



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

**THE
PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD
YEAR C
1ST & 2ND OF
FEBRUARY 2025**

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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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

CONGRATULATIONS

To Fr Matthew
for the second
anniversary of his
ordination on
Sunday 2nd
February 2025.
May God bless him
in his ministry.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish
Council Meeting
will be held this
Sunday at 3pm in
the Mary
MacKillop Hall.
At least one
representative
from each group
needs to be in
attendance.

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*





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice. The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi
The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.
The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He had to be made like us in all things.
Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
My eyes have seen your saving power.
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sr Catherine Bernard, Estelita Roberts,
Walter Roberts Snr., Clarita Arellano,
Benjamin Santiago, Tony Demanuel, Ryan
Mata, Teodoro Isleta, Frank Foenander &
Mario Cauchi

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

John John Llave, Helen Kelevo, Joanne
Susan, Sasin Jamorol, Janice Dormentes,
Danilo Saludez Sr., Emmanuel Gavierrez, Paul &
Josephine Cortis, Marelino Oresco, Maria
Cortiguera, Elena & Alberto Tobias, Micheal
Gauci, Mary Agius, P. V. George &
Jesusita Roach.

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 Robert, Adrian Magee,
Joselito Enriquez, Mr Ramon Rivera,
Anna Fernandes, Gloria Amarilla &
Marilon Almosara

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 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

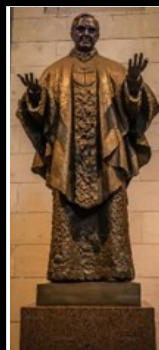
A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, they are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the suffering of their daily 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, etc. If this sounds like something you might be interested in please contact the Parish Office during operating hours or speak with Fr Matthew.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th & 9th of FEBRUARY 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	Joel A	Terisita A	Myriam A	
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Vena T	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	
Sun 9:00am	Edith G	David P	Rita D	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Beth K	Walter R	Mary B	Evelyn E	Sharon Q-C
Sun 5:30pm	Agnes G-M	Angelo A	Juliet A	Ryan R	

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th & 9th of FEBRUARY 2025

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

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th - 9th of FEBRUARY

Group 4
The
Portelli
Family