

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
YEAR A  
31 May 2026

Faith Communities  
of Adamstown  
Cardiff and Kotara



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

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

## All Saints Catholic Home - Blackbutt South

Parish Grand Jubilee Year 2025-2026

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

#### Weekday Mass

Tuesday	9:30AM Adamstown
Wednesday	9:30AM Adamstown
Thursday	9:30AM Cardiff <b>School Hall</b>
Friday	9:15AM Kotara
Saturday	(1st Saturday Mass cancelled)

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday (Vigil)	5:00PM Kotara (AEST)
Sunday	8:00AM Adamstown 9:30AM Cardiff – at Kotara

#### Adoration

5:00PM Kotara (Sunday)

### 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

#### In case of emergency while Fr is on leave

0409 307 993

#### Parish Office

Office Team	Mrs Liza Ruitenbach Ms Justine Atkinson Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie) Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
Sacramental Coordinator	230 Main Road
Street Address	PO Box 233
Postal Address	CARDIFF NSW 2285
Office Phone	02 4954 0977
Email	<a href="mailto:asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au">asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au</a>
Parish Website	<a href="http://www.allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au">www.allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au</a>

#### 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
Bishop	Bishop Michael Kennedy
Street Address	841 Hunter Street NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2300
Postal Address	PO Box 780 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
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Email	<a href="mailto:chancery@mn.catholic.org.au">chancery@mn.catholic.org.au</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.mn.catholic.org.au">www.mn.catholic.org.au</a>

### 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.

### A SHORT REFLECTION FROM FR JOSEPH

#### Homily – Solemnity – Most Holy Trinity – John 3:16-18

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are invited not to solve a mystery, but to enter into a relationship. The first reading brings us to a profound moment: Moses ascending the mountain and encountering God—not as distant or harsh, but as "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This revelation is striking, especially in a time when many believed in gods who needed to be appeased or feared.

The God revealed to Moses is different. He is not only above His people, but with His people - journeying through the wilderness. "Let my Lord come with us," Moses pleads. And God does.

This same truth unfolds fully in the mystery of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God, a communion of love, who draws close to us and walks with us.

Let us reflect on three points:

**1. God is a Communion of Love, not a Distant Power** - The Trinity reveals that God is not solitary or distant, but relational—Father, Son, and Spirit in perfect unity. This means that at the heart of reality is not fear, but love; not isolation, but relationship. We are created in this image, called to live in love and communion with others.

**2. God Journeys With Us** - Just as God walked with Israel through the wilderness, He walks with us in our daily lives. Many of us can recall moments—perhaps in silence, in nature, or even in times of uncertainty—when we sensed a quiet, steady presence. Like your own experience of traveling alone yet never feeling alone, we begin to recognize that God accompanies us: strengthening, healing, and giving peace.

**3. God Never Abandons Us** - Even when we drift away, forget, or become distracted, God remains faithful. His love does not waver. The Trinity is a constant presence in our lives—Father who creates us, Son who redeems us, Spirit who sanctifies and sustains us. We may leave Him, but He never leaves us.

So today, the Solemnity of the Trinity is an invitation: to become more aware of this loving presence that surrounds us and dwells within us. Each time we pray, especially when we say, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit," we are not just reciting words—we are entering into the life of God Himself.

May we grow in that awareness, trust in that presence, and live in that love every day. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



### We remember in our prayers...

**Sick:** Dorothy Taylor, 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:

*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.

### May's Intention is That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parish contact is Sr Lucie usually on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

P: 02 4954 0977 E: [asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

Email Subject: Sacramental Program

## SACRAMENTS AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

### Anointing Masses

Anointing Masses are to be at St Philip's Church Kotara at **9:15AM this Friday, 7 August 2026** and 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

1 June	St Justin, Martyr
2 June	Sts Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
3 June	St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyr
5 June	St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
6 June	St Norbert, Bishop St Marcellin Champagnat, Priest
7 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or P 02 4979 1390.

For more information: W [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://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](mailto:annecuskelly@hotmail.com).

## MINISTRY ROSTERS

31 MAY 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Christine Sheppard	Ainara Alonso Mateos	Majella Maher
<b>Readers</b>	Patrick Farrell   Louise Byron	Dot Reynolds   Denis O'Brien	Paul Gleeson   Elizabeth Doyle
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Burgess Family	Michael Birchill & Craig McEvoy	Lamotte Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Janelle Oliver, Giavanna Angeli & Henryka Bradley	Stan Heaney, Vickie Pettett & Paul Smith	Sharon Murphy, Elizabeth Doyle & Angela Hall
7 JUNE 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma South	Denis O'Brien	Margaret Bourke
<b>Readers</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>   Bernard Burgess	Paul Smith   Dot Reynolds	Anne Lamotte   Paul Gleeson
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Lakin Family	Kathy Kelly & Bernadette Maher	Lerch Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Faye Robertson, Bernard Burgess & Siobhan Farrell	Vickie Pettett, Narelle Smith & Albert Erzetch	Majella Maher, Sharon Murphy & 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

### Fr Joseph's Annual Leave

Fr Joseph is now on leave until 16 June. We welcome Fathers John Tobin and John Purnell to the parish while Fr Joseph is away. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Albert on 0409 307 993. Please note that there will be no Wednesday 7:00AM Mass at Kotara while Fr Joseph is on leave.

### Office Hours Resume

The parish office is once again open on Tuesdays, as well as Wednesdays and Thursdays, at the usual hours.

### St Kevin's Mass Updates

The Mass in Cardiff will be celebrated in the school hall instead of the MacKillop Room on Thursday 4 June as the whole school community will be celebrating the Feast of St Kevin. All parishioners are welcome.

Please note St Kevin's School will NOT be celebrating Mass with the Parish on Sunday 14 June as previously advertised.

### Sacramental Program

Children who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist next term are invited to attend Mass from now until the Commitment Mass on 26 July. Please make them and their families feel welcome.

### Urgent Executive Decision

After consulting the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Team, the Parish Priest has decided to temporarily suspend all liturgical activities at St Kevin's Church Cardiff, due to several structural safety concerns. Until further notice **Sunday 9:30AM Mass** will be celebrated at St Philip's Church 31 Vista Parade Kotara and **Thursday weekday Mass** will be celebrated in the MacKillop Room at the Cottage Cardiff. Parishioners are kindly requested to pass this information on to family members and friends. *Fr Joseph PP*

### Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

Our Diocese has offered us \$300 towards a "thank you" morning tea for Volunteers' Week. We at All Saints would like to celebrate this occasion after each Mass on the weekend of 27/28 June, with each Mass community receiving \$100 towards food. We ask that the hospitality team coordinators contact the Parish Office to collect \$100. If you can assist with the preparation/hosting, please let your coordinator know.

Please note the monthly cup of tea at Kotara will be held on the fourth weekend in June instead of the third weekend. All are invited to a special Volunteers thank you supper after Mass.

### The Bereavement Support Team

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 June 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 phone Diana M 0402 367 038 or just turn up on Tuesday afternoon.

### Project Compassion Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for the Project Compassion Appeal have been emailed to those who requested them, on Tuesday 26 May.

### Tax Receipts

Please be reminded that due to the recent changes in the Diocesan Levies system, there is no longer any taxability offset from the Planned Giving Program for Parishes. Your commitment to your contribution is still a very important part of keeping the parish financially viable. Thank you for your past, present and future commitment. Completing and returning a White card is no longer required.

## 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** Enquiries: Sharon E [smu93562@bigpond.net.au](mailto:smu93562@bigpond.net.au)  
Sunday 14 June, 12:30PM. Lunch at Wetlands Spoonbill Café. RSVP by 7/6/26 to Leonie 0423 257 602.

Saturday 4 July, 11:00AM. Formation film 'Mary Magdalene'. Book through venue P 0409 033 449, Diocesan Resource Centre 841 Hunter St Newcastle West.

**Rainbow** General enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.

**Red Rovers** Enquiries: Maree M 0412 688 685.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Apologetics with Dr Robert Haddad

Come and see renowned Catholic apologist, author, teacher and international guest speaker, Dr Robert Haddad who is thrilled to be presenting in the Hunter Valley. Dr Robert has especially chosen talks to spark our interest and deepen our understanding of the source and summit of the Catholic faith.

When: Friday 12 June, 6:15PM – 9:00PM  
Saturday 13 June, 10:00AM - 3:30PM

Where: Kurri Kurri Parish Hall, 102 Barton Street Kurri Kurri

Register: Scan the QR code to register for this FREE event.

More Info: Contact Yvonne on 0450 323 206.



### 2026 Magdalene Award – Nominations Open



Celebrate the women who have and continue to shape our Church. Inspired by Mary Magdalene - courageous disciple and first witness to the Risen Christ - the Award honors a woman in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle whose life reflects Gospel values through leadership, service and faith. Open to women aged 18+ actively contributing in a voluntary capacity. Scan the QR Code or email Kate for a Nomination Pack: [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Pilgrimage to Ireland

St Francis of Assisi Parish is organising a 'Soul of Ireland' Pilgrimage departing 21 September 2026. The itinerary document can be downloaded from the parish's website at [www.dungoggesfordcatholic.org.au/resources/](http://www.dungoggesfordcatholic.org.au/resources/). Any interested parishioners from across the diocese would be most welcome to join this opportunity to explore and experience the 'Soul of Ireland'. For more info contact Fr Andrew Doohan via E [andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au) or M 0412 405 671.

### Mission & Evangelisation Date Claimers

Further details are available on the Diocesan Website or via <https://mn.catholic.org.au/cdmn-news/events/>.

- **Magdalene Awards:** 26 July, 9:30AM - Sacred Heart Cathedral
- **ALIVE Young Adults Retreat:** 17 -19 July, Forster
- **Travelling Exhibition of the Saint Carlo Acutis Pilgrim Relic:** 8-14 September
- **ALIVE Youth Retreat:** 25-27 September, Lake Macquarie
- **Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit:** 1-3 October, St Gregory's Campbelltown

## OTHER NEWS

### Care for our Common Home

Catholics in Australia celebrate World Environment Day on 5 June by actively putting Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* (Care for our Common Home) encyclical into action. Communities and parishes across the country mark the occasion with sustainable lifestyle commitments, ecological education programs, and localized climate initiatives.

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A

### Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

### First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers,  
Glory and praise for ever!  
Blest your glorious holy name,  
Glory and praise for ever!
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
Glory and praise for ever!  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.  
Glory and praise for ever!
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
Glory and praise for ever!  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.  
Glory and praise for ever!

### Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

#### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia.

### Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

First Reading	Dt 8:2-3. 14-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:16-17
Sequence	
Gospel Acclamation	Jn 6:51-52
Gospel	Jn 6:51-58