

St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FIRST
SUNDAY
OF LENT
YEAR C
8TH & 9TH OF
MARCH 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 - 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



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.*

ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA STATUE

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our Parish Priest, Fr Alan Layt, and the St. Aidan's Fundraising Team, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your enormous generosity, kindness, and unending support towards the fundraising of the St. Josemaria Escriva Statue. For just two months or so, we are happy and excited to let you know that we have raised the amount of \$10,958.00.

Although some envelopes have still not been returned, the door is still open for you to return them. Better late than never.

So once again a Big, Big thank you and God Bless you all.

Clarita Robles





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.*

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we

proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mona Canares, Bill Baker, Marilou Magdadaro, Nilo Torrevillas, Fr Joe Martins, Judith Jadraque & Mark Tramoli.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Angelo Attard, Julie Wilkes, Arthur Clarke, Rosenda Flora, Felix Mungcal, Dominga Mungcal, Paula Cariolato, John Malachowski, Paul & Josephine Cortis, Sanele Vaasili.

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.

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

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

LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH SIMON CARRINGTON

- 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.

LENT

Good Friday is a day 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.

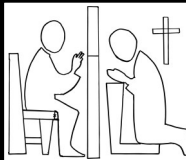
This also can involve being cheerful and not

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 in the Mary MacKillop Hall

9th March, 2025

16th March, 2025

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

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

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

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 15th & 16th of MARCH 2025

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

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 15th - 16th of MARCH 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 | Rafaella A |
| Sun 5:30am | Annie V | Kava M | Angelina U |

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 14th - 16th of MARCH 2025

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| Group 2 |
| Margaret T |
| Peter T |
| Ryan R |