

PERPETUAL DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE
13 September 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
Friday	9:15AM Kotara
Saturday	9:00AM Kotara (1 st Saturday)
<u>Sunday Mass</u>	
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00PM Kotara (AEST)
Sunday	8:00AM Adamstown
	9:30AM Cardiff
<u>Adoration</u>	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
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Presbytery Phone	02 4957 5949
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Parish Office

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

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

Parish Schools

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

Colleges

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

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

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PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Decreed, by Bishop William Wright, as a special commemorative celebration in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, the Mass for *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday* is the centrepiece of the Church's prayer response to the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*.

Ode to the Light of Christ

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past

when our hearts were heavy. (Is. 2:5)

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good

and find sweet in the bitter. (Is. 5:20)

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us weep together

when the light grew dark with the clouds,

from the darkness and distress. (Is. 5:30)

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,

those who have walked in darkness. (Is. 9:2)

Let them see the great Light of God

and let us Shine the Light of Christ.

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In the Light of Your Love

God with us, you have made us in your image, and filled us with the breath of your divine life. Through the life of Jesus you show us the way to live in the light of your love.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

Where people are disempowered
may we shine the light of your justice.

Where there is privilege and prestige
may we shine the light of your humility.

Where there is dishonesty and denial
may we shine the light of your truth.

Where transparency is lacking, and agendas are hidden,
may we shine the light of your integrity.

Where there is fear
may we shine the light of your courage.

Where there is judgement
may we shine the light of your compassion.

Where there is disrespect
may we shine the light of your love.

Where people feel silenced
may we shine the light of your word.

Where people feel excluded
may we shine the light of your acceptance.

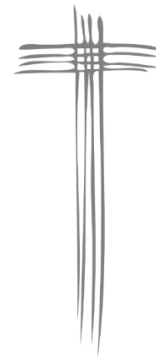
Where there is sin
may we shine the light of your forgiveness.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

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Healing and Support

The Office of Safeguarding Team provides support and assistance to survivors and their relatives. To engage with this service please call **P 02 4979 1390** or E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au. For more info go to W <https://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au>.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers...

Sick: Lara, Grace, 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), Linda McDonald, Chris Patsan, Dorota Bakowska, 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: Barbara Coffteros.

Anniversaries: Dermot Kerrisk.

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.

September's Intention FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parish contact is Sr Lucie usually on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

Email Subject: Sacramental Program



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. **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.

FEAST DAYS

14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows
16 Sept	Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
17 Sept	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
	Hildegard of Bingen
19 Sept	Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

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 or P 02 4979 1390.

For more information: W www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au
Complaints <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

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



ADORATION

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

MINISTRY ROSTERS

13 SEPTEMBER 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Rachael Lakin	Dot Reynolds	Margaret Bourke
Readers	Patrick Farrell Nance Schreiber	Stan Heaney Basia Wedesweiler	Veronica Mulroy Paul Gleeson
Presentation of the Gifts	Dever Family	Kathy Kelly & Bernadette Maher	Maher Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernard Burgess, Jessica Moulder & Janelle Oliver	Vickie Pettett, Paul Smith & Albert Erzetich	Mark Wilmore, Sharon Murphy & Elizabeth Doyle
20 SEPTEMBER 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Giavanna Angeli	Ainara Alonso Mateos	Anne Lamotte
Readers	Jessica Moulder Bernard Burgess	Barry Bourke Paul Smith	Sharon Murphy Michael Deed
Presentation of the Gifts	Paul & Jai Dart	Langworthy Family	Lerch Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Siobhan Farrell, Donna Morgan & Faye Robertson	Narelle Smith, Lauren Ross & Stan Heaney	Elizabeth Doyle, Majella Maher & Angela Hall

** 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

St Kevin's Church Re-opens this Sunday

Repairs and maintenance to the St Kevin's Church are now completed. Thank you to Mrs Hogan and her team of people for the final clean up. St Kevin's Church is now open to celebrate Mass as from **Sunday 13 September 2026**, along with our weekly Children's Liturgy. A morning tea will be held in the cottage after Mass this Sunday (13/9/2026) as a welcome back to the St Kevin's Church. All are invited. Please bring a plate to share.

Children's Ministry Facilitators Needed!

All those interested in joining the team are warmly invited to gather for an afternoon of inspiration and connection. Come along to **share ideas, explore new resources, and help promote this vital ministry**. Whether you're a seasoned leader or just starting out, your voice and experience is valued. Let's grow together in faith and creativity! Contact the Mission & Evangelisation team for information on resources and training: Nicki Graham 0417 773 444 nicola.graham@mn.catholic.org.au

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is happening in our parish. If you are interested please contact the parish office.

Weekday Mass Times

There will be no changes to the current Mass times in our Parish.

Pastoral Letter

Copies of the latest Pastoral Letter are at the back of the church.

A Note to All Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

During the Mass, the **Breaking of the Bread** is a particularly sacred moment, rich in spiritual significance. It is a moment for all of us to turn our hearts and eyes towards the **Lamb of God** and reverently pray, "Lord, I am not worthy..."

To preserve the prayerful dignity of this moment, may I kindly ask all Communion Ministers to remain in their places until the priest has consumed the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ.

Ministers may then reverently come forward to the Altar to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Thank you for helping to maintain the sacred silence, reverence and prayerfulness of this most sacred moment of the Mass.

Sacramental Program

Communion face to face training in 3 schools at 3:30PM this week

- Monday 14 September: St Columba's Adamstown
- Wednesday 16 September: St James' Kotara
- Thursday 17 September: St Kevin's Cardiff

Our candidates will celebrate their First Holy Communion at all three churches next weekend, 19–20 September. Thank you to our children, parents, REC teachers, principals, class teachers, and parishioners for your support and encouragement throughout the program. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families.

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

Rainbow Dinner at Hamilton TAFE Wednesday 2 September at 6:00PM \$40. This is a very popular event, so contact Christine S by Monday 10 September. General enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.

Red Rovers General enquiries: Maree M 0412 688 685.

DIOCESAN NEWS

World Youth Day 2027 Diocesan Launch

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will provide a pilgrimage to South Korea along with a post-retreat in Japan for young people aged 16-35 from 29 July to 13 August 2027. To learn more, E mission@mn.catholic.org.au

St Aloysius Girls High School – 60 Year Reunion

Looking for ex-students from the class of 1963-1966. Lunch at West Mayfield from 12:00PM on Wednesday 30 September 2026. Purchase your lunch from the Bistro. Respond to Angie on 0414 449 914 or angienphil2@gmail.com or Gail on the school Facebook page.

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

NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Church marks Sunday 13 September 2026, as Safeguarding Sunday.

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

TODAY IS PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is committed to:

- Fostering Communities of safeguarding including open and respectful communication about issues of safeguarding with individual families and groups.
- Upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults and empowering them to have their voices heard.
- Training all workers in safeguarding knowledge and skills including indicators of abuse., supporting people to disclose and report abuse.
- Working with statutory authorities to notify alleged abuse and actively support them to investigate those allegations.
- Developing our risk assessment and management systems for all diocesan activities and personnel.
- Developing the breadth and depth of our auditing and compliance regimes.
- Improving our compliance with the NSW Child Safety Standards and the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

OTHER NEWS

Caritas Emergency Appeal – Nepal

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/nepal-floods/>

PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."' "

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breathe; breathe on these dead; let them live!" ' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks." ' "

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. (R.)

2. My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? (R.)

3. O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. (R.)

4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7-9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

(Phil 2:15-16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine in the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

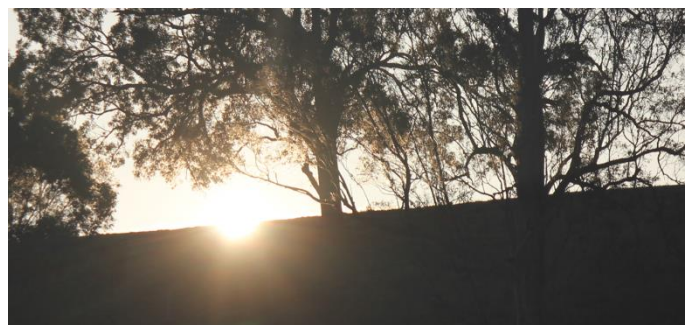
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (1:46-56)

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me
blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear
him.
'He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted
the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent
empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of
his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then
went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6
Second Reading	James 3:16 – 4:3
Gospel Acclamation	See 2 Thessalonians 2:14
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37