



St Aidan's Parish and Other News

Fourteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
4th & 5th of
JULY 2026

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Administrator: Fr Jobi Payyappilly
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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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday 9:45am - 10:15am
Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am
4:00pm - 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 contact the
Parish Office via Phone or 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 - 0422 884 160

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

FR JOBI - WELCOME LUNCH

A light welcome lunch will be held on Sunday the 5th of July, in the Mary MacKillop Hall following the 10:30 am Mass. All parishioners are invited to come along and meet our new Parish Administrator. To help make this a special occasion, parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share, such as sandwiches, cupcakes, or other finger foods. As we welcome Fr Jobi to our parish family, let us keep him in our prayers. May the Lord bless his ministry among us, grant him wisdom, strength, and joy in his service, and may our parish continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity under God's guidance.

We look forward to celebrating this welcome together.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!
The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Myrtle Moodley

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Tomasa Razon, Jorge Tamayo & Merle Tobias.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PROGRAM

We sincerely thank all parishioners who are already contributing to our Planned Giving Envelope Program. Your ongoing generosity supports the life and mission of our parish and is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Envelope Program, please complete the blue form available in the gathering area of the church. Parishioners wishing to cease their contributions are kindly asked to email rootyhill@parracatholic.org

NEW ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE for collection on the left hand side of the entry into the church.
Please take the box with your name on it. 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 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.



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 12th of JULY 2026

SUNDAY the 26th of JULY 2026

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WWCC FORM AND DECLARATION SIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PARISH OFFICE

All Volunteers have been given a gold a4 envelope regarding Volunteer Safeguarding Forms to be filled in and returned to the office as soon as convenient. These are a few safeguarding requirements that need to be completed in line with Diocese of Parramatta policies.

Firstly, please complete your Working With Children Check (WWCC) application using the link below. Once you have applied, you will receive a WWCC number—please forward this to us once available. If you have not held a WWCC before, you will also need to attend a Service NSW centre with identification to finalise the process. WWCC application: <https://wwccheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply>

Secondly, please review the Diocese of Parramatta Volunteer Handbook and sign and date page 25. This page confirms your understanding of, and commitment to, the safeguarding responsibilities expected of all volunteers within the parish.

Once completed, please return a copy to us.

In addition, all volunteers are required to complete **Mandatory Safeguarding Training**. This can be done online at your convenience via the link below. The training outlines important information regarding child safety, recognising and responding to concerns, and maintaining appropriate conduct within a parish setting. Safeguarding training:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/compliance-modules>

If you are unable to complete the training online, please let us know. Once your forms have been returned, Fr Matthew will arrange sessions within the parish to ensure you are able to meet this requirement. We understand that this may seem like a detailed process; however, these measures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people, and they are mandatory for all parishes within the Diocese.

If you have any questions or need assistance with any part of the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office.

24HR PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. ADIAN'S PARISH, ROOTY HILL 2026:

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!



COMMUNION

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY, 23rd JULY, 2026

7.30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall

REGISTRATION - 25th & 26th JULY, 2026

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING

THURSDAY the 30th of JULY - 7.30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall

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 September 2026
& Thursday the 3rd of September 2026

SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Sunday the 6th of September at 12:30pm
& Sunday the 6th of September at 3:00pm

The Parish sincerely thanks parishioners for their continued generosity and support.

Parishioners are reminded that the First Collection supports the clergy serving in the Parramatta Diocese, including the clergy of St. Aidan's Parish.

The Second Collection contributes to the ongoing expenses and operational needs of St. Aidan's Parish.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Collection 2026



PETER'S PENCE

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father was held last Sunday the 28th of June. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering - large or small - will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Thank you for your generosity in the Peters Pence Collection last weekend. The Parish raised \$2348.50. May the good Lord continue to bless you all.

ST. LUKES MARSDEN PARK - ANNUAL DINNER DANCE 2026

Join us for the St Luke's Parish Dinner Dance on Saturday 25 July at 7:00pm in the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic College. This fundraising event will support Stage 2 of our church building project - the construction of our permanent church. Tickets are \$120.00 each and are available from the St Luke's parish office or online by clicking on this link:

<https://shorturl.at/bRUES>

or scanning this QR Code. For more information please call (02) 7261-0246 or email dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au We are also offering FREE Child minding for 3 years old and above for those attending the event.



In loving memory of
Doris Barrett
Good Shepherd Plumpton
10am Service. 7th of July 2026
The service will be followed
by 12pm burial at Kemps
Creek Memorial Park.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 11th & 12th of JULY 2026

| MASS | READER | ADULT ALTAR SERVER | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION |
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| Vigil 6:00pm | Mary B | Joel A | Terisita A | Myriam A |
| Sun 7:30am | Monica F | Joy N | Daniel H | Maria S |
| Sun 9:00am | Margaret T | Sonny B | Christopher B | Rita D |
| Sun 10:30am | Selina V | Walter R | Myla P | Sharon Q C |
| Sun 5:30pm | Jocelyn S | TBA | TBA | Ryan R |

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 11th & 12th of JULY 2026

| MASS | ALTAR SERVER | ALTAR SERVER | ALTAR SERVER |
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| Vigil 6:00pm | Chayo Thomas D | Aalyah P | Samuel S |
| Sun 9:00am | Joaquin L | Maddison L | Amelia S |
| Sun 10:30am | Rafaella A | Jazeb R C | Mark Kevin E |
| Sun 5:30am | Annie V | Angelina U | Euane B D |

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 10th - 12th JULY 2026

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| Group 1 |
| Gianna H |
| Marissa R |
| Tony R |