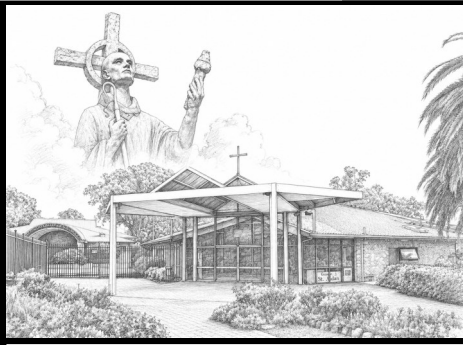




St Aidan's Parish & Other News

Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
1st & 2nd of
AUGUST 2026

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Priest: Fr Jobi Payyappilly
Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Dimian
Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak
Office Assistant: Yvonne Lanau
Phone: (02) 9625 8404
Email: rootyhill@parracatholic.org
Website: <http://rootyhillparish.org.au>

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday 9:45am - 10:15am
Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am
4:30pm - 5:45pm



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 contact the Parish Office via email.

ROOTY HILL LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

Parents and Children of age 6-17yrs
Every Friday 6pm-7pm Parish Centre

For more information contact Boy Torres on 0468 853 857

ROOTY HILL PRAESIDIUM

Every Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm Parish Centre Small Room

CHRIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

Meet every Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Centre.
All are Welcome to come and join us in explaining and
understanding the Sunday Gospel.
For more info Contact Mary Testa - 0403302283.

PARISH SACRISTAN

Anthony Pereira

FAITH FORMATION

Precious Tamayo

EMAIL: catechism.corner@outlook.com

YOUTH

YOUTH CONTACT:

Josh San Pedro: 0481 372 544

EMAIL: staidans.eucharisticyouth@gmail.com

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 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

Jeanette Holland - (02) 8882 0700

CATHWEST INOVATION COLLEGE-LOYOLA CAMPUS

Paul Stenning - (02) 8886 9500

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JOBI

We warmly welcome **Fr Jobi** to our parish and extend our heartfelt congratulations on his appointment as Parish Priest, effective **29 July 2026**. We give thanks to God for your generous response to His call and for accepting this important responsibility. As you begin your ministry with us for the next six years, we assure you of our prayers, support, and cooperation. May the Lord bless you with wisdom, strength, good health, and abundant grace as you lead our parish community in faith, hope, and love. We look forward to walking together as one family in Christ under your pastoral care. The **Installation Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday, 27 September**, at the **9:00 am Mass**. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for this special celebration as we welcome Fr Jobi and pray for God's blessings upon his ministry among us.
Welcome, Fr Jobi, and congratulations on your appointment!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55:1-3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
Covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING **Romans 8:35. 37-39**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These

are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 14:13-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dionisia Columna, Jose Castillo, John Barrett,
Pamela Mathias, Julieta Silvestre, Edgardo
Villasis & Eliezer R Deganos.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Souls in Purgatory Tamayo, Guerrero & Razon
Families, Joseph Gatt Graxio, Joe Manne Bigeni.

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: Domingo Tullao, Elizabetta Sremko,
Vlad, Mikaela Vergara, Alfonso Diaz & Jennifer
Taateo. Marian Irwin, Christiane Janeo, Rosita &
Precious Tamayo

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 a **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 Parish Centre.



COMMUNION

CHILDRENS SESSIONS

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am in the Mary MacKillop Hall
2nd August 9th August 16th August
23rd August 30th August

PRACTICE SESSION

Tuesday the 1st of Sept & Thursday the 3rd of Sept

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Sunday 6/09/26 at 12:30pm
& Sunday the 6/09/26 at 3:00pm



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 5th of AUGUST 2026

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)

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE
INSTRUCTION EVENING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM
COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH.
GODPARENTS CHOSEN SHOULD BE CATHOLIC.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMS

SUNDAY the 9th of AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY the 23rd of AUGUST 2026

THANK YOU - WORKING BEE

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously
gave their time and effort at our Working Bee on
Friday & Saturday. Your willingness to help with the
many tasks around our parish is truly appreciated,
and your hard work has made a wonderful
difference. We would also like to extend our sincere
thanks to our Hospitality Team for providing
delicious food and refreshments for all our hard-
working volunteers. Your kindness and generosity
helped make the day enjoyable for everyone.
Thank you all for your continued dedication and
commitment to our parish community. Your support
and service are a true blessing.

24HR PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. ADIAN'S PARISH, ROOTY HILL

Through the initiative of Fr. Alan the 24-hour
adoration commenced on Sunday 20th
November, 2022. Currently we have Deacon
Jerome as Team Co-ordinator.

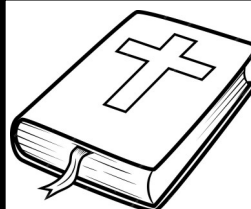
Perpetual adoration is usually in the main
Church but later in the evening the Blessed
Sacrament is reserved in the Children's room &
the access code can be provided once you
sign up to be an Adorer.

We need to have at least 2 Adorers for every
one-hour slot for the 24hrs each day. Adorers
can volunteer for either a 1 hr or 2 hr slot per
week if they want to spend more time adorning
Our Blessed Lord.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration has many
spiritual benefits such as:

You develop a deeper a Relationship
with Jesus; Increased peace; Sense of
Community; Encouragement in Faith;
Personal Transformation; and Growth
in Virtues.

"*Could you not watch with me one
hour*" says Our Lord Jesus Christ!



SAVOUR (18+)

Bible Study is on the
THIS Sunday at 7pm in
the Parish Centre



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**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR PARISH
THROUGH
ONLINE GIVING THE TAP & GO MACHINE.**

There are several convenient ways to make your offertory and parish donations.

TAP & GO GIVING

Our **Tap & Go** donation machine is available in the church. The donation amount is **variable** - simply use the screen to select the amount you wish to give. Donations made via the Tap & Go machine are distributed as follows:

- **30% to the First Collection** (supporting the clergy).
- **70% to the Second Collection** (supporting the maintenance and development of the parish).

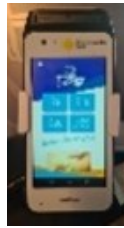
PLANNED GIVING (Direct Debit or Credit Card)

Planned Giving is available for those who prefer to make **cashless one-time or recurring donations** by Direct Debit or Credit Card. Setting up a donation is **quick, secure, and easy**. For more information or to arrange Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office on **(02) 9625 8404**.

BANK TRANSFER

You may also make your offertory or parish donations via bank transfer using the parish banking details provided on the front page of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St Aidan's Parish.



Inviting all faithful women 18+ as we walk 17km and visit five churches (including St Aidan's) reflecting on the theme "Totally Yours". Starting with 8am mass at St Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church and returning back at 5pm. Registration essential.



\$20 <https://trybooking.com/DLHVS>

For any enquiries please contact the team on 0494173359 or email bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD
THIS Sunday 2nd August at 1:30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall**

**Celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Dedication
of Our Parish Church**

Date: Sunday, 30 August 2026

Anniversary Mass: 5:30 PM

**Principal Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Vincent Long
Van Nguyen OFM Conv. DD**

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Parish Church. This special occasion marks an important milestone in the life of our parish as we give thanks to God for His abundant blessings over the past 45 years. Following the Anniversary Mass, dinner and entertainment will be held in Mary MacKillop Hall. We encourage everyone to come together in fellowship and celebration. To help make this event a success, we are seeking the support of generous donors. **In addition, a fundraising barbecue will be held after each Mass in the weeks leading up to the anniversary. Your generosity and participation will be greatly appreciated.** We look forward to celebrating this joyful and significant occasion with our entire parish community.

LOWANA STUDY CENTRE

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECOLLECTION
FOR WOMEN IN WESTERN SYDNEY**

A recollection is a time to step back from daily life, to renew our relationship with God, and to learn about how to love others better

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

*Future Dates are as follows 18 August, 15 Sept,
13 October, 17 Nov, 15 December!*

*At St Aidan's Catholic Church,
9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill NSW 2766*

A Priest will be available for confession throughout.

Contact: Isabel P 0424 887 994 woman@lowana.org.au

*(Hosted and conducted by Lowana Study Centre
(www.lowana.org.au) and a Priest of Opus Dei*

(www.opusdei.org). Opus Dei is a personal prelature of the Catholic Church that helps people see holiness in their daily work and ordinary activities).

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th & 9th of AUGUST 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Hazyl G	Anthony P	Daniel H	Myriam A
Sun 7:30am	Angelica Q P	Maria S	Rosemarie E	Clarita R
Sun 9:00am	Micaela L	Christopher Sanak	Anna S	Lina V
Sun 10:30am	Beth K	Christian P	Myla P	Mary B
Sun 5:30pm	Darlene P D	Ryan R	Justino G	John Q

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 8th & 9th of AUGUST 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Chayo Thomas D	Samuel S	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Joaquin L	Maddison L	Akesha M
Sun 10:30am	Jazeb R C	Rafaelle A	Mark Kevin E
Sun 5:30am	Annie V	Angelina U	Euane B D

**Church CLEANING ROSTER
for next weekend -
7th - 9th August 2026**

Group 5
Glenda Sicat
Gregorio Sicat
Joe Gomes