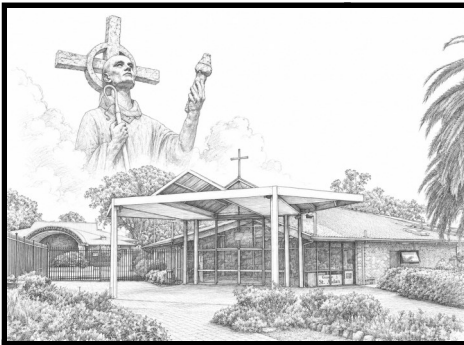




St Aidan's Parish & Other News

Sixteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
18th & 19th 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
4:30pm - 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 - SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

We are seeking volunteers to assist with a Working Bee on Saturday, 1st August 2026,
Starting after the Morning Mass at **10:30am**. We need some extra help to move
several heavy items from the parish premises, especially from the Parish Centre and Mary
MacKillop Hall. These items will either be placed out for the Council's scheduled collection or
made available for parishioners to take. If you are able to assist with some lifting and carrying,
even for a short time, your help would be greatly appreciated. Food and Refreshments will be
provided. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?"

"Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pamela Mathias, Eliezer Deganos, Julieta Silvestre, Edgardo Villasis & Eliezer R Deganos.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Teodora Mapalad, Eugene Rey Mercado Sam Luis, Francisco Reyes Jr., Consolacion Reyes & Corazon Reyes Santiago.

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.



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 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>

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The following people still need to collect their envelopes from the bench on the left hand side entry of the church, they are:- Angelo ARMAS, Mary BRINGERA, Fay CARNEY, Sofia ELEELE, Magdalena PAREDES, Belinda Serra, Ms USU. Thank you to all those who have collected their packs.

If you would like to join in the Planned Giving please fill in the blue card on the bench and put on the collection plate. Thank you

The meeting for perpetual adorers' captains will be held on Thursday, July 23, at 2 PM, in the Parish Centre. All captains, please attend, as there are important issues to discuss.

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:

- Monday: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- 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.

CHANGE TO SATURDAY CONFESSION TIMES

Please note that from next Saturday, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm each Saturday. Other days for Confession are,

Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.00pm,

Thursday 8.00pm-9.00pm,

Friday 9.45am-10.15am,

Saturday 9.30am-10.00am.

We encourage parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity to receive God's mercy and prepare worthily for the celebration of the Eucharist.

The funeral Mass for Pamela Mathias will take place on Tuesday, July 21, at 1 PM. Pamela was a long-time parishioner of St. Aidan.

BLESSING AND INVESTITURE OF THE SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



Dear Parishioners,

The Brown Scapular is a gift from our heavenly mother that **"Whoever dies in this garment shall not suffer Eternal Fire"**. The scapular is a sign of a lived devotion to our Heavenly mother and the Sacred Heart.

The Blessed Virgin assigned certain conditions to be fulfilled.

- 1.Wear the Brown Scapular continuously.
- 2.Observe chastity according to one's state in life (married/single).
- 3.Recite the Rosary daily. (We have our parish priest's permission from many years ago.

Enrolment to the Brown Scapular is on 18th and 19th of July. Please stay back after the mass for the enrolment. Those who have already been enrolled do not have to apply again.

SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th & 26th of JULY 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Mary C	David P	Nati L	Micaela L
Sun 7:30am	Veronica M	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	Clarita R
Sun 9:00am	Elvie Y	Christopher B	Beth K	Rita D
Sun 10:30am	Christopher S	Christopher Sanak	Nora P	Walter R
Sun 5:30pm	Darlene P D	Daniel H	Pete	Loudy

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 25th & 26th of JULY 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Chayo Thomas D	Aalyah P	Samuel S
Sun 9:00am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 10:30am	Mauryce P	Angelina U	Mikaela Rose I
Sun 5:30am	Thomas P D	Annie V	Kava M

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 24th - 26th JULY 2026

Group 3
Josephel P
Beth K
Jemma M