

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
2 August 2026

Faith Communities
of Adamstown
Cardiff and Kotara



Catholic Diocese
OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE



'Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve.' (Mt 20:28)

"That They May All Be One." ~ A humble service with a smile~

All Saints Catholic Home - Blackbutt South

Parish Grand Jubilee Year 2025-2026

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Mass

Tuesday	9:30AM Adamstown
Wednesday	7:00AM Kotara
	9:30AM Adamstown
Thursday	9:30AM Cardiff MacKillop Rm
Friday	9:15AM Kotara
Saturday	9:00AM Kotara (1 st Saturday)
Sunday Mass	
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00PM Kotara (AEST)
Sunday	8:00AM Adamstown
	9:30AM Kotara (see page 3)
Adoration	5:00PM Kotara (Sunday EST)

INFORMATION

Churches

St Columba's Church	153A Lockyer Street ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289
St Kevin's Church	228 Main Road CARDIFF NSW 2285
St Philip's Church	31 Vista Parade KOTARA NSW 2289

Presbytery

Parish Priest	Fr Joseph Figurado
Postal Address	31 Vista Parade KOTARA NSW 2289
Presbytery Phone	02 4957 5949
Mobile	0452 280 687

Parish Office

Office Team	Mrs Liza Ruitenbach Ms Justine Atkinson Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
Sacramental Coordinator	Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
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Office Hours

Tuesday	9:00AM to 3:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM to 1:30PM
Thursday	9:00AM to 3:00PM

Parish Schools

St Columba's School	Lockyer Street ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289
St Kevin's School	226 Main Road CARDIFF NSW 2285
St James' School	30 Vista Parade KOTARA NSW 2289

Colleges

Trinity College	Park Avenue ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289
St Paul's College	70 Primrose Street BOORAGUL NSW 2284
St Francis Xavier's College	286 Parkway Avenue HAMILTON NSW 2303

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

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A SHORT HOMILY FROM FR JOSEPH

Mt 14:13-21

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel reveals the abundance of God's compassion and love. Even after the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks a quiet place, but the crowds follow him. Jesus sees their hunger—not only for food, but for healing, hope, and God. He is moved with compassion.

1. God sees and satisfies our deepest hunger. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God invites us to a banquet freely given. Yet we often try to satisfy our deepest desires with things that cannot truly fulfil us. The question for us is: What am I really hungry for? Beyond our physical needs, there is a spiritual hunger for God.

2. Jesus invites us to share in his compassion. The disciples want to send the people away: *Send the crowds away.* But Jesus says, *"There is no need for them to go away; give them something to eat yourselves."* Jesus wants his disciples to become instruments of God's abundant love and care.

3. In God's love, there is always enough. With five loaves and two fish, Jesus gives thanks, breaks the bread, and feeds the multitude. This points us towards the Eucharist, where Christ continues to nourish us. As St Paul reminds us, nothing—no suffering, difficulty, or circumstance—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves: What is my deepest hunger? May we discover that our deepest hunger is ultimately for God. And may we allow Christ to satisfy us and, through us, to feed others with his compassion and love.
Amen.

MASS AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

New to the Parish?

Welcome. Please let us know who you are by completing a 'New to the Parish' form.

Silence Before Mass

To create a prayerful atmosphere, please observe 4-5 minutes of silence before Mass. This allows fellow parishioners to focus on their prayers.

Votive Candles

Burning votive candles is a common sight in Catholic churches. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue with our day. All are welcome to light one or more candles at our Votive Candle stands. Gold coin donations. Proceeds support the Parish.

Keeping Each Other Safe and Well

If you are not well, stay at home or use a mask. If you need to sneeze or cough, remember to do so into your elbow.

Bulletins

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are received at the Parish Office by noon on Tuesday. Email subject - Bulletin. **Please take your bulletin home after Mass.**

Children's Worksheets

Each weekend there will be a new Children's Liturgy worksheet at the Church entrance.

Communion from the Chalice

A person with symptoms of cold, flu, COVID or other virus should not share the chalice with others. In the Catholic Church, intinction by communicants is not permitted. Whatever may remain of the Blood of Christ after Holy Communion must be consumed immediately by the priest, deacon, acolyte or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. No-one should be pressured or coerced to do this if they have reasonable concerns about it.

Respectfulness

Whilst every genuine effort is offered in All Saints Parish, to assist people with their various needs, please remember our clergy, employees, and our volunteers have a right to be always treated with respect. Remember too, that today's Parish is subject to more regulations and paperwork which can determine an outcome. Thank you.

Parking at Kotara Church

When the car park at St Philip's Church is full, please do not park on any grassed areas. You are invited to park opposite the church at St Nicholas' Early Education car park.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers...

Sick: Darrel Callinan, Dean Hart, Allison Hillery, Joseph Mackenzie, Lexie Martin, Curtis Ridgeway, Jack Schofield, Martin Pavitt, Leonie Pickett, Karen Curran, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Chris Patsan, Dorota Bakowska, Gae Alderton, Alexander Klein, Maria Kanonczuk, Jarrad Bryant, Tom Campbell.

(Once the person is no longer in need of prayer, kindly inform the Parish Office).

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Alan Malouf, Colin Lincoln.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. ☩ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the church entrance and can be placed onto the first collection plate. Mass Intentions for publication may be written on a Mass Intention envelope, or by email, or phone; by 12:00PM Tuesday each week ahead. Please write details clearly to avoid errors. A reminder that you need the permission of the person, or family, to enable us to publish names.

Pope's Prayer Intentions

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

August's Intention For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parish contact is Sr Lucie usually on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

P: 02 4954 0977 E: asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Email Subject: Sacramental Program



SACRAMENTS AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

Anointing Masses

The next Anointing Mass is to be at St Columba's Church Adamstown **9:30AM Tuesday 3 November 2026**. If at any time you are in need of an anointing, you are welcome to approach the priest and ask for one at the end of a weekend Mass.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first, second and third Sundays of the month, 11:30AM at St Philip's Kotara, except for January. Application forms are available from the Parish Office. Bookings and preparation are essential. Baptism enquiries may be made via the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Baptism Preparation: The program is held at 10:30AM every 4th Sunday of the month except December. Preparation is essential.

Funerals

To organize a funeral please contact the Funeral Directors who will then contact the Parish Priest.

Columbarium

For enquiries and appointments please contact the Parish Office on 02 4954 0977 or E asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au.

Marriage

For all wedding enquiries or bookings, contact the Parish Office or Parish Priest.

Reconciliation

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at Kotara Church **by appointment only** between 11:00AM and 2:00PM on Saturday.

FEAST DAYS

- 3 Aug Saint Dominic, Priest
- 4 Aug Saint John Vianney, Priest
- 5 Aug The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
- 6 Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 Aug Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs
- 8 Aug Saint Cajetan, Priest
- 8 Aug Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin
- 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

PARISH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Parishioners and visitors are invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after Vigil / Sunday Mass:

Adamstown - second Sunday of the month in the Adamstown Church Foyer.

Cardiff - second Sunday of the month in the MacKillop Room. Also Thursdays after Mass.

Kotara - **fourth** Saturday of the month of **June** in the Kotara Church Hall.

Craft Group

All are welcome to share companionship and craft on Friday mornings at the meeting room at St Philip's Kotara between 10:00AM and 12:00PM. Come for a cuppa and good humour.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Ladies are welcome to join our St Columba's ladies and meet for lunch at Adamstown Bowling Club at 12:00PM on the second Thursday of the month.

All are invited for a cuppa and a chat in the MacKillop Room at Cardiff after the Thursday morning Mass.

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SAFEGUARDING

The parish of *All Saints Blackbutt South* has an enduring commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available at the church entrance. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding via E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or P 02 4979 1390.

For more information: W www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Complaints <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility, but it starts with ME!



ADORATION

Adoration is available on Sundays at Kotara Church at 5:00PM in Wintertime and 5:30PM in Summertime. The first half hour of Adoration is in complete silence and during the last fifteen minutes there are hymns and supplication of prayers. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation is held at 6:00PM every Tuesday at St Philip's Church Kotara. All are welcome. Enquiries: Anne C E annecuskelly@hotmail.com.

MINISTRY ROSTERS

2 AUGUST 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
Commentator	Giavanna Angeli	Denis O'Brien	Cathy Waugh
Readers	Louise Byron Rachael Lakin	Basia Wedesweiler Barry Bourke	Diane Callinan Ben Lerch
Presentation of the Gifts	Burgess Family	Michael Birchill & Craig McEvoy	Hall Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Morgan, Marilyn Thomson & Henryka Bradley	Narelle Smith, Preciosa Winter & Stan Heaney	Elizabeth Doyle, Majella Maher & Paul Gleeson
9 AUGUST 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
Commentator	Patrick Farrell	Alice Aurisch	Elizabeth Doyle
Readers	Christopher Villena Emma South	Paul Smith Stan Heaney	Anne Lamotte Veronica Mulroy
Presentation of the Gifts	Lakin Family	Goodman Family	Maher Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Janelle Oliver, Giavanna Angeli & Bernard Burgess	Preciosa Winter, Lauren Ross & Vickie Pettett	Paul Gleeson, Angela Hall & Mark Wilmore

** Please note the rostered EMoHC is needed when there is a **priest only**. If a Deacon is present, then he is the other Eucharistic Minister.

PARISH NEWS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Sacramental Program

The Confirmation program is taking place, please continue to pray for our candidates and their families. Confirmation Ceremony on Thursday 27 August at 6:30PM at St Philip's Church.

St Kevin's Church – Repairs Update

Repairs have been made to the church floor, and we are waiting for carpet to be installed, and for a quote for the back wall. In the meantime, **Sunday 9:30AM Mass** continues to be celebrated at St Philip's Church 31 Vista Parade Kotara and **Thursday weekday Mass** in the MacKillop Room at the Cottage Cardiff, until further notice.

Bereavement Support Team Meeting

The Bereavement Support Team meets on Tuesday 4 August in St Philip's Church Hall Kotara at 4:00PM. The Team invites you to become a member to help in its special ministry, which is to contact recently bereaved parishioners and to prepare for the First Anniversary Mass. This is a parish ministry so we would love to have some new members from the Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara communities. For more information contact Diana M 0402 367 038 or just turn up on Tuesday afternoon.

Parish Annual Gathering & Birthday Celebrations

This year's annual gathering will be held on Sunday 23 August from 11:00AM at Wests Lambton. Save the date! All are welcome. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the back of the church to help us estimate numbers.

Proposed Changes to Mass Times

Dear Parishioners,
Bishop Michael has asked all priests in the Diocese to celebrate a Monday morning Mass. To accommodate this request, I am proposing a few changes to our weekday Mass schedule. Before making these changes, I would greatly appreciate your feedback. Please share your thoughts by **24 August**.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- **St Philip's, Kotara:** The **Wednesday 7:00AM Mass** will be replaced with a **Monday 7:00AM Mass**.
- **St Columba's, Adamstown:** The **Tuesday 9:30AM Mass** will be discontinued.
- **St Philip's, Kotara:** A new **Thursday evening Mass** will be introduced at **5:30PM during Winter** and **6:00PM during Summer**. This means that on Thursdays there will be both a **morning Mass** and an **evening Mass**.

With these changes, our Parish will celebrate **five weekday Masses and three weekend Masses** across our three Mass centres. The introduction of the Monday morning and Thursday evening Masses is intended to better serve our working parishioners, in keeping with Bishop Michael's pastoral vision.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. I look forward to receiving your feedback. I would also be grateful if those who are willing to attend and read at Mass or assist in organising the weekday Masses across our three Mass centres could please contact the Parish Office. Fr Joseph Figurado, Parish Priest

Official Blessing and Opening

Parishioners are warmly invited you to join with the school for the Official Blessing and Opening of the new facilities at St Kevin's Primary School, Cardiff, on Thursday 3 September. This occasion marks an important milestone for the school community and celebrates the completion of significant enhancements that will support teaching, learning and community connection for many years to come. We would be delighted if you could attend and share in this special event. Please RSVP via the link provided in the invitation by Friday 14 August via <https://form.jotform.com/261621649660864>

Please note weekday Mass will be cancelled on this day.

Planning Day for All Saints Feast Day

As this year is a special anniversary for our feast day, Fr Joseph has requested that all areas of the parish be represented – schools, parish groups and parishioners – in the celebratory mass followed by feast traditionally held on or near 1 November. On that note, you are invited to a planning meeting on Tuesday 11 August at St Philip's church hall commencing at 5:00PM. At the meeting your ideas will be shared and tasks allocated to ensure the workload is shared and all voices are heard. If you are unable to make the meeting please send a representative of your organisation. The initial planning meeting will be followed by a check in Zoom closer to the event to ensure we are ready to celebrate in fine style on Sunday 1 November 2026. Please **RSVP** to the meeting request to hm.oneill@bigpond.com by **Wednesday 5 August**. Thank you. Helene O'Neill, Grand Jubilee Coordinator.

Parish Family Groups

The Passionist Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong. Everyone is welcome to join.

Greensleeves Enquiries: Craig & Liz M 0412 825 383.

Mellow Yellow Fort Scratchley / Nobbys lunch. Sunday 16 August 11:00AM. Contact Mike: mikeperko72@hotmail.com or 0490 148 102.

General enquiries: Sharon E smu93562@bigpond.net.au

Rainbow Dinner at Duke of Wellington, New Lambton on 24 August at 6:00PM. Contact Christine S by 3/8/26. AND dinner at Hamilton TAFE Wednesday 2 September at 6:00PM \$40. This is a very popular event, so contact Christine S by Monday 10/9/26. General enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.

Red Rovers General enquiries: Maree M 0412 688 685.

***** *Decorating Our Space* *****

To win a possible \$500 for the parish, we invite our Craft Group, and any other talents in the parish, to make a submission to 'Decorate your Space', this year. For more information see below details in Diocesan News.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Called to Know More

Join us for *Morality 101: The Joy of Christian Living in a Morally Crazy World* with Fr Anthony Coloma, exploring moral choices through "encounter" with Jesus via Scripture, Eucharist, and prayer. Discover how hardship shapes faith, and God's welcoming love for those who have drifted. Come listen, share, and enjoy hospitality afterward! All welcome. Wednesday 26 August, 12:00PM – 1:00PM at the Diocesan Resource Centre. For more information go to: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/morality-101-the-joy-of-christian-living-in-a-morally-crazy-world/>



*** *Get Involved in 'Decorate Your Space'!* ***

Parish communities are again invited to decorate a space that uniquely reflects their commitment to children's safety and wellbeing in line with the theme of National Child Protection Week **'Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action'**, for the chance to win some fantastic prizes. Information on entry requirements and inspiration from last year is available <https://mn.catholic.org.au/news/decorate-your-space-returns-in-2026/>. Entries close 12:00PM Monday 14 September.

We can't wait to see your Decorated Space!

Living Waters Meditation Centre

A Christian Meditation Centre at 34 Kenrick Street The Junction, which offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7:30AM and Fridays at 11:00AM. After meditation on Fridays, Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. For more information contact Sr Carmel rsj M 0412 122 297.

OTHER NEWS

The Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Saturday 8 August. For the full Feast Day program and more information, email ministries@mmp.org.au or visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au

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Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. 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.

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia.
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Wisdom 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

OR John 6:35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
Second Reading Romans 9:1-5
Gospel Acclamation Psalm 129:5
Gospel Matthew 14:22-33