

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND  
BLOOD OF CHRIST  
YEAR A  
7 June 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 MacKillop Rm
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	Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
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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

#### Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Bishop	Bishop Michael Kennedy
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### 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

#### Solemnity – Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – John 6:5

Today, we are invited to pause and remember something deeply personal—our First Holy Communion. What do you recall about that day? The preparation, the prayers, the quiet sense of expectation... perhaps the presence of family, or simply a feeling that something sacred was happening. Even if the details have faded, many of us remember one thing: a sense of awe.

The mystery of the Holy Eucharist is not something we can fully explain. It is something we are meant to receive, to enter, and to live. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives Himself totally—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is the ultimate self-gift.

Let us reflect on three points:

- 1. The Eucharist is a Mystery to Be Reverenced, Not Just Understood.** We often try to understand everything intellectually, but the Eucharist invites us beyond analysis into wonder. Like that child on the day of First Communion, we are called to approach the altar with humility, reverence, and awe. Faith begins where full comprehension ends.
- 2. The Eucharist is Jesus' Total Self-Gift.** In every Mass, Christ gives Himself completely. There is nothing held back. This is love in its purest form—self-giving, sacrificial, and unconditional. When we receive Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol, but a Person who gives Himself entirely to us.
- 3. Become What You Receive.** This is the heart of the Eucharistic life. We do not simply receive Christ and walk away unchanged. We are called to become what we consume—to be a "living Eucharist." That means becoming Christ's presence in the world: in our love, our forgiveness, our service, and our compassion. Others should encounter Christ through us.

So today, whether your First Communion was recent or many years ago, the invitation remains the same:

Come with wonder. Receive with faith. And go forth transformed.

May we not lose that sense of awe but rediscover it each time we approach the altar—and may our lives become a living reflection of the One we receive.

## 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:** Jim Heaney, John Little, Dean O'Connell

*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.

### June's Intention is For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

## 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

9 Jun Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church  
11 Jun Saint Barnabas, Apostle  
12 Jun The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
13 Jun Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ex 19:2-6  
Psalms 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3  
Second Reading Rom 5:6-11  
Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

## 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

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 Erzetich	Majella Maher, Sharon Murphy & Mark Wilmore
14 JUNE 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Marilyn Thomson	Alice Aurisch	Elizabeth Doyle
<b>Readers</b>	Jessica Moulder   <b>Volunteer</b>	Paula O'Neill   Paul Smith	Ben Lerch   Veronica Mulroy
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Donna & Harper Morgan	Goodman Family	Murphy Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Giavanna Angeli, Henryka Bradley & Narelle Heard	Narelle Smith, Paul Smith & Stan Heaney	Mark Wilmore, Majella Maher & Elizabeth Doyle

\*\* 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 20 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.

### Parish Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed this Wednesday 10 June.

### 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 Adamstown will still be held on the second weekend in June as well as the 28 June celebrating our volunteers. All are invited to join in on both occasions after Mass.

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.

### Project Compassion Tax Receipts

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

### Bereavement Support Team

New members from Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara communities are invited to join. For more information contact Diana on M 0402 367 038.

### 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.

## Pledge Card

Please be reminded, due to the recent changes made to the Diocesan Levying system, there is no longer a benefit to issuing Planned Giving envelope in Parishes going forward.

Your ongoing 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 necessary.

INSTEAD, during the month of June, parishioners will be offered a 'PLEDGE CARD' to complete. This is an opportunity to consider, and make a 'commitment', to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, by cash (collection plate as normal), credit card, or direct debit, so that the parish can continue to meet its expected expenditures, and to enable it to financially plan ahead. Some advantages to the new system are:

- A saving to the parish of over \$1,000 by not having to purchase and prepare the envelopes.
- Saving volunteers time when counting the collections.
- Saving office staff time by no longer needing to record weekly.
- Regular online deposits ensure funding is readily available in the parish account.
- No more annual Diocesan Contribution payments.
- Diocese can now offer more services to parishes due to the revised structure of the new monthly levying system.

IN SHORT, the only change is that there will no longer be any envelope system. Everything else continues as usual.

## OTHER NEWS

### Eucharist28 Update – Hearts Set Ablaze!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

At the very first Pentecost, the apostles were transformed as the fire of the Holy Spirit was poured out for them, empowering them to go out to evangelise the world. "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God." – Acts of the Apostles 2:46-47

The early Church was *Eucharistic*. They gathered together in community and shared in the breaking of the bread. It was through believing in and sharing in Christ's body and blood that the Holy Spirit set their hearts ablaze, strengthening them to spread the Good News without fear.

As we move forward from our celebration of Pentecost last month, our parishes and communities can imitate the early Church by devoting ourselves to the Eucharist and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us – in our ministries, our youth groups, and our personal prayer.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit and share in the breaking of the bread. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes.

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org)

### The Mission to Seafarers/ Stella Maris Donations

The mission is calling on the following donations for their care packs for vessels entering our port: beanies, lolly bags, card games/jigsaw puzzles, combs, magazines, razors, socks, toothpaste & brushes. Donations can be delivered to the Centre at 96 Hannell Street Wickham.

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

#### (R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
He has blessed the children within you.
2. He established peace on your borders,  
He feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
He has not taught them his decrees.

### Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

### Sequence

Come, behold, the bread of angels,  
this our strength on pilgrim's way.  
For the children God is giving  
manna for our bread each day.  
Now the sign of Isaac telling:  
Christ has conquered on this day.

Hear our prayers, O kindly Shepherd,  
be for us true living bread.  
Grant us peace in all our doings,  
to our resting place be led,  
forth with all the saints now dwelling,  
we the body, you the Head.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eat this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia.

### Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

