



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME - YEAR C  
18th & 19th of  
JANUARY 2025

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt  
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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

### LOST HALL

#### KEYS

Could whoever has borrowed the set of keys for the McKillop Hall from the Church: Please return them (*They want to come home*)

### 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*

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your  
God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand  
of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3**

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the  
nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the  
Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his  
name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among  
the nations his glory and his wonders among all  
the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the  
glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth,  
tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations:  
'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in  
fairness. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as  
he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;  
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always  
to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different  
ways in different people, it is the same God who is  
working in all of them. The particular way in which  
the Spirit is given to each person is for a good  
purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with  
wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have  
the gift of preaching instruction given him by the  
same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the  
same Spirit; another again the gift of healing,  
through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles;  
another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising  
spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the  
ability to interpret them. All these are the work of  
one and the same Spirit, who distributes different  
gifts to different people just as he chooses.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the  
Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in  
Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother  
of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had  
also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since  
the wine provided for the wedding was all finished,  
the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'  
Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has  
not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do  
whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water  
jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are  
customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty  
or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the  
jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim.  
'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the  
steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water,  
and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it  
came from - only the servants who had drawn the  
water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and  
said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and  
keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty  
to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'  
This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was  
given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen,  
and his disciples believed in him.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how  
precious is the chalice that quenches my  
thirst.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Song Se, Talatala Fa'atau, Augustina Palaypayon, Joselito Razon Ramayo, Maureen Hinton & 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.

## 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: Ramon Nolasco Rivera, Ruben Bables, Dolly Carozza & Rolando Guerra.

## 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.

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.

## 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 Fr Matthew or the Parish Office during operating times.

## 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 JOSEMARIE 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**



## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th & 26th of JANUARY 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	David P	Justino G	Myriam A	
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	Clarita R	
Sun 9:00am	Selina V	Angelo A	Juliet A	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean B	Fernando S	Joshua S	Sonny B	Evelyn E
Sun 5:30pm	Nora P	Vena T	Mary B	Sharon Q-C	

### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th & 26th of JANUARY 2025

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

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th & 26th of JANUARY 2025

Group 2
Margaret T
Peter T
Ryan R