



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

**AUSTRALIA  
DAY**  
25th & 26th  
of  
JANUARY 2025

**9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Alan Layt  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Matthew Dimian  
**Rev Deacon:** Jerome D'Rozario  
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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 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](mailto: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

Naomi Crowley - (02) 8886 9800

#### ST. AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Janette Holland - (02) 8882 0700

#### CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS

Paul Stenning - (02) 8886 9500

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for new Acolytes to serve at St Aidan's Parish. 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

### WHO HAS KEYS IN OUR PARISH?

Dear parishioners we wish to know who has keys to the Church, Parish Centre or Mackillop hall. Could you please notify Steve what keys you have via mobile on 0431 499 208 as we need to make a record of this. Thank you, Fr Alan

We need to get in contact with Mr & Mrs CA & ML Durrante, please contact the office during office hours. Tuesday through to Friday 10am - 4.30pm.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST CONFESSION

Parent information evening is on Thursday the 13th of February at 7:30pm in the Mary Mackillop Hall.

Registrations will take place on the 15th & 16th of February.

Further details can be found on the website or notice board





# AUSTRALIA DAY

25th & 26th of  
JANUARY 2025

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples,  
among the nations sing psalms to you,  
for your mercy reaches to the heavens,  
and your truth to the skies.

*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said*

## FIRST READING                      Isaiah 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*The effect of justice will be peace.*

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

## SECOND READING                      Romans 12:9-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with

them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL    Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and never forget his benefits.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Walter Roberts Sr., Clarita Arellano,  
Benjamin Santiago, Tony Demanuel,  
Ryan Mata, Teodoro Isleta  
& Frank Foenander.

### COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Arlene Veronica R. De Leon, Tuan Sausa  
Jimenez, Jude Amos Mogan, Raul & Menita  
Nool, Remigia G Decena, Josephine D Dizon,  
Ouseph Cherian, Hongrato Felizardo,  
Saturnina Santos, Juanita Cordero, Mary Galea,  
Allan Masters, Hernando Pulido Sr., Ed Places,  
Ricardo dela Paz, Sarah Agpalo, Senio Stanley  
Piliae, All Souls, Kathleen, Joseph Haliburn,  
Honey Sagrito & P.V George.

### 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: Anna Fernandes, Rolando  
Guerra, Federico Manzo Jr., Alfonso  
Diaz, Edwin Diaz, Bronia Flak & Estelita  
Roberts.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on  
*Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5th of FEBRUARY 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 26th of JANUARY 2025  
SUNDAY the 9th of FEBRUARY 2025**

### HOW DO WE PRAY AT ALL TIMES

**Q.** What does Bossuet mean when he says:  
"When the will is fixed on God it produces a  
succession of good movements, which in this life  
are called perpetual prayer"?

**A.** He wishes us to understand that there  
takes place in this good will towards God what  
takes place towards evil in a perverted will which  
produces a succession of thoughts, affections,  
desires, hopes, joys, fears, sadness, and other  
simple, deliberate criminal movements. Now is it  
not certain that God sees the good dispositions  
of the heart as clearly as the bad ones, and that  
he is even more ready to reward the good than to  
punish the wicked? This is what caused our  
Bishops to say, in Article XIX of Issy, that  
"perpetual prayer does not consist in a perpetual  
and single act, which one may imagine going on  
without interruption and which must not be  
repeated, but in a habitual and perpetual  
disposition and preparation to do nothing which  
might displease God, and to do everything to  
please him," For how many good movements  
either for avoiding evil or for doing good must be  
produced by this habitual and perpetual  
condition?

**Q.** How comes it, then, that most slightly  
spiritual persons know so well and so easily all the  
evil of those direct acts which aim at wickedness  
only, even to the slightest thoughts, complacency,  
deliberate affections and adhesions of spirit of  
which they never fail to accuse themselves in  
confession, whereas they find it so difficult to  
understand the goodness of those who direct acts  
which are a simple deliberate movement towards  
good?

**A.** The reason of this is: (i) that simple  
movements of the heart towards evil are much  
more easily perceived; (ii) that one's custom is to  
misunderstand what is read in books and heard  
sermons, "that good desires without deeds are  
useless"; yes, useless, because without deeds they  
will not save us; but despite this they may still be  
good and meritorious in themselves, in the same  
way as evil desires without effect do not become  
thereby less criminal and evil in themselves, from  
the moment they are conceived in the heart,  
without being expressed even to oneself, indeed,  
though one may well wish to hide them from  
oneself. This it was that made Our Lord say that all  
evil came from the heart: *de corde exeunt*. It is the  
same with good.

**SAPIENTIA RETREAT** - Single adults, ages 18-30, are invited to  
join the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a  
weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW, from 7-9  
February 2025. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence,  
Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time  
for fun and fellowship. Fee: \$300 per person. Please complete the  
google form (<https://forms.gle/hHyBFDjN3A5pexXJA>) to register  
your intention. Registrations close 31 January.

## 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.

### JUBILEE YEAR FOR THE CHURCH

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "Pilgrims of hope", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war and poverty.

As Pope Francis states "The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee"; "Pilgrims of Hope."

A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years.

The Jubilee of 2025 commenced on 24 December 2024 will the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

Bishop Vincent invites us to participate:

"In our Diocese of Parramatta, I invite all to participate in the many events that will be taking place. In particular, I invite everybody to take a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

- \* St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- \* Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
- \* The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville

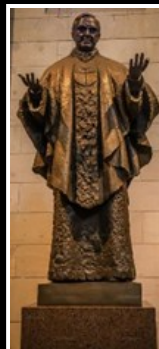
A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, they are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the suffering of their daily lives, and participating in

reconciliation, prayer, and the Eucharistic celebration.

The Diocese is also organizing two adult pilgrimages to Rome and other countries in the footsteps of St Paul, with one specifically for young adults to coincide with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome at the end of July/early August. All are invited".

2025 will be a year of grace for us. Please take advantage of the gift God offers us through His Church.

*Fr Alan*



### ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA STATUE

**Dear Parishioners**, Our Parish Priest, Fr. Alan Layt, will be retiring at the end of March 2025 and he has chosen the Statue of St. Josemaria Escriva as a parting gift. We the **St. Aidan's Fundraising Team** are helping to raise the amount of **\$4,750.00 which is half the amount needed to purchase this Statue**. Donation Envelopes are already in circulation. More envelopes can be obtained in the Piety Shop or through Rosemarie Estigoy. We thank you for your continued generosity and God Bless you all. **Clarita Robles**

### YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED!

We are looking for St Aidan's Youth Leaders who practice their faith and would like to lead youth gatherings, functions, game nights, supervising, inviting people, etc. If this sounds like something you might be interested in please contact the Parish Office during operating times.

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st & 2nd of FEBRUARY 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Evelyn E	Dave S	Jennifer F	Rita D	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Vena T	Sen C	Gertrude E	
Sun 9:00am	Angelo A	Ryan R	Juliet A	Edith G	
Sun 10:30am	Celestine S	Sonny B	Nora P	John Q	Emmanuel M
Sun 5:30pm	Monica F	Anthony P	Mary B	Sharon Q-C	

### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st & 2nd of FEBRUARY 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Noah T	Lucas T	Ciara T
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Emily N	Mauryce P
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Kava M	Angelina U

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 31st of JANUARY - 2nd of FEBRUARY

Group 3
Josephel P
Beth K
Jemma M