

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
16 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<br>9:30AM Adamstown        |
| Thursday         | 9:30AM Cardiff MacKillop Rm              |
| Friday           | 9:15AM Kotara                            |
| Saturday         | 9:00AM Kotara (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday) |
| Sunday Mass      | 5:00PM Kotara (AEST)                     |
| Saturday (Vigil) | 8:00AM Adamstown                         |
| Sunday           | 9:30AM Kotara (see page 3)               |
| Adoration        | 5:00PM Kotara (Sunday EST)               |

## INFORMATION

### Churches

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

### Presbytery

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

### Parish Office

|                         |                                                                                            |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Office Team             | Mrs Liza Ruitenbach<br>Ms Justine Atkinson<br>Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)                      |
| Sacramental Coordinator | Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)                                                                    |
| Street Address          | 230 Main Road                                                                              |
| Postal Address          | PO Box 233<br>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<br>ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289 |
| St Kevin's School   | 226 Main Road<br>CARDIFF NSW 2285    |
| St James' School    | 30 Vista Parade<br>KOTARA NSW 2289   |

### Colleges

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

### Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

|                |                                                                              |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bishop         | Bishop Michael Kennedy                                                       |
| Street Address | 841 Hunter Street<br>NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2300                                 |
| Postal Address | PO Box 780<br>NEWCASTLE NSW 2300                                             |
| Phone Number   | 02 4979 1200                                                                 |
| 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>           |

## A SHORT HOMILY FROM FR JOSEPH

### Matthew 15:21-28 – Short Homily.

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the **widening of God's covenant and the inclusiveness of God's mercy.**

**1. God's love is wider than our boundaries.** Isaiah reminds us that God's house is a house of prayer for all peoples. In Christ, God's covenant is extended to every person, regardless of race, culture, nationality, or background. God's mercy cannot be limited by human boundaries.

**2. Faith can challenge and stretch us.** The Canaanite woman refuses to give up. Despite the apparent obstacles, she continues to trust in Jesus. Her persistent faith challenges the boundaries of the disciples and ultimately reveals that God's mercy is offered beyond the expected limits.

**3. Are we open to being stretched by God?** St Paul reminds us that God's call and gifts are irrevocable. God has a purpose and plan that is often greater than our own understanding. Like Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman, God may challenge our assumptions and invite us to see people and situations differently.

Therefore, we might ask ourselves: **Am I prepared to be stretched and opened to God's purpose and plan for my life?** May we allow God to enlarge our hearts so that we may welcome others with the same compassion and mercy that God has shown to us.

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

Welcome to this sacred space. Please be quiet until the service begins while you lift your hearts to God.

### 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:** Valda Webb (Harrison), Colin Lincoln, Darrel Callinan, Dean Hart, Allison Hillery, 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:** Donna Maree Melia

**Anniversaries:** George Milne, Klara Palka.

*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.

### 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](mailto: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 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

19 Aug Saint John Eudes, Priest  
20 Aug Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
21 Aug Saint Pius X, Pope

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8  
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36  
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

## 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** - third Saturday of the month 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

| 16 AUGUST 2026                                    | KOTARA 5:00PM                                     | ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM                              | KOTARA 9:30AM                             |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Commentator</b>                                | Bernard Burgess                                   | Barry Bourke                                  | Margaret Bourke                           |
| <b>Readers</b>                                    | Giavanna Angeli   Marilyn Thomson                 | Dot Reynolds   Vickie Pettett                 | Elizabeth Doyle   Majella Maher           |
| <b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>                  | Dever Family                                      | Kathy Kelly & Bernadette Maher                | Lerch Family                              |
| <b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Faye Robertson, Henryka Bradley & Siobhan Farrell | Paul Smith, Stan Heaney & Narelle Smith       | Sharon Murphy, Paul Gleeson & Angela Hall |
| 23 AUGUST 2026                                    | KOTARA 5:00PM                                     | ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM                              | KOTARA 9:30AM                             |
| <b>Commentator</b>                                | Christine Sheppard                                | Diana Hannigan                                | Paul Gleeson                              |
| <b>Readers</b>                                    | Jessica Moulder   Louise Byron                    | Denis O'Brien   Paul O'Neill                  | Michael Deed   Sharon Murphy              |
| <b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>                  | Paul & Jai Dart                                   | Langworthy Family                             | Lamotte Family                            |
| <b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Marilyn Thomson, Bernard Burgess & Narelle Heard  | Lauren Ross, Vickie Pettett & Preciosa Winter | Angela Hall, Mark Wilmore & Majella Maher |

\*\* 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

### Proposed Changes to Mass Times

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Michael has asked priests in the Newcastle area 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:**

| WEEKDAY MASS     | CURRENT                                     | PROPOSED                                    |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | NO MASS                                     | 7:00AM Kotara                               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30AM Adamstown                            | NO MASS                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7:00AM Kotara                               | NO MASS                                     |
|                  | 9:30AM Adamstown                            | 9:30AM Adamstown                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9:30AM Cardiff                              | 9:30AM Cardiff                              |
|                  |                                             | 5:30PM Kotara EST<br>(6:00PM DST)           |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:15AM Kotara                               | 9:15AM Kotara                               |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9:00AM Kotara<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday) | 9:00AM Kotara<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday) |

With these changes, our Parish will celebrate **five (5) weekday Masses and three (3) 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*

### Sacramental Program

Our Confirmation Program is taking place. Our candidates will attend a retreat on Friday, 21 August, beginning with 9:15AM Mass at St Philip's Kotara, and will celebrate the Confirmation Ceremony on 27 August 2026.

We warmly invite you to join us for these special celebrations. If you are able to help, please let Fr Joseph or Sr Lucie know. Thank you to our candidates, their parents, our RECs teachers, principals, class teachers, and all parishioners for your support and encouragement throughout this journey.

### Thank You

On behalf of Henryka Bradley and family, thank you for your prayers over the last 28 months.

### 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.

### 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 **by this Sunday 16 August.**

### First Anniversary Mass

Our next Mass will be celebrated at St Philip's Kotara on Saturday 5 September and will be offered for parishioners, or close relatives of parishioners, who passed away during August and September 2025. The Rosary will be prayed at 9:10AM and Mass will follow at 9:30AM. Names of those to be remembered can be given to Diana on M 0402 367 038 by Monday 24 August.

## Volunteers Needed

**Counters** – We are in urgent need of more counters for our Kotara teams. If you are able to help out, please let the office know.

**Bereavement Support Team** - New members from the Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara communities are invited. For more information contact Diana M 0402 367 038.

\*\*\*\*\* A reminder that all volunteers need to be registered before commencing any ministry in the parish. \*\*\*\*\*

### 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](mailto:mikeperko72@hotmail.com) or 0490 148 102. General enquiries: Sharon E [smu93562@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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

Bishop Michael Kennedy has announced the Diocesan pilgrimage to South Korea and Japan for young people aged 16-35 next year. World Youth Day with Pope Leo XIV will be an enriching experience of pilgrimage for young people which has a profound impact on their relationship with Jesus, their prayer life, their lived mission and their relationships with others. Join us for the Reception of the Relic of WYD Patron Saint Carlo Acutis on 8 September and a WYD Launch Event featuring early information about this exciting opportunity. Learn More: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/world-youth-day-2027-launch/>

### St Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist28 with Pope Leo XIV we are proud to be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis (8-14 September). During his young life, Carlo created the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition, which will also accompany the tour. See the schedule that covers the Reception of the Relic, Upper Hunter Encounter, Northern Region Encounter and the Newcastle City Basin Encounter. The pilgrimage has been drawing tens of thousands from across Australia and New Zealand these past months and we are looking forward to host. Adoration for Sunday 13 September is cancelled.

Learn More: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/st-carlo-acutis-relic-mission/>

## OTHER NEWS

### Simplicity September

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organization that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific. For more 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567

[www.simplicityseptember.org.au](http://www.simplicityseptember.org.au)





## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

#### (R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

### Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia.

### Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

