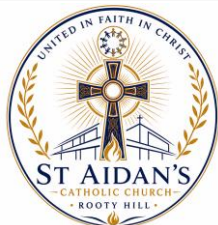


THE LINDISFARNE

St Aidan's Parish

9 Adelaide Street,
Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Twenty-Fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
19th & 20th of
SEPTEMBER 2026



Parish Priest: 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
Friday 9:45am - 10:15am
Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am
4:00pm - 5:30pm

On the LAST WEDNESDAY of every month
Novena to St Aidan



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 adoror, 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 join us in understanding the Sunday Gospel.
For more info Contact Mary Testa - 0403302283

INSTALLATION MASS FR JOBI PAYYAPPILLY

Dear Parishioners, You are warmly invited to the Installation Mass for Fr Jobi Payyappilly on Sunday, 27th September 2026, at 10:30 am. The Main Celebrant will be Bishop Vincent. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together as a parish community.



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 (in 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

Please Contact the Parish Office

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

I WANT TO SUPPORT MY 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

PARISH WORKING BEE - Next SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Everyone is welcome to join us. Please bring your own working gear, including gloves and any suitable gardening or cleaning equipment you may have. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

When: Saturday, 26 September 2026

Time: 10.30am

BBQ to follow afterwards.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (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. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sioria Amarilla, Grace Pinto, Adriano Suner, Rosita Matias, Simon Testa, Enrique Patiag, Leonardo Bautista.

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Weronika Bembenek, Josephine de Leon Pingol, Rosario Papa, Ma. Dhocica, Friana Vergara, Alberto & Elena Tobias.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karim, Raquel Garcia, Raphael Ortiz, Divya Rozario, Rosita, Gloria Amarilla & Precious Tamayo.
Heavenly Father, may you lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick.

Members of the St Aidan's Parish

FINANCE COMMITTEE

as of the 5th of September 2026

Rita Di Stefano, Sandeep Fernandes, Kitty Lucas, Charles Pitchai, Lisa Rozario, Christopher Sanak, Maria Toalepaalii, David Wilkes & Hermi Zuniga.

May they be guided by the Holy Spirit.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL THANK YOU TO TERRY SMITH

As our Parish Pastoral Council is currently being revised, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank Terry Smith, who has recently stepped down from his position as Chairperson. Terry has generously served our parish community for an outstanding 15 years as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, including 7 years as Chairperson.

We are very grateful for Terry's many years of dedicated service, commitment and contribution to the life and mission of St Aidan's Catholic Church, Rooty Hill.

On behalf of our priests, staff and the entire parish community, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Terry.

He will take on new volunteer roles in our Parish.

Thank you, Terry, and may God bless you for your faithful service to our 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

13 October, 17 November & 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).

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.



The RCIA program for those wishing to enter the Catholic Church will begin on 10 October. If you, or someone you know, is considering becoming Catholic, we invite you to enrol as soon as possible by emailing rootyhill@parracatholic.org. Please also encourage friends or family members who may be thinking about becoming Catholic to get in touch.

15th Annual Feast Day of St Pedro Calungsod

Saturday, 17th October 2026

10:30am Mass

St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill



Monday, 21 September **2026 - Mass at 9.15am**

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette. We are especially blessed to welcome priests from the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, who will preside at the 9.15am Mass.

Our Lady of La Salette calls us to prayer, reconciliation and a renewed relationship with her Son, Jesus Christ. Please join us for this special celebration as we honour Our Blessed Mother and pray together as one parish community.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WILL BE HELD EVERY 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH AT 12.00PM

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING IS ON
WEDNESDAY the 7th of OCTOBER 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 27th of September 2026

SUNDAY the 11th of October 2026



PET, SEED & SEEDLING BLESSING

We warmly invite parishioners to join us for a
special Pet, Seed and Seedling Blessing on Saturday,
3 October 2026, following the morning Mass and
Confession at 10.30am. Bring along your beloved
pets, as well as any seeds or seedlings you would like
to have blessed. This is a beautiful opportunity to
give thanks for God's gift of creation and to ask His
blessing upon our animals, gardens and the new
growth that sustains us.

Date: Saturday, 3 October 2026

Time: After Mass and Confession at 10.30am

Bring: Your pets, seeds and seedlings

**All are welcome to participate in this special
blessing.**

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

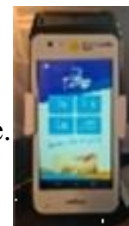
There are several convenient ways to make your
offertory and donations to the Parish.

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.*



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SERVING ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 26th & 27th of September 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRODINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRODINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Margareta Y	Justino G	Nati L	Sharon Q C
Sun 7:30am	Angelica Q P	Vena T	Joy N	Linda N
Sun 9:00am	Elvie Y	Lina V	TBA	Joshua S P
Sun 10:30am	Evelyn E	Daniel H	Nora P	Walter R
Sun 5:30pm	Jocelyn S	Charles P	Pete	Loudy

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 26th & 27th of September

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

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER For next weekend - 25th - 27th September 2026

GROUP 5
Glenda S
Gregorio S
Joe G