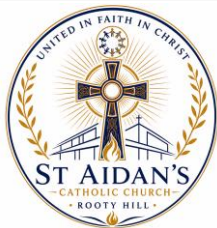


THE LINDISFARNE

St Aidan's Parish

9 Adelaide Street,
Rooty Hill, NSW 2766

Twenty-Sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
26th & 27th of
SEPTEMBER 2026



Parish Priest: Fr Jobi Payyappilly
Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Dimian
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 this Sunday the 27th of September
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

TEMPORARY CHURCH ACCESS

A temporary pathway has now been created at the back of
the church for access, leading path will go around the church
pass the staircase. Please note that the staircase door entrance
will now remain closed and is to be used as an emergency
exit only. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding
while these arrangements are in place.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

COMMEMORATIVE DECEASED

Josefino Frusa, Joseph Marc Frusa, Eulalia F. Sampaga, Patrick & Olga Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Merle Tobias, Allwyn & Daisy Assey.

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Anthony Pereira & Karim Khalifa.

Heavenly Father, may you lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – NOMINATIONS

Our Parish Pastoral Council is being renewed, and we invite parishioners who are interested in becoming a member. If you would like to serve our parish community and contribute to the future direction of St Aidan's, please write your name on the nomination sheet provided in the Church.

We warmly encourage interested parishioners to nominate.

Last day for nomination is October the 15th.

37th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday, 10th October 2026

11.30am (Rosary to start at 11.00am)

Main Celebrant Fr Matthew Dimian

Venue St. Aidan's Parish Church

Address Rooty Hill Road North, Rooty Hill

For further information please contact Nina Chavez 0428 488 778

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

WWCC Reminder

A reminder that all parishioners required to have a **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** must complete the necessary paperwork as soon as possible. **Terry Smith** will be contacting those who have not yet submitted their forms to the office. The forms were provided in a **yellow A4 envelope**. If you have misplaced your forms, please contact or visit the **parish office during office hours** to obtain another copy. **Thank you for your prompt attention to this important requirement.**

FILIPINO FESTIVAL

The Filipinos will kick-start the celebration!



Sunday, 22 November 2026



Starting after the first Mass at 7.30am until the last morning Mass.

Come and enjoy a taste of Filipino food at reasonable prices!



Rice Raffle Tickets on sale from Sunday, 20 September 2026

Buy a \$5 ticket for your chance to win a sack of rice.

Proceeds will benefit the projects lined up for the Parish.

Bring your family and friends! Don't miss this fun-filled celebration!



For enquiries, please contact Clarita Robles on mob: 0455 380 996.

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

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.



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



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 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).

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

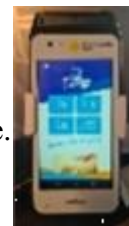
There are several convenient ways to make your
offertory and donations to the Parish.

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 - 3rd - 4th of October 2026

MASS	READER	ADULT ALTAR SERVER	EXTRODINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	EXTRODINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Vigil 6:00pm	Mary B	Joel A	Terrisita A	Nati L
Sun 7:30am	Maria S	Anthony P	Rosemarie E	Clarita R
Sun 9:00am	Rita D	Angelo A	Juliet A	Assunta
Sun 10:30am	Hazyl G	Sonny B	Evelyn E	Beth K
Sun 5:30pm	Sister Laarni	Ryan R	Charles P	Jennifer F

YOUTH ALTAR SERVING ROSTER for next weekend - 3rd - 4th October 2026

MASS	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER	ALTAR SERVER
Vigil 6:00pm	Ciara T	Aalyah P	Milan G
Sun 9:00am	Laura N	Emily N	Timothy N
Sun 10:30am	Ameila S	Rafaelle A	Tifa A
Sun 5:30pm	Euane B D	Erich D	Jacob G

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER For next weekend - 2nd - 4th October 2026

GROUP 6
June M
Maria G
Dennis G