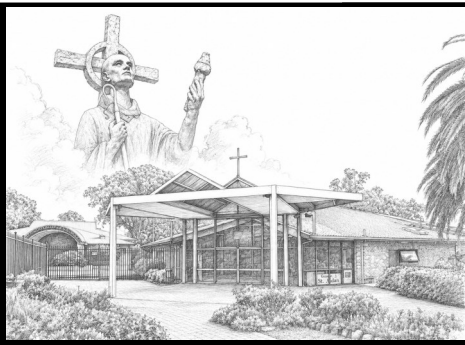




St Aidan's Parish & Other News

Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
25th & 26th of
JULY 2026

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Administrator: Fr Jobi Payyappilly
Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Dimian
Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Idaszak
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Phone: (02) 9625 8404
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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
4:30pm - 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

Working Bee - Volunteers Needed

Attention Parishioners: If you would like to volunteer at our Working Bee on
Saturday, 1 August, commencing at 10:30 am meet outside Mary MacKillop Hall,
please write your name on the sign-up sheet located in front of the
Piety Stall.

This will help us know how many people to cater for. Your assistance is greatly
appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and support.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those
who dwell in his house; he himself gives
might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Barrett, Wilma Simpson, Pamela Mathias,
Eliezer Deganos, Julieta Silvestre & Edgardo Villasis.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Yvonne Fernando, Paula Jayne Schuster, Luana
Mangiaterra, Isabel Sta Maria Reyes, Fr Alex Sciberras,
Charles Morello, Aniceto Matutes, Jeralyn M Robles,
Aguido Gonzales & Nenita Gonzales.

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

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Funeral Mass for the late **John Barrett** will be celebrated at
Good Shepherd Parish on **Wednesday, 29 July 2026**,
commencing at **10:30 am**. Following the Mass, the funeral will
proceed to **Kemps Creek Cemetery** for interment.

COMMUNION

**REGISTRATION is this weekend -
25th & 26th JULY, 2026**

SACRISTY in the Church after all the weekend Masses

PARENT INSTRUCTION EVENING

THURSDAY the 30/07/26 - 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 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 26th of JULY 2026
SUNDAY the 9th of AUGUST 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://
wwwcheck.ocg.nsw.gov.au/Apply](https://wwwcheck.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](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.

There is also a QR code & a link in the Parish Newsletter on the
front page for you to register your interest.

The times where there is a serious gap is during lunch time and
after 7pm at night & through the night until 7am in the
morning. 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!

Attention Adorers

We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the
following Adoration hours:

Tuesday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Also, for those Adorers currently on the roster who intend
to go on holidays, please provide at least two weeks'
notice so that we can arrange replacements for your
allocated hours. Thank you for your cooperation and
commitment.



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

TIMETABLE:

6.30pm Time for personal prayer and spiritual reading

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30pm Meditation

8.00pm Benediction

8.15pm Talk

** 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).*

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.

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.

Happy Grandparents Day to all the Grandparents

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st & 2nd of AUGUST 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Monica F	Joy N	Linda N	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Daniel H	Mary B	Lata S
Sun 9:00am	Angelica Q P	David P	Micaela L	Rita D
Sun 10:30am	Nati L	Christian P	Christopher Sanak	Sharon Q C
Sun 5:30pm	Mary C	Charles P	Pete	Loudy

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 1st & 2nd of AUGUST 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ciara T	Aaliyah P	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 10:30am	Tifa A	Charles S	Mark Kevin E
Sun 5:30am	Euane B D	Erich D S	Angelina U

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 31st July - 2nd August 2026

Group 4
The Portelli Family