



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

'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 (1 st Saturday)

Sunday Mass

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

Adoration

	5:30PM Kotara (Sundays DST)
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INFORMATION

Churches

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

Presbytery

Parish Priest	Fr Joseph Figurado
Postal Address	31 Vista Parade KOTARA NSW 2289

In case of emergency
while Fr is on leave

02 4957 5949
0409 307 993

Parish Office

Office Team	Mrs Liza Ruitenbach Ms Justine Atkinson Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
Sacramental Coordinator	Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
Street Address	230 Main Road
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Parish Website	www.allsaintsblackbutsouth.org.au

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday	9:00AM to 3:00PM
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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
Street Address	841 Hunter Street NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2300
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MASS AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

Obligatory Silence Before Mass

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.

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 not be pressured or coerced to do this if they have reasonable concerns about it.

Keeping Each Other Safe and Well

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

Bulletins

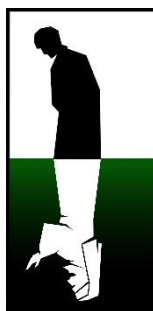
Please ensure all items for the bulletin are received at the Parish Office by noon on Tuesday. Email subject - Bulletin. **Please take your bulletin home after Mass.**

Children's Worksheets

Each weekend there will be a new Children's Liturgy worksheet made available at the Church entrance.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA



It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart. © 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: 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.

October Intention is for collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.



Thanks to your kindness, women will have the skills to provide for their families and mothers can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church Programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit <https://catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mission>.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please so do via envelopes available on the pews, free call 1800 257 296, or catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



POPE LEO'S MESSAGE ON WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

For the first time, the Holy Father has released a **video** message for the Mission Sunday appeal. Traditionally, the message is delivered by letter; this year's video is a significant moment for our missionary Church and an opportunity to reach more people, more accessibly. The full video message from Pope Leo XIV is available on YouTube channels and can be accessed via this link: [Pope Leo XIV Delivers His First Video Message for World Mission Sunday | Catholic Mission](#)

FEAST DAYS

28 Oct Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

1 Nov All Saints

2 Nov The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

First Reading: Wis 11:22 – 12:2

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

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

26 OCTOBER 2025	KOTARA 5:30PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Emma South	Ainara Alonso Mateos	Margaret Bourke
Readers	Giavanna Angeli Christine Sheppard	Paula O'Neill Dot Reynolds	Paul Gleeson Anne Lamotte
Presentation of the Gifts	Paul & Jai Dart	Gloria Ramage & Preciosa Winter	Hall Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Bernard Burgess, Janelle Oliver & Marilyn Thomson	Albert Erzetich, Vickie Pettett & Paul Smith	Mark Wilmore, Sharon Murphy & Majella Maher
2 NOVEMBER 2025	KOTARA 5:30PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Marilyn Thomson	Alice Aurisch	Elizabeth Doyle
Readers	Bernard Burgess Faye Robertson	Ainara Alonso Mateos Paul Smith	Ben Lerch Michael Deed
Presentation of the Gifts	Donna & Harper Morgan	Goodman Family	Lamotte Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Narelle Heard, Jessica Moulder & Giavanna Angeli	Stan Heaney, Narelle Smith & Preciosa Winter	Paul Gleeson, Majella Maher & Sharon Murphy

** Please note the rostered EMoHC is needed when there is a priest only. If a Deacon is present, then he is the other Eucharistic Minister.

PARISH NEWS

Fr Joseph's Annual Leave

We welcome back Fr Joseph this weekend, and we thank Fr John Tobin and Fr John Lovell for their assistance in his absence.

Parish Assembly (phase 1) and All Saints Feast Day celebration 1 November 2025.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for **Phase 1 of our All Saints Parish Assembly** and the celebration of **All Saints Feast Day** on **Saturday, 1 November at St Philip's Mass Centre Kotara**. **Fr Matthew Muller** will be joining us to facilitate meaningful discussions on **planning for the future of our parish**. These conversations are part of a broader diocesan initiative across all parishes.

The **Assembly begins at 2:30PM** with a welcoming cuppa and afternoon tea (scones will be provided - Yum !). **Mass will follow the Assembly at 5:30PM** with the **All Saints Parish Dinner Celebration at 6:30PM** in the parish hall. BBQ meat will be supplied for our dinner, but **please bring a salad OR dessert** to share and **include what you are bringing on the sign on sheet** at the back of the Church after Mass this morning / this evening. **If you wish to volunteer** on the day, please just arrive at 2:15PM and roles can be allocated then. Let's come together to **learn, listen, reflect, and celebrate** as a parish community.

RSVPs will be taken from the sign on sheets at the back of the church after Mass this weekend and next.

Please note that **Mass times will be as normal** for the Assembly weekend.

Fr Joseph Figurado PP, Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Team.

Parish Assembly Prayer

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

October the month of the Rosary

In the Catholic Church the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. **Rosary for Peace** - Everyone is welcome to join us to say the Rosary for world peace on Sundays at 5:00PM at St Philip's Kotara Church during October.

RCIA Update

This is an opportunity for anyone in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to be trained in a fresh, relationship-based approach to RCIA. Instead of formal lessons, we'll learn together how to use a simple faith formation plan process, that fosters deep, Spirit-led conversations right from the start.

Introductory Session

Tuesday 28 October 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Thursday 30 October 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Meeting point at St Philip's Kotara.

Register for one of the sessions via QR code

OR contact the Parish Office via email or phone.



Advent Books

Advent Books – The Promise - will soon be available from the Parish Office at \$7.50 per copy. Limited copies available. A sample copy can be viewed via <https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/The-Promise-Advent-Program-2025-SAMPLE.pdf>

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 A lunch at Gunyah Hotel, Monday 3 November at 12:00 noon. RSVP Kathy M 0407 489 737 by 26 October. Enquiries: Maree M 0412 688 685.

Volunteers

Volunteers are reminded to find replacements when they are not available to attend ministry on their rostered day, and then let the sacristan or coordinator know who the replacement is.

Parking Changes and Lawn Damage at Kotara

Please note **there are now "NO PARKING" signs** on Vista Pde from the church to Grayson Avenue. Fines will apply if booked.

Please also be advised that when the car park at St Philip's Church is full it is not permissible to park on any grassed areas.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CatholicCare

Bishop Michael has announced the appointment of Lisa Craven as the new Director of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.

Touching the Veil: When life brings you close to death

As we prepare to celebrate All Saints & All Souls Day, we invite you to hear the story of one person's journey "through the valley of the shadow of death" and back into the light of life.

When: 31 October, 10:00AM–11:30AM

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre – Cnr Parry & Tudor Street Newcastle West

Register now - [via form](#) or call Mary on 0409 033 449.

November Formation Film – All Saints

Join us for a film based on the true story of a salesman turned pastor, the tiny church he is ordered to shut down and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Includes morning tea, lunch and discussion.

When: 1 November, 11:00AM–1:00PM

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre – Newcastle West

Register now - [via form](#) or call Mary on 0409 033 449.

A Night with our Orthodox Brothers and Sisters

Join Mission & Evangelisation for an enriching evening of encounter and dialogue as we learn from our Orthodox brothers and sisters from the Assyrian, Ukrainian, Coptic, and Greek traditions. This is a unique opportunity to listen, learn, and celebrate traditions of spirituality that are "ancient yet ever new." Come and be inspired by a panel that explores the richness of the Christian East, as we build unity through dialogue, prayer, shared witness and synodality in action.

When: 5 November, 6:00PM-7:30PM

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre - Cnr Parry & Tudor Street Newcastle West. Register via: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/a-night-with-our-orthodox-brothers-and-sisters/>

OTHER NEWS

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.

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.

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 jd43n@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Alternatively you may leave a message for Joop or John on 02 4954 5227 or 0412 671 848.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a
poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
the just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I
have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown
of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only
to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not
a single witness to support me. Every one of them
deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it.
But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed for
all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself,
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to
us.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray,
one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you,
God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the
rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax
collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."
The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I
tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did
not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but
the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

