St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
23rd & 24th of AUGUST 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
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

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY FINANCIALLY

Name of Bank:	**Commonwealth Bank**
BSB:	**067 950**
Account Number:	**00000529**
Account Name:	**Rooty Hill Catholic Church**
Reference:	**YOUR NAME IN FULL**

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 Boy Torres on 0468 853 857 or Fr Alan.

PARISH SACRISTAN
Anthony Pereira - 0422 884 160

FORMATION FACILITATOR / CO-ORDINATOR
Precious Tamayo
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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
Bible Studies is on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
of the Month at 7pm in the Parish Centre

SRE & RCIA CO-ORDINATOR
Mrs R Estigoy - (Contact Parish Office)

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR
Elizabeth Portelli - (Contact Parish Office)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday	8.00pm - 9.00pm
Saturday	4:00pm - 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 - COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

24th of August, 31st of August,
14th of September & 21st of September
8.30am in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

PRACTICE SESSIONS

TUESDAY the 23rd of September & THURSDAY the 25th of September

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Sunday the 28th of September 12:00Noon & 3:00pm

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
They will gather all of your people from all nations.
The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The Lord disciplines those he loves.
Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.
Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.
'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"
'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.
'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elena Ibay, Eduardo Creencia Cruzado & Robin Simpson

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Thomas Wiggins, Natividad Marquez Villanueva, Isabel Sta Maria Reyes, Corazon Santiago Cruz, Romeo Susi, Ramon N Rivera, Joseph Gatt, Grazio Manne Joe Bigini, Helman Hansen, Rose & Annette Grima, Louis Lewis, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Patrick & Olga Thomas & Theresa Thomas.

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: Bronia Flak, Luzviminda Rivera, Margarita Sanchez, Maria Valverde, Jared Dadat, Marie Rudneva & Iluminada Shackleton.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please make sure you Clearly write in block letters the name/s of the person/s and what the intention is (Sick, Deceased, Commemorative Deceased). No cursive writing please!

If this is not clearly marked, unfortunately the names will not be able to be placed into the newsletter.

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 3rd of SEPTEMBER 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 24th of AUGUST 2025
SUNDAY the 14th of SEPTEMBER 2025

CATECHISM TOPIC: QUEENSHIP OF MARY – Feast day 22 August

In the monarchy of King David and in the Old Testament, as well as in other ancient kingdoms of the East, the mother of the king held an important office in the royal court. In fact, the king's *mother* ruled as queen, not his wife. This is because, many kings practiced polygamy. Imagine the chaos if all wives of the kings are all queens. But since each king had only one mother, the title of Queen is bestowed upon the mother of the king. Queen Mother is an office called "Gebirah" (Hebrew: Strong Woman) as one of her roles is as chief advisor to the king, the most important woman in the royal court who act as intercessor of the people who seek favours with the king.

For example, almost every time in the book of 1 and 2 Kings introduced a new king, it mentions his mother the queen, as well. In Jer 13:18ff, the prophet Jeremiah tells how the queen mother possessed a throne and a crown. In Jer 29: When the king was taken to Babylon, his mother, the queen was also exiled.

Jesus is the king and His mother, therefore is the Queen Mother. Mary's queenship can be seen in Revelation 12: *"A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head, a crown of 12 stars; she was with child…"* The woman has a crown of stars, and her newborn child is a royal son.

CATECHISM 966: *"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as QUEEN over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death"*

Mrs Precious TAMAYO
Formation Facilitator & Coordinator
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f you have any questions, comments and suggestions, which will be discussed with our Parish Priest/s.

BETHANY PILGRIMAGE 2025

Inviting all faithful women 18+ to join us on Saturday 6th of September 2025 for an all day walking pilgrimage (20km). Visiting five churches whilst meditating on the Glorious Mysteries. Starting with 8am Mass at OLOR Parish, St Mary's and returning approximately 5:30pm. Registration essential ($20) https://www.trybooking.com/DDBUX

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

I would like to invite anyone who would be interested in joining St Vincent De Paul society in our parish of Rooty Hill, if you have some spare time or are approaching retirement and would like to assist the needy in Rooty Hill please give me a call.
Richard Hodge Mob 0417297104

NORTH & CENTRAL SINGLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA - CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

St Aidan's Parish Centre, Rooty Hill
Starting at 7pm on the 8th of August
Open to young Adults 18-35 years

Module 2: 22 Aug & 5 Sept
The Authentic Christian Culture

Module 3: 12 Sept, 19th Sept & 26th Sept
Living a Spirit-filled Christian Life
Contacts: Farah Sanosa - 0404 057 514
Alex Silvino - 0405 256 241
Daryl Onida - 0433 565 261

Position Vacant - Senior Administration Officer

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is seeking expressions of interest for this position. A full-time role and based at Stanmore.
Enquiries to Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au.

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GROUPS USING MACKILLOP HALL OR PARISH CENTRE

If you are using these facilities over the weekend you will need to obtain the keys during office hours on the Friday between 10.00am – 4.30pm, and also return them during office hours on Tuesday 10.00am – 4.30pm.
Thank you.

POLICY ON HIRING ANY OF OUR FACILITIES

Under the direction of the Diocese, if you are requesting to hire MacKillop Hall/Parish Centre for a function other than parish related meetings. You need to provide us with a "***Certificate of Currency***", for ***minimum of $20 million Public Liability Insurance***.
The Diocese has recommended an insurer that can assist in providing this insurance. For details, please contact the Parish Office. In consideration of rising costs, there will be a review of the fees to hire the Mackillop Hall and the Parish Centre.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will be held on the 6th & 7th of September –

supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve. This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers – the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 30th & 31st of AUGUST 2025

MASS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE/ ALTAR SERVER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER	SPECIAL MINISTER
Vigil 6:00pm	Monica F	David P	John Q	Vena T	Myriam A
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Anthony P	Lata S	Sen C	Rosemarie E
Sun 9:00am	Micaela L	Sonny B	Evelyn E	Edith G	Asunta
Sun 10:30am	Hazyl G	Beth K	Myla P	Sharon Q C	Nora P
Sun 5:30pm	Nati L	Angelo A	Juliet A	Joy N	Linda N

ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 30th & 31st of AUGUST 2025

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ethan P	Micha P	Samuel S
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Akeisha M
Sun 10:30am	Vlanny T	Rosa T	Jennifer T
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Kava M	Erich D S

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th - 31st of AUGUST 2025

Group 5
Glenda S
Gregorio S
Joe G