



# St Aidan's Parish and Other News

THIRD  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
Year C  
22nd & 23rd 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**

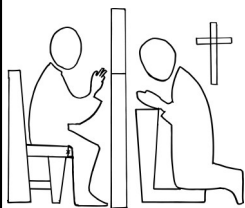
By Appointment  
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month

**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



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM  
FIRST CONFESSION**

**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



**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN  
APPEAL 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](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15**

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*  
Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.  
And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
  4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who

fear him. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*  
I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.  
These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.  
All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ  
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*  
Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'  
He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."  
*The Creed is said.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Richard Bulkiewicz, Heather Reid, Julita Abelardo, Ramon Rivera, Mona Canares, Bill Baker & Fr Joseph Martins.

## COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Mrs Leonora Rozario, Malia Piliae, Bernabe Liceralde, Arturo Liceralde, Imelda Liceralde, Gliceria Ponce, Vladimir Dungo, Vicenta & Carlos Diaz, Narciso Escobio Sr., Mercedes Esconio, Lancelot Fernandez, Carmel Schembri, Fritz & Ilse Pritting, Tony Mikosic, Felix Diaz, Janina Pakulski, Joseph & Kathleen Haliburn, Joseph Haliburn, Thomas & Teresa Nathan & all the Forgotten Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## 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, Frances Bartlett, Martin McGuigan & Cyrille Deojee.

## 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

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.

## 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.

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.

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

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 repairable. "*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\\_iv\\_the\\_gravity\\_of\\_sin\\_mortal\\_and\\_venial\\_sin.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/catechism/en/part_three/section_one/chapter_one/article_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**



**Caritas AUSTRALIA** | **PROJECT COMPASSION**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

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 024 413 413.

### BISHOP VINCENT TO SAY VIGIL MASS NEXT SATURDAY

A warm Welcome to Bishop Vincent who is coming to visit the Parish and will say the vigil mass on Saturday the 29th of March.

### CAT(echism)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

## SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th & 30th of MARCH 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Darlene P-D	TBA	Jennifer F	Rita D	
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	Clarita R	
Sun 9:00am	Alma E	Fernando S	Joshua S	Edith G	
Sun 10:30am	Evelyn E	Sonny B	Nora P	Sharon Q-C	Mary B
Sun 5:30pm	Angelo A	Emmanuel M	Ryan R	Juliet A	

### ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th - 30th of MARCH 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Thomas P-D	Milan G	Angelina U
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Emily N	Mauryce P
Sun 10:30am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Rafaella A
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Kava M	Euane B-D

### Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th - 30th of MARCH 2025

Group 4
The
Portelli
Family