



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

SECOND  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
YEAR C  
15TH & 16TH 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, 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  
Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160  
FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR  
Precious Tamayo (Contact Parish Office)

### YOUTH

#### YOUTH CONTACT:

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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 - (Contact Parish Office)

#### 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



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**



**Second Sunday of Lent** 15th and 16th of March 2025

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. **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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



The Youth for Christ (Australia) is having a youth entry program for youths from year 8 and above, on **April 11-13** (first weekend of the school holidays) in Plumpton.

It is run by Catholic youth leaders and couple coordinators. It is full of fun, fellowship, singing, talks, discussions, group activities, prayers, praise and worship. If any students want to strengthen their faith and relationship with Jesus, we would be happy for them to join us in April.

For details, please contact Rose Vi Tungul on 0416 245 254 or Jeff Tungul on 0405 153 848



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

## FIRST READING Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v. 1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

**Luke 9:28-36**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*  
Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. *The Creed is said.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Ramon Rivera, Mona Canares, Bill Baker  
& Fr Joseph Martins.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Mariano & Fidela, Juan & Rosario, Aurea  
Cayanan, Rafael & Maria Vitug, Josefina  
Galura, Protasio Puno, Pascasio  
'Bong'Vicario II, cornelia Quiling Ho &  
Pedro Ho.

## 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, Rolando Guerra,  
Baby Raphaella Roberts, Elizabeth &  
Graham Roberts, Stephy Sanju,  
Irene Judith, Virginia Gonzales, Federico  
Manzo & Adrian Magee.

## 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 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 23rd of MARCH 2025  
SUNDAY the 13th of APRIL 2025

Pope Francis proposes 15 simple acts of  
charity for lent, Look at this beauty!

1. Say hello (always and everywhere)
2. Say **thank you** (even if you don't "have to")
3. Remind others how much you **love them**.
4. **Greeting with joy** those people you see every day.
5. Listening to the others **story**, without prejudice, **with love**.
6. Stopping to **help**. Being **attentive to those who need you**.
7. **Lifting someone's spirits**.
8. **Celebrating the qualities or successes** of another.
9. **Select** what you don't use and **give it** to some one who needs it.
10. **Help when needed** so that another can rest.
11. **Correct with love**, don't keep quiet out of fear.
12. **Do small acts of kindness** to those who are close to you.
13. **Clean what I use at home**.
14. **Help others overcome obstacles**.
15. **Call your parents**, if you are fortunate enough to have them.

- **Fast from hurtful words** and spread kind words
- **Fast from discontent** and fill yourself with gratitude
- **Fast from anger** and fill yourself with meekness and patience
- **Fast from pessimism** and fill yourself with optimism
- **Fast from worries** and fill yourself with trust in God
- **Fast from complaining** and fill yourself with the simple things in life
- **Fast from pressures** and fill yourself with prayer
- **Fast from sadness** and bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- **Fast from selfishness** and fill yourself with compassion for others
- **Fast from unforgiveness** and fill yourself with attitudes of reconciliation
- **Fast from words** and fill yourself with silence and listening to others

## PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. Clifford D'souza is inviting you to join him in this Jubilee Year on a pilgrimage to the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy- Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. 31 August- 19 September 2025. For more details pls contact Fr. Clifford on cliff\_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au or 96724037 or Caterina on ati-tours@atitours.com.au or 97223222

## 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.

### REDFIELD COLLEGE

Redfield College is hosting an event for fathers, <https://pared.edu.au/podcast/strong-and-present-for-fathers-event/>

This is a day to step away from the noise and reflect on the gift and responsibility of fatherhood.

Through guided meditations, meaningful conversations, and personal reflection, you'll gain fresh perspective and renewed energy for your role at home. Led by seasoned dads and the Chaplains of Tangara School for Girls and Redfield College (Fr. Paul Muller & Fr. Phil Elias), this gathering offers a space to deepen your understanding of fatherhood in a way that is both thoughtful and inspiring.

#### *Why Attend?*

*Real talk - No fluff, just practical insights and tools.*

*Meet other dads - You're not in this alone.*

*Deepen your faith - Engage in guided meditations and prayer.*

*Location: Redfield College Chapel & Atrium | 855 Old Northern Rd, Dural 2158*

*Date: Sunday 30 March 2025 - Cost (lunch): \$25*

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MISSION (WWME)

We all know that marriage is the foundation of family life and raising children. The WWME program offers married couples a Weekend away from the distractions of daily life, to focus on the beautiful sacrament of their marriage.

They will learn tools of communication to strengthen their marital commitment and rejuvenate their relationship.

- Better marriages make resilient couples and healthy family units. It has been recognized that couples who have attended a Weekend, often become more engaged in parish life and community support.

#### Pulpit Talks this Weekend:

**Saturday the 15th of March**

6pm Mass - Marian & Andrew Julien

**Sunday the 16th of March**

7:30am Mass - Natalia & Conrad Gabriel

9am Mass - Christine & Gerry Bent

10:30am Mass - Olivia & Canute Dsouza

5:30pm Mass Loriana & Paul Quirk

For more information please visit

<https://www.wwme.org.au>

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - FIRST CONFESSION

##### CHILDRENS SESSIONS:

16th March, 2025 - Sunday at 8:30am in the Mary MacKillop Hall

##### PRACTICE SESSIONS:

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

### SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd & 23rd of MARCH 2025

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

#### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd - 23rd of MARCH 2025

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

#### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 21st - 23rd of MARCH 2025

Group 3
Josephel P
Beth K
Jemma M