Laura N
Josephel P