St Aidan's Parish and Other News

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Year C
29th & 30th 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 FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR
Precious Tamayo
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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

NEW PARISH PRIEST

Bishop Vincent has appointed **Fr Andrew Bass** as the new Parish Priest of Rooty Hill.
Fr Andrew is currently the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Granville.
Fr Andrew cannot take over here as Parish priest till June 16th. I have offered to stay on as Parish Priest till then and I assume the Bishop will approve of this.
Fr Andrew is a good and holy Priest and will be of great benefit to our Parish. *Fr Alan*

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal
THIS WEEKEND 29 – 30 March 2025
Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services.

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code.
Thank you.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. *The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.*

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your brother here was dead and has come to life.
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:
'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.
'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.
'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.
'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."
'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."' *The Creed is said.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances Bartlett, Dennis Pavlovic, Lim Ung, Otila Laupola, Vaalaloa Lauao, Richard Bulkiewicz.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Carlo Vigliarolo, Mouna & Antoine Karam, Marian Malachowski, Radmila Loncuy, Rosario Tamayo, Lorenz Bigeni, John Bigeni, Leila & Milad Shaheen, Simon Walcott.

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, Martin McGuigan, Cyrille Deojee, Virginia Abuel & Peregrina Valenzuela.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER THE 7PM MASS

SAFEGUARDING MODULE 2
Contact: maria.kervin@parractholic.org
3rd April 2025 110am to 1.30pm ST AIDAN's PARISH CENTRE (30 minutes break)

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 13th of APRIL 2025
SUNDAY the 27th 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

ST AIDAN'S EUCHARISTIC YOUTH

We are so excited to share that this Sunday will be the launch of our first YA Bible study night to start off our Savour Bible studies series.

5:30pm: Mass
6:30pm: Light snacks + fellowship
7-8pm: Bible study by Fr Matthew and Q+A.
Location: St. Aidan's Parish Centre
(enter via Rooty Hill Road North)

Young adults: 18-35 yrs old

We will start off with the gospel of Luke. Please bring your Bible, Catechism, journal , highlighters + pens!

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY

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

Congratulation's

to all of the Children who did their First Confession on Tuesday & Thursday Evening this week. May God bless them always. Special thanks to Elizabeth Portelli and her team for teaching the Children.

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6th April 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is **Rev Dr Paschal Corby OFM Conv** who will talk about and lead discussion on **St Anthony of Padua**. 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS On **Sunday, April 6**. Clocks will be turned back by one hour at **3am AEDT** - they'll go to 2am.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

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

CATECHISM CORNER – Mortal vs Venial Sins

1855 Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is our ultimate end by preferring an inferior good to him. Venial sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.

1857 For a sin to be mortal, the following three conditions must all together be met/present:

The sin/object or action is a grave or serious matter - i.e., the gravity of sins is more or less great: murder is graver than theft. One must also take into account who is wronged: e.g., violence against parents is in itself graver than violence against a stranger (see CCC 1858).

The action was committed with full knowledge- presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act and its opposition to God's law. Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin (CCC 1859).

The action was committed with full will - implies a consent which is sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice (CCC 1859).

If one or more of the three conditions are not met, the sin is not mortal, but may be venial, that is:

1862 One commits venial sin when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent.

1863 Venial sin weakens charity; it manifests a disordered affection for created goods; it impedes the soul's progress in the exercise of the virtues and the practice of the moral good; it merits temporal punishment. Deliberate and unrepented venial sin *disposes us little by little* to commit mortal sin. However venial sin does not set us in direct opposition to the will and friendship of God; it does not break the covenant with God. With God's grace it is humanly reparable. *"Venial sin does not deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace, friendship with God, charity, and consequently eternal happiness."*

Reference: https://www.vatican.va/content/catechism/en/part_three/section_one/chapter_one/article_8/iv_the_gravity_of_sin_mortal_and_venial_sin.html

For specific questions regarding personal matters, a discussion with your spiritual director and/or priest, is highly recommended.

Mrs P Tamayo, Formation Co-ordinator

LIVE-IN CARER OPPORTUNITY

Our beautiful 96 year old father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a full-time or part-time capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. If you would like more information, please contact Jason on jason@jjmail.me or 0414987206.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 5th & 6th of APRIL 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Rita D	Emmanuel M	Terisita A	Myla P	David P
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Joy N	Linda N	Vena T	Sen C
Sun 9:00am	Edith G	Angelo A	Juliet A	Lina V	
Sun 10:30am	Mary J B	Rizaldy G	Beth K	Nora P	Mary B
Sun 5:30pm	Margaret T	Anthony P	Ryan R	Micaela L	Evelyn E

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 5th - 6th of APRIL 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ethan Gian P	Micha Ewan P	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Mathias F
Sun 10:30am	Laura N	Emily N	Charles S
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Thomas P-D	Kava m

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 4th - 6th of APRIL 2025

Group 5
Glenda Sicat
Gregorio Sicat
Joe Gnomes