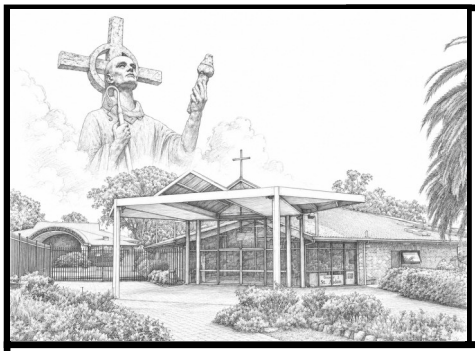

St Aidan's Parish & Other News

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
22nd & 23rd of AUGUST 2026

9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

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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 PRAESIDUM

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
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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 hold Novena to St. Aidan's

This Sunday after the 10.30am Mass there will be a Multicultural Cuisine Fundraiser Event

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
From him, through him, and in him are all things.
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Simon Testa, Enrique Patiag, Mr Arthur Patrick Ernest Bridge, Fariu Akatauira, Carmen B Bernardez, Elena B Ramirez & Mr Teodulo Manila.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Natividad Villanueva, Marcelino D Cayco, Virginia A Cayco, Francisco Reyes Sr., Nelson Cayco, Adelaida Herreria, Marjorie Holmes, Jose Manansala & Consalacion Manansala.

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:
Raquel Garcia, Raphael Ortiz, Divya Rozario, Rosita, Gloria Amarilla & Precious Tamayo.

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
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

On the LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH we will hold Novena to St. Aidan's after the 9:15am & 7pm Masses

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.

ATTENTION MOTHER'S, GRANDMOTHERS, GODMOTHERS & SPIRITUAL MOTHERS

Turn your maternal concerns for your children of all ages into powerful intercessory prayer for joining the new Mothers who Pray for their Children Movement. Representatives will speak at the at the **10.30am Mass on Sunday 13th September 2026**. Discover how a community of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and spiritual mothers can come together to pray weekly, grow in faith and offer support to each other.
Join us immediately after the 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre, to learn about this weekly prayer initiative, the second Sydney Formation gathering on 21st November 2026 St Nicholas of Myra Parish, meet other mothers and discover how you can become involved.
For enquiries or to RSVP, contact Cheryl Clark on 0411726443 or Carolyn D'Mello on 0448443619.

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 follows15 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).

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 **THIS WEEKEND**.

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.

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

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.

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.

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SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th & 30th of AUGUST 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Micaela L	David P	Mary B	Nati L
Sun 7:30am	Monica F	Anthony P	Maria S	Lata S
Sun 9:00am	Daniel H	Sonny B	Rita D	Lina V
Sun 10:30am	Rosie D	Christopher Sanak	Sharon Q C	Evelyn E
Sun 5:30pm	Sister Laarni	Angelo A	Juliet A	Peter T

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 29th & 30th of AUGUST 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Chayo Thomas D	Kava M	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Aalyah P	Amelia S	Akesha M
Sun 10:30am	Ethan P	Micha P	Elijah P
Sun 5:30am	Euane B D	Erich D S	Annie V

Church CLEANING ROSTER for next weekend - 28th - 30th August 2026
Group 1
Gianna H
Marissa R
Tony R