

THIRD
SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
Year C
14th & 15th
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

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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

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

WE WILL BE
HAVING A
LEAVING
COLLECTION
AT ALL OF THE
WEEKEND
MASSES 14th-15th
DECEMBER, 2024
for Fr Neil.
Thank you Fr. Alan

DAWN MASSES
On this Monday 16th Dec
we begin the nine dawn
masses in preparation for
our Christmas. Mass will
be celebrated at 4:30am
this Monday and the
following 8 days up to
and including Dec 24th.
All are welcome.

WELCOME TO FR MATTHEW
We would like to welcome
Fr Matthew Dimian to our
Parish.
I'm sure he will be a blessing
upon us and let us pray that
he grows in the knowledge
and love of Christ during his
service in our Parish.
Fr Alan



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say,
rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel,
shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your
heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let
your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy
over you, he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you as
on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among
you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I
shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength,
my song, he became my saviour. With joy
you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. (R.)

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise
to his name! Make his mighty deeds
known to the peoples! Declare the
greatness of his name. (R.)

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has
done glorious deeds, make them known
to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and
shout for joy for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel. (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the
Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness.

Let your tolerance be evident to everyone:
the Lord is very near. There is no need to
worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God
for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that
peace of God, which is so much greater than
we can understand, will guard your hearts
and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is
upon me; he sent me to bring Good
News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must
we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two
tunics he must share with the man who has
none, and the one with something to eat
must do the same.' There were tax collectors
too who came for baptism, and these said to
him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to
them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some
soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about
us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No
intimidation! No extortion! Be content with
your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among
the people, who were beginning to think
that John might be the Christ, so John
declared before them all, 'I baptise you with
water, but someone is coming, someone
who is more powerful than I am, and I am
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into
his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire
that will never go out.' As well as this, there
were many other things he said to exhort the
people and to announce the Good News to
them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and
do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he
will save us.

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, Mr & Mrs Israel.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Teodoro & Emma Sibulo, Conrado Sibulo,
Josefina Manacop, Aguido Gonzales,
Benjamin S Recto, Benjamin Junior C.
Recto, Eligio Solomon, Leni Ibanez Sicat,
Lourdes Ramos Estacion, Rick 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, 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
*Sunday, 2nd February, 2025 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 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 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

My dear parishioners

Thank you very much for your love and care for the past
two years. I cannot forget you because you have been
with me during the most difficult time of my life that is
during time of my mum's passing. It was you who were
with me encouraged, supported, helped me to be strong
beside my faith in God. I want to thank Fr Alan. He has
been wonderful friend and spiritual father to me. His
generosity and kindness beyond measure. May God
bless him abundantly with good health, mind, and body.
Big thanks also to our Parish Secretary, Elizabeth and
the Sacristans. There are so many to thank but this
space will not be enough for it therefore in general I
want to thank you all my dear parishioners. You have
been truly a blessing to my life and helped me to grow
better. Thank you for your friendship, family spirit,
kindness and more than that your generosity. Thank
you for all the gifts, wishes and prayers. I promise to
pray for you and your family members. Please keep me
in your prayers. God bless you and take care.

Fr Neil

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 - 21st & 22nd of DECEMBER 2024

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	Anthony P	Myriam A	John Q	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Vena T	Rosemarie E	Clarita R	
Sun 9:00am	Beth K	David P	Anna S	Rita D	
Sun 10:30am	Nora P	Walter R	Edgardo P	Mary B	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Agnes G-M	Angelo A	Juliet A	Evelyn E	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 21st & 22nd of DECEMBER 2024

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	George M	Vince B	Kava M
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Vince B
Sun 10:30am	Mauryce P	Angelina U	Rafaelle A
Sun 5:30am	Euane B-D	Thomas P-D	Annie V

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 20th & 22nd of DECEMBER 2024

Group 4
The
Portelli
Family