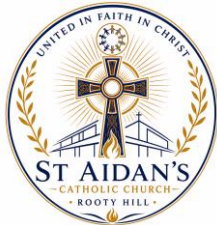


THE LINDISFARNE

St Aidan's Parish

9 Adelaide Street,
Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
12th & 13th of
SEPTEMBER 2026



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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 adorers,
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

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 - SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

We will be holding a Parish Working Bee on Saturday, 26 September 2026, commencing at 10.30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to come together, lend a hand and help keep our church and grounds looking their best. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether you can stay for the whole morning or simply lend a hand for a short time. There will be plenty of jobs to suit all abilities. 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.
If you are available, please put your name down on the sheet provided on the table near the tap & go for catering purposes.





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosita Matias, Simon Testa, Enrique Patiag &
Aurora Espina Guntang

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Rosa Chen, Charles Chen Sr., Lydia Angeles, Elizabeth Jimenez, Aida Walcott, Fr Renato Paras & Simon Walcott.

*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.*

FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who made a contribution,
it is not too late to make an offering, envelopes
are on the table at the back of the Church.

A total of \$3,015.85 was raised. Thank you

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 **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.

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

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).

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

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 Toalepaialii, David
Wilkes & Hermi Zuniga.

May they be guided by the Holy Spirit.

15th Annual Feast Day of St Pedro Calungsod
Saturday, 17th October 2026
10:30am Mass
St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill

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 13th of September 2026

SUNDAY the 27th of September 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

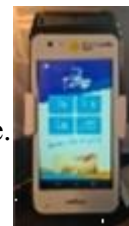
There are several convenient ways to make your
offertory and donations to the Parish.

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 - 19th & 20th of September 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRODINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRODINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Marilyn W	Anthony P	Sharon Q C	Jennifer F
Sun 7:30am	Ellen P	Joy N	Linda N	Maria S
Sun 9:00am	Ammie G	David P	Micaela L	Rita D
Sun 10:30am	Mary C	Christopher Sanak	Sen C	Ryan R
Sun 5:30pm	Darlene P D	Daniel H	Justino G	Charles P

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 19th & 20th of September

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Kava M	Samuel S	Chayo Thomas D
Sun 9:00am	Anthony O	William O	Elena S
Sun 10:30am	Amelia S	Charles S	Mikaela Rose I
Sun 5:30pm	Vlanney T	Rosa T	Jennifer T

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER For next weekend - 18th - 20th September 2026

GROUP 4
The Portelli Family