

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
28 June 2026

Faith Communities  
of Adamstown  
Cardiff and Kotara



Catholic Diocese  
OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

"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	7:00AM Kotara 9:30AM Adamstown
Thursday	9:30AM Cardiff MacKillop Rm
Friday	9:15AM Kotara
Saturday	9:30AM Kotara (First Anniversary Mass)
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)
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Street Address	230 Main Road
Postal Address	PO Box 233 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

#### Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

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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 HOMILY FROM FR JOSEPH

#### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 10:37-42)

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is demanding. Following Him requires courage, sacrifice, and a willingness to place Him above all else.

**1. Jesus Must Come First** – Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." He is not asking us to love our families less; rather, He is asking us to love Him first. When Christ is at the centre of our lives, every other relationship finds its proper place and meaning.

**2. Take Up the Cross Daily** – "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Every disciple carries a cross—suffering, disappointments, struggles, or sacrifices. Instead of running away from them, Jesus invites us to carry them with faith, trusting that God can bring grace and growth through them.

**3. Losing Life to Find It** – Jesus tells us, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." To lose our life means surrendering our selfish desires, comforts, and ambitions to God's will. Paradoxically, when we give ourselves generously to Christ and to others, we discover true joy, peace, and purpose.

Today, let us ask ourselves: **Where does Jesus stand in my list of priorities? What is preventing me from giving myself more completely to Him?** May we have the courage to place Christ first, carry our cross faithfully, and discover the fullness of life that He promises. 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:** John, Minor.

**Anniversaries:** Dorothy McCosker, Patricia Chidgey

*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, through 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

27 Jun Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
29 Jun Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles  
30 Jun The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
3 Jul Saint Thomas, Apostle

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Zec 9:9-10  
Psalm Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v.1  
Second Rom 8:9, 11-13  
Acclamation See Mt 11:25  
Gospel Mt 11:25-30

## 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

28 JUNE 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Giavanna Angeli	Diana Hannigan	Margaret Bourke
<b>Readers</b>	Nance Schreiber   Patrick Farrell	Ainara Alonso Mateos   Christine Williams	Majella Maher   Anne Lamotte
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Dever Family	Langworthy Family	Wilmore Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bernard Burgess, Narelle Heard & Donna Morgan	Preciosa Winter, Albert Erzetich & Narelle Smith	Paul Gleeson, Elizabeth Doyle & Angela Hall
5 JULY 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	KOTARA 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Christine Sheppard	Vickie Pettett	Elizabeth Doyle
<b>Readers</b>	Emma South   Jessica Moulder	Diana Hannigan   Lauren Ross	Sharon Murphy   <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Burgess Family	Gloria Ramage   Preciosa Winter	Murphy Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Henryka Bradley, Donna Morgan & Janelle Oliver	Albert Erzetich, Stan Heaney & Paul Smith	Majella Maher, 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

### 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.

### Have you completed a Pledge Card?

During the month of June, parishioners are invited to complete a 'PLEDGE CARD'. This is an opportunity to consider, and make a 'commitment', to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection so that the parish can continue to meet its expected expenditures, and to financially plan ahead. Thank you for your continued commitment and financial support.

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This year's theme is homelessness. Our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will take place across our three Mass centres at Kotara, Adamstown and Cardiff closing this weekend. Donations can be made at any of the three Masses in cash or by credit card, using the envelopes on the seats or at the back of the church, or by using the QR code located on the bottom of posters at each church, by phoning 13 18 12 or online at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible, if you require a tax receipt please provide your name, address and phone number. Thank you for your donations, prayers and continuing support.

### Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

You are invited to join in a cuppa to celebrate our volunteers this weekend 27-28 June at Adamstown and Kotara after the Mass.

### St Kevin's Volunteer Morning Tea Postponement

We would like to inform the St Kevin's community that our planned Volunteer Morning Tea will be postponed until after the repairs to our church are complete. This decision will allow us to celebrate together in a meaningful way, marking the re-opening of our Mass centre and gathering as a faith-filled community in this special space. We will provide plenty of notice of the new date once confirmed, and we look forward to coming together to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful contributions of our volunteers. Your generosity, time and commitment to our school and parish community are deeply valued and sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

### First Anniversary Mass

**First Anniversary Mass:** Our next Mass will be celebrated at St Philip's Kotara on Saturday 4 July, and will be offered for parishioners John Dawber, Margaret McManus and Margaret Geddes, and for Dean O'Connell (grandson of Doreen Little), Joan Balsarini (mother of Maree Woods), Patricia Chidgey and Pepito Basonia jnr. (nephew of Alice Aurisch). The Rosary will be prayed at 9:10AM and Mass will follow at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome to this Mass to pray for the deceased, and with and for their families. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

### St Kevin's Church

Due to much needed repairs, **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, until further notice.

### 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)

**Rainbow** A soup night will be held on Saturday 4 July @ 6:00PM in the Kotara church Hall. RSVP Helen on 0491 237 283 and let her know what you will make/bring. General enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.

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

### Parish Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed this Wednesday 1 July.

### 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. More details to follow.

### Volunteer Rosters

The July - December rosters have been emailed. If you are a volunteer in Ministry and did not receive your copy, please let the office team know.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### NAIDOC Week 2026 (5-12 July)

Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly" - marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, strength, culture, and leadership. Starting 8:45AM on Monday 6 July, at Civic Park, Newcastle. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is proud to support this important event and invites all to come together to celebrate, listen, learn, and walk alongside First Nations peoples in the spirit of reconciliation. Visit <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/2026-naidoc-week-community-festival/>

### Faith Stories & Miraculous Healing Testimony

Our Catholic Faith has many treasures, from the Holy Mass to the Eucharist to the Sacraments to the Blessed Mother to the Saints to even unexplainable events like miraculous healings that science and medicine cannot explain. Join us at Vineyards Catholic Parishes for three talks on two of the Church's newest Saints – St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis – and our Blessed Mother presented by Paul Elarde, and a miraculous healing testimony at Lourdes from his wife, Juliana.

**10 July:** Talk 1 - Our Newest Saints! Part 1: St. Pier Giorgio Frassati 6:15PM to 9:00PM

**11 July:** Talk 2 - Our Newest Saints! Part 2: St. Carlo Acutis, Talk 3 - Why Mary Matters?, Talk 4 - Testimony by Juliana Elarde: "I walked out of my wheelchair in Lourdes" 10:00AM to 4:00PM

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

**Register via:** <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/kurri-kurri-church-presents-faith-stories-miraculous-healing-testimony/> or QR code



Contact Yvonne for more info on 0450 323 206.

### Young Adult Retreat 2026: To Be Human

The Young Adult Retreat returns this year, inviting young adults aged 18–35 to explore what it means *To Be Human* and fully alive in this life and for eternity. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and connect with other young adults from across the Diocese. Featuring expert speakers from around NSW and Australia, a dynamic and engaging program, praise and worship, and the sacraments, this promises to be a transformative weekend.

**When:** Friday 17 July to Sunday 19 July 2026

**Where:** Camp Elim – Forster

**Register:** <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/alive-catholic-young-adult-retreat-to-be-human/>

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

#### Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!

Sunday 5 July 2026 - This year's celebration carries particular significance as NATSICC marks forty years since Saint Pope John Paul II's historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs in 1986. His words continue to resonate deeply with those communities and the wider Australian Church:

*"The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."*

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading**

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

**A reading from the second book of the Kings**  
*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

**(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading**

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all,

to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia.  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.  
Praise God who calls you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel**

Mt 10:37-42

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

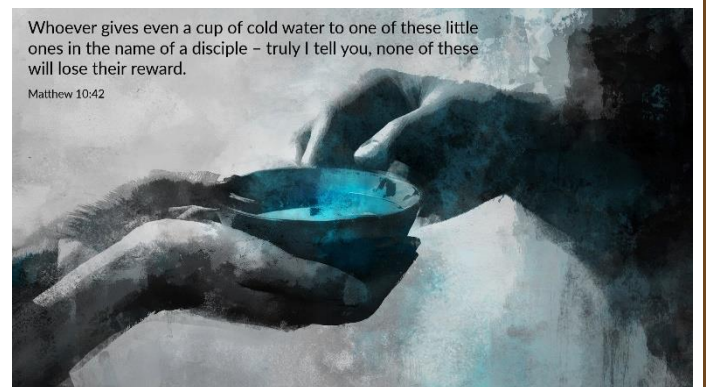
**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

OR Jn 17:20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,  
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says  
the Lord.



Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Matthew 10:42