



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD
YEAR C
11th & 12th
of
JANUARY 2025

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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 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

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, Special Ministers 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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Praying that the Lords blessings shower upon you and your family today and always.
Fr Alan & Fr Matthew

HAPPY
New Year

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause
of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Luke 3:15-16. 21-22**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of
God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Rose Sr., Bernie Castro, Emigdio Tudlasan Jr., Inocencio Husmalaga, Song Se, Talatala Fa'atau, Estela Ferris, Anacleto Ortillano, Tony Cabarrus, Benjamin Santiago & Katarzyna Haladus.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Mary & Paul Bonanno, Consejo Paderanga, Antonino Sr. Cioco, Edwito Rana, Edwito Rana, Jessica Roach, Benigno, Christita & Ynes Lamoste.

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.

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.**

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 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 YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH. GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 12th of JANUARY 2025
SUNDAY the 26th of JANUARY 2025

ON PRAYER

This extract is taken from JOHN PIERRE DE CAUSSADE. "ON PRAYER" printed in 1931. He is commenting on the teaching of Bossuet,

Bishop of MEAUX (d 1704) on prayer. He is describing a simple form of prayer in which one simply sits with Jesus and loves Him. It can involve some speaking with Jesus or none. One can find oneself in this situation with Jesus. If you do stay there as long as it lasts or until you have to leave to do something else.

He wished us to understand by these words that in prayer of the simple presence of God and loving attention to that presence, a soul finds itself in much the same attitude towards God, by a supernatural attraction, as that of any person who loves another by natural attraction when he is thinking of his beloved. In fact, is not all that he says about direct acts found and easily comprehensible in the heart of a mother thinking of her beloved child? For while she is thinking these sweet thoughts does she not exert maternal love? By direct acts which are merely simple interior movements, a simple turning of the heart towards the child; (ii) by non-reflective acts, for she does not reflect whether she loves; (iii) by acts confusedly if at all perceived, for she does not know them except by consciousness, so to speak, that is by a confused feeling she experiences without any attempt to disentangle what is passing within herself; (iv) by acts which are not signified, since she says neither with her mouth nor inwardly in her heart; 'I love this child very much'; but she loves it none the less by means of acts performed in her heart; she loves without saying anything, but merely by loving; and if this child penetrated as God does into the heart of its mother, would it not see all her actual tenderness for it? Nevertheless, while not reflected upon, these acts are deliberate, and freely accepted and willed.

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

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th & 19th of JANUARY 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Dave S	Justino G	John Q	Rita D	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Anthony P	Vena T	Gertrude E	
Sun 9:00am	Edith G	Lina V	Sonny B	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Christelle S	Rizaldy G	Walter R	Mary B	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Evelyn E	Emmanuel M	Ryan R	Nora P	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 18th & 19th of JANUARY 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Savannah D-L	Nathaniel D-L	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Mauryce P
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Kava M	Angelina U

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 17th & 19th of JANUARY 2025

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R