

# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

SEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
  
YEAR C  
22ND & 23RD OF  
FEBRUARY 2025

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Alan Layt  
Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Dimian  
Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario  
Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak  
Office Assistant: Yvonne Lanau  
Phone: (02) 9625 8404  
Email: [rootyhill@parracatholic.org](mailto:rootyhill@parracatholic.org)  
Website: <http://rootyhillparish.org.au>

### 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

## 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.

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH 2025

St Joseph, A Pilgrim of Hope

### Novena Masses

Please see the Church Notice board

### FEAST DAY MASS

Main Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen,  
OFM CONV

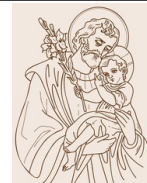
Saturday the 15th of March at 10:30am

St Patrick's Church

Mary Queen of the Family Parish

51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Lunch and entertainment will follow after





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

○ Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

## FIRST READING

**1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.(R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the

Corinthians

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Luke 6:27-38**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name,  
○ Most High.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Sam Vassallo, Talatala Fa'Atau, Leon &  
Angelina Dimaandal, Christian Andaya,  
Basilio Vargas Jr., Sherry Ruse Andal,  
Domingo Andal & All Souls.

## 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, Franco Santos & Loreto Meilak,

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on *Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26th 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 23rd of FEBRUARY 2025  
SUNDAY the 9th of MARCH 2025

## 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

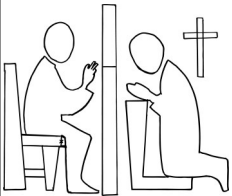
## HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY

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.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST CONFESSION

#### CHILDRENS SESSIONS:

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am

in the Mary MacKillop Hall

23rd February, 2025      2nd March, 2025

9th March, 2025          16th March, 2025

#### PRACTICE SESSIONS:

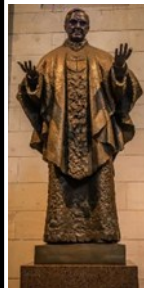
Tuesday the 18th of March, 2025  
 & Thursday the 20th of March, 2025

#### SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED:

Tuesday the 25th of March, 2025  
 at 7:30pm in the Church

&

Thursday the 27th of March, 2025  
 at 7:30pm in the Church



### 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 his parting gift.

The *St. Aidan's Fundraising Team* have informed us that people have been very generous so far and there are still a number of donations coming in.

Once we have received all these, we will have a better idea of where we stand.

The Statue has been ordered and will have to be shipped from Spain and we are waiting on the final costing for the shipping of the Statue. We will not be giving out any more donation envelopes until we have the final cost of the statue.

We thank you for your continued generosity and God Bless you all. **Clarita Robles**

### LENT 2025 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter.

Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up

here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions recommence on Sunday 2nd March 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is **Simon Carrington** who will talk about and lead discussion on **St Therese of Lisieux**. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

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

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

### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st & 2nd of MARCH 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 - 28th - 2nd of MARCH 2025

Group 7
Tonna
Samuel