



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C
1ST & 2ND OF
MARCH 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

5th of March 2025

Mass times are:

9:15am Wednesday Morning
7:00pm Wednesday Evening
8:30pm Wednesday Evening

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time for prayer and penance.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Project Compassion Sunday 1st & 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of

death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Efren Maglalang, Reynante Cabasag,
Cecile Layt, Pauline Carr, Deacon
Rodrigo (Rudy) Rupac, Collin Newell
& Marcor Valencia.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

P. V. George, Sam Vassallo, John
Malachowski, Franciszek & Katarzyna Haladus,
Emilia & Joe Kowalczyk, Marian & Maria
Idaszak, Luisito Bautista Quibuyen, Mary Grace
Pitchai, Mary Mallett, Paul & Josephine Cortis,
Talatala Fa'Atau, Leon & Angelina Dimaandal,
Christian Andaya, Basilio Vargas Jr., Sherry
Ruse Andal, Domingo Andal, All Souls,
Thomas, Helen Relevo, Adrian Villasis, Fr Alex
Sciberras, Gertrude & Zacharias Fernandez

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 Kutty, Glen Mead, Christian Kenneth
Mendoza, Emerlene Mead, Valdir Santang, N
Vandhana A Chand & Bronia Flak.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
*Sunday, 6th APRIL 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 2nd of APRIL 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 9th of MARCH 2025
SUNDAY the 23rd of MARCH 2025

ST JOHN PAUL II ON PRAYER

What is prayer? It is commonly held to be a
Conversation. In a conversation there are always an
"I" and a "thou" or "you." In this case the "Thou" is
with a capital T. If at first the "I" seems to be the
most important element in prayer, prayer teaches
that the situation is actually different. The "Thou" is
more important because our prayer begins with
God.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF HOPE

We begin to pray, believing that it is our own
initiative that compels us to do so. Instead, we learn
that it is always God's initiative within us...

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF HOPE

It is a beautiful and salutary thought that,
wherever people are praying in the world, there
the Holy Spirit is, the living breath of prayer. It is a
beautiful and salutary thought to recognize that, if
prayer is offered throughout the world, in the past,
in the future, equally widespread is the presence
and action of the Holy Spirit, who "breathes" prayer
in the heart of man in all the endless range of the
most varied situations and conditions.

DOMINUM ET VIVIFICANTEM

The Holy Spirit is the gift that comes into
man's heart together with prayer. In prayer he
manifests himself first of all and above all as the gift
that "helps us in our weakness." This is the
magnificent thought developed by Saint Paul in the
Letter to the Romans, when he writes: "For we do
not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit
himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for
words" (8:26).

Therefore, the Holy Spirit not only enables us to
pray, but guides us "from within in prayer: he is
present in our prayer and gives it a divine
dimension.

DOMINUM ET VIVIFICANTEM

Many times, through the influence of the
Spirit, prayer rises from the human heart in spite of
prohibitions and persecutions and even official
proclamations.... Prayer always remains the voice
of all those who apparently have no voice....

DOMINUM ET VIVIFICANTEM

LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH SIMON CARRINGTON

- Fri, Mar 14 - The Passion of Christ:
His Radical love for you
Sat, Mar 15 - The 4 Pillars of Lent:
Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and
forgiveness
Sun, Mar 16 - Your Sins are Forgiven:
The healing power of Confession

6:30pm - Rosary
7:00pm - Talk

MacKillop Hall, St Aidan's Parish Rooty Hill
9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill NSW 2766

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time for prayer and penance.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of fast and abstinence from meat for all the faithful. Fast means (except for children, the sick and elderly) one main meal and a couple of snacks a day or something of this nature. All the Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The requirement on all the faithful to do penance in Lent is serious. What has changed is that the church no longer tells us precisely what to do. Our penance should be done seriously and In many areas: Before all else we must try to end any habits of sin.

Prayer: Lent is a good time to try to pray as much as I should (most of us are aware of being slack in the area) and it is a good time to begin practices of prayer, particularly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the parish, which we intend to continue for the rest of our lives or as long as we are able to.

Almsgiving: Lent is a good season to make some serious donations to those in need. You could think of the St Vincent de Paul and Aid to the Church in Need.

Self-Denial: These are all sacrifices of things that we can do legitimately but we also need to learn to say "No!" to, Food (here is where some regular fasting in Lent is a good idea), Social Media, Listening to

Music, TV and so forth.

This also can involve being cheerful and not moody, being helpful to others and simply smiling at others. It is also a good season to make the effort to listen to others without commenting or giving advice.

These are all suggestions but we should be doing something in all those three areas of Prayer, Almsgiving, and fasting (self-denial).

Remember that Lent is a time of reflection not so much on my own tendency to sin but more on the overwhelming mercy that God has shown me so far by forgiving my sins and intends to continue to offer me. It is a time to reflect on the fact that God really loves me and that God the Father is truly my Father.

I pray that you will have a prayerful and fruitful season of Lent. Fr Alan



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST CONFESSION

CHILDRENS SESSIONS:

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am - Mary MacKillop Hall
 2nd March 9th March 16th March

LENTEN SESSIONS

Come and join us every Wednesday through Lent in understanding the Gospels and having a closer relationship with Jesus.

Starting Ash Wednesday in the parish Centre 10am.
 For more information contact Mary Testa on 0403302283

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

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	Joel A	Terisita A	Myriam A	
Sun 7:30am	Ellen E	Vena T	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	
Sun 9:00am	Rita D	David P	Mary B	Anna S	
Sun 10:30am	Mary Jean B	Walter R	Nora P	Sonny B	Joshua S
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret T	Angelo A	Juliet A	Evelyn E	

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

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

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 7th - 9th of MARCH 2025

Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R