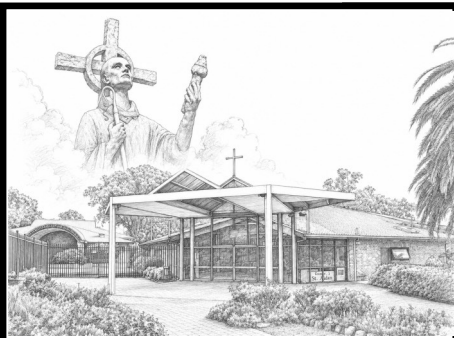




St Aidan's Parish & Other News

Twentieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
15th & 16th of
AUGUST 2026

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Parish Administrator: Fr Jobi Payyappilly
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Rev Deacon: Jerome D'Rozario
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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 24/7 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Our Perpetual Adoration has been ongoing since
the 20th of November 2022. If you would like to sign
up as an adorer, please send an expression
of interest to 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

We will be having a 9 day
Novena starting
Friday, 21st August 2026

On the LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH we will

On the Weekend of the 23rd of August 2026
after the 10.30am Mass there will be a
Multicultural Cuisine Fundraiser Event. All
proceeds will go towards our 45th
Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Parish
Church on Sunday, 30th August, 2026





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 56:1.6-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.
Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING **Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.
Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their

rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 15:21-28**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Enrique Patiag, Cesar Brillante, Enrico Valdez, Maria Gemma Evangelista, David Watkins, Rebecca Herrera, Alesandro Saavedra, Alesandro Saavedra, Dionisia Columba, Wilma Simpson, Enrico Valdez, Cesar Brillante, Maria Gemma Evangelista, John Barrett & Pamela Mathias.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Romeo Susi, Benjamin & Julita Cayanan, Zachary Puno, Honorata N Rivera, Rodolfo Reyes Dasig, Paul & Josephine Cortis, 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:
Rosita, Precious Tamayo, Raquel Garcia, Raphael Ortiz, Divya Rozario.

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



COMMUNION

CHILDRENS SESSIONS

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am in the Mary MacKillop Hall
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 2nd of SEPTEMBER 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 23rd of AUGUST 2026
SUNDAY the 13th SEPTEMBER 2026**

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL - NOMINATIONS INVITED

Would you like to use your skills to support our parish?
We are seeking parishioners who are willing to serve on the Parish Finance Council. We welcome people with a variety of skills and experience, including builders, handymen, solicitors, councillors, those with financial or business experience, people from diverse cultural backgrounds, and anyone with a commitment to our parish community.

A nomination form is available on the table at the back of the church. If you are interested, simply write your **name and contact number** on the form, and someone will be in touch with you. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talents in this important ministry. Your contribution will help support the ongoing mission and stewardship of our parish.

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.

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

The Perpetual Adoration commenced on Sunday, November 20, 2022. The Adoration is held in the main church during the day and the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Children's Room later in the evening and during the night. Once you sign up as an adorer, an access code will be provided for entry.

Adorer commitments: At least two adorers are needed for every one-hour lot across each 24-hour period.

Volunteers can sign up for either a 1-hour or 2-hour slot per week.

Our Team Coordinator: Deacon Jerome
We sincerely acknowledge Fr Alan Layt for his vision, initiative and establishment of perpetual adoration at St Aidan's Parish.



**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).

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

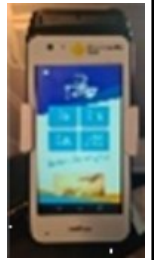
There are several convenient ways to make your
offertory and donations to the Parish.

TAP & GO GIVING

Our Tap & Go donation machine is
available in the church foyer.

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)

On the 29th of August 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

OLIVEWOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM BETHLEHEM

A display and sale of handcrafted olivewood religious
items from **Bethlehem, the Holy Land**, will be held after
all Masses on **22nd and 23rd August**.

These beautiful items are handmade by Catholic families
in Bethlehem, where more than 600 families rely on this
craft as their main source of income. Due to the ongoing
conflict, very few pilgrims are visiting the Holy Land,
making it increasingly difficult for these families to earn a
living.

Your purchase will directly support the Christian families
of Bethlehem and help preserve the Christian presence in
the Holy Land. Thank you for your generous support.

NOTICE - BOX SOUND SYSTEM

*A box sound system has been stored in the Parish Centre
Catechist Room. We would like to know who this equipment
belongs to. If the sound system is yours, or you know who it
belongs to, please let us know. Thank you.*



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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd & 23rd of AUGUST 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Nati L	Joel A	Terisita A	Myla P
Sun 7:30am	Alma E	Vena T	Daniel H	Lata S
Sun 9:00am	Beth K	Angelo A	Juliet A	Joshua S P
Sun 10:30am	Hazyl G	Joy N	Linda N	Walter R
Sun 5:30pm	Christelle S	Christian P	Pete	Loudy

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 22nd & 23rd of AUGUST 2026

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

**Church CLEANING ROSTER
for next weekend -
21st - 23rd August 2026**

Group 7
Toanna
Samuel