THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA YEAR C
9 November 2025

Faith Communities of Adamstown Cardiff and Kotara

ALL SAINTS BLACKBUTT SOUTH

CatholicDiocese 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

'Listening to God's word, growing in faith, reaching out to all'

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 (1st Saturday)

Sunday Mass

Saturday (Vigil)	5:30PM Kotara (DST)
Sunday	8:00AM Adamstown
	9:30AM Cardiff
Adoration	5:30PM Kotara (Sundays DST)

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

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday	9:00AM to 3:00PM

Parish Schools

St Columba's	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

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Bishop	Bishop Michael Kennedy
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Mass at All Saints Parish

Silence Before Mass

We ask that you please observe 4-5 minutes of silence before Mass to create a prayerful atmosphere. This allows fellow parishioners to focus on their prayers and lift up the needs of their families and friends.

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.

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 made available at the Church entrance.

Parking at Kotara Church

Please be advised that when the car park at St Philip's Church is full it is not permissible to park on any grassed areas.
Please note **there are now "NO PARKING" signs** on Vista Parade from the church to Grayson Avenue. Fines will apply if booked.

Keeping Each Other Safe and Well

Remember to stay at home or use a mask if you are not well. If you need to sneeze or cough, remember to do so into your elbow.

Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world? © *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Prayer Intentions

We remember in our prayers…

Sick: Joseph Mackenzie, Lexie Martin, Curtis Ridgeway, Carlo Rossi, Antonetta (Nettie) Marten, Sr Clare McCudden, Jack Schofield, Cherie St Vincent, 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, John Trinh.
(Once the person is no longer in need of prayer, kindly inform the Parish Office).

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Marie Barrett, June Margaret Hannigan.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed 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.

November Intention is for collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Sacramental Program

Parish contact is Sr Lucie usually on Thursdays 8:00AM to 4:00PM
P: 02 4954 0977 E: asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au
Email Subject: Sacramental Program

Children's Liturgy of the Word

JOIN IN. Children's Liturgy of the Word is when the children leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age-appropriate way. The children are led through prayers and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding and then rejoining the community at the Presentation of the Gifts.

All primary school aged children are invited to attend weekend Mass at Adamstown, Cardiff, or Kotara.

Our volunteer facilitators may be outside before Mass to welcome children before Mass. They are all registered with the parish and have current Working with Children's Check.

TO ATTEND, a parent, or adult representative, is asked to print the child's name in the book labelled SIGN IN BOOK which is at the church entrance so that we know to expect them. Late comers are still welcome. They will be added later.

After the Processional Hymn and Opening Prayer, Fr Joseph, or the priest who is celebrating the Mass, will invite our facilitators and the children to come forward. He will bless them and send them forth together.

Mums and dads are welcome to come along to the Children's Liturgy to ensure their child feels comfortable and secure in the space.

Children will return before the Presentation of the Gifts.

Feast Days

9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 Nov Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
11 Nov Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
12 Nov Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Next Week's Readings

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

First Reading:	Mal 3:19-20
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9
Second Reading:	2 Thes 3:7-12
Gospel Acclamation:	Lk 21:28
Gospel:	Lk 21:5-19

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.

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.

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!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word – All Saints Blackbutt South Parish. Families are warmly invited to bring their primary school-aged children to our weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word.

- Saturday 5:00PM – St Philip's Kotara Info: Jessica M
- Sunday 8:00AM – St Columba's Adamstown Info: Adrienne S
- Sunday 9:30AM – St Kevin's Cardiff Info: Volunteer needed

Lessons are run by trained facilitators with current Working with Children Checks, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for all. No registration needed—just come along and enjoy!

Ministry Rosters

9 NOVEMBER 2025	KOTARA 5:30PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Giavanna Angeli	Barry Bourke	Anne Lamotte
Readers	Peter Cunningham | Jessica Moulder	Basia Wedesweiler| Ainara Mateos	Majella Maher | Paul Gleeson
Presentation of the Gifts	Lakin Family	Kathy Kelly & Bernadette Maher	Lerch Family
** **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**	Marilyn Thomson, Siobhan Farrell & Narelle Heard	Vickie Pettett, Paul Smith & Albert Erzetich	Elizabeth Doyle, Angela Hall & Mark Wilmore
16 NOVEMBER 2025	**KOTARA 5:30PM**	**ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM**	**CARDIFF 9:30AM**
Commentator	Rachael Lakin	Diana Hannigan	Paul Gleeson
Readers	Dever Family | **Volunteer**	Christine Williams | Vickie Pettett	Anne Lamotte | Elizabeth Doyle
Presentation of the Gifts	Dever Family	Langworthy Family	Maher Family
** **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**	Giavanna Angeli, Faye Robertson & Jessica Moulder	Narelle Smith, Preciosa Winter & Stan Heaney	Mark Wilmore, Sharon Murphy & 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

November Masses

In the Catholic Church, November is traditionally the month of the Holy Souls, for praying for the dead, particularly those in Purgatory. It begins with the feast days of All Saints Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November), and it concludes the Church's liturgical year, which is a time for reflection on life, death, and the hope of resurrection. November is a time when we especially remember, and pray for, our loved ones who have gone before us. Mass envelopes are available from the pews or the church entrance.

November is the Month of Holy Souls

At this time, we especially remember deceased relatives, friends and parishioners. Please feel free to place the names of the faithful departed in the Remembrance Books in each of our three churches. As in the past, they will then be remembered at each of our Sunday and weekday Masses throughout the month. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the back of our Churches or the pews.

First Anniversary Mass

Any parishioner who would like a First Anniversary Mass for a family member who passed away around this time last year, please phone Diana on 0402367038.

Prayer and Blessing for School Principal

Kim Hogan has been appointed new Principal at St Kevin's Primary School. There will be a Blessing and Prayer for the new Principal next Sunday 16 November at St Kevin's Church Cardiff.

Advent Books

The Promise, a beautifully presented 88-page book of daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30/11/2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11/1/2026). Each page offers insights through daily Scripture-based meditations and contemplative prayers that invite you to recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and to live in joyful anticipation of his coming. Available from the Parish Office or Sacristan. Cost is $7.50. A sample copy can be viewed via https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/The-Promise-Advent-Program-2025-SAMPLE.pdf

Calendars and Cards

Columban Calendars @ $10.00 and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards @ $7.00/packet of 10 will be available at the table outside the Kotara Church from Saturday.

St Vincent de Paul 2025 Christmas Appeal

COMING SOON Our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place across Masses at Kotara, Adamstown and Cardiff on the weekend of 22/23 November 2025. The theme of this year's appeal is the deepening cost-of-living crisis driving more and more people into poverty and disadvantage.

Donations can be made at each of the Mass centres 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. 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.

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 Abbs 0412 825 383.
Mellow Yellow Enquiries: Sharon smu93562@bigpond.net.au
Rainbow Enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.
Red Rovers. Enquiries: Maree M 0412 688 685.

Parish Assembly Prayer

All are encouraged to say the Parish Assembly prayer at the end of Mass.

Parish Repairs and Maintenance Appeal

This special Parish Appeal invites you to financially assist major 'parish repairs and maintenance'. A special envelope has been placed on the pews asking for your assistance. This appeal is not tax deductible. Thank you to those who have generously contributed.

Diocesan News

CatholicCare Christmas Hamper Drive 2025

CatholicCare Hunter-Manning is hoping to distribute festive campus this Christmas, and we need your support!

You can help by donating any of the following items - Christmas pudding/fruitcake, long life custard, fruit mince pies, shortbread/other sweet biscuits, chips, popcorn, savoury biscuits, Chocolate, lollies, sweet treats, bonbons, candy canes.

Every dollar counts and helps us and helps us keep our kitchens going. Please visit catholiccare.org.au/donate

Volunteer Christmas Party

We're delighted to invite you to a Morning Tea to celebrate the festive season and thank you for the invaluable contribution you make through volunteering. Join us on Tuesday, 25 November, 10:00AM – 12:00PM, in the Davis Courtyard, Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West NSW. Please RSVP **by 17 November**, by clicking here or scanning the QR code. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Commissioned in Hope Mass

You are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy on Christ the King Sunday and celebrate our Jubilee Year blessings with a Diocesan Mass and witness the commissioning of 100 young people for their journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. All are welcome. Don't forget to bring your Pilgrim Passport and yourselves to receive a special Jubilee year memento. Sunday 23 November, 5:00PM-6:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. Enquiries E mission@mn.catholic.org.au

Multicultural Christmas Concert

Conductors, choristers and friends are invited to participate in the 47th Multicultural Christmas Concert, to be held in Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday 7 December from 7:00PM. Please email concordianewcastle@bigpond.com or jdw43n@gmail.com to confirm attendance or you may leave a message for Joop or John on 02 4954 5227 or 0412 671 848.

Other News

Give back this Christmas

This year Mission to Seafarers is once again taking donations for Christmas gift packs. The goal is to provide every member of crew who enters Newcastle Port a care pack in the week before Christmas. This might be the only present a seafarer receives for Christmas and any donation is greatly appreciated. For more information contact our Stella Maris Catholic Chaplain from Mission & Evangelisation E mark.spencer1@mn.catholic.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need

November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through *Aid to the Church in Need* which arranges over 2 million Masses each year, supporting one in eight priests worldwide. Mass offering flyers are located at the church entrance or visit http://www.aidtochurch.org/masses or call 1800 101 201 to arrange Masses.

Red November

Based around Red Wednesday (19 November 2025), Catholics all around the world will unite to pray and stand in solidarity with the 1 in 7 Christians living in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. To learn more, visit www.rednovember.org.

Catholic Theological College

2026 Enrolments are open. Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality. View our 2026 Prospectus via https://ctc.edu.au/study/prospectus/ or contact registrar@ctc.edu.au

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Revelation 21:2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.

3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must workcarefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia.
I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf 1 Pet 2:5

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

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