

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YEAR A  
12 April 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	CANCELLED
Wednesday	7:00AM Kotara
Thursday	9:30AM Cardiff
Friday	9:15AM Kotara
Saturday	9:00AM Kotara (1st Saturday)

#### Sunday Mass

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

#### Adoration

5:00PM Kotara (Sunday)

### 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)
Sacramental Coordinator	Thi Trang Le (Sr Lucie)
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

#### 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 Census Form via the Parish Office.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### A SHORT HOMILY FROM FR JOSEPH

My dear brothers and sisters,

At the close of this Easter Octave, the Church places before us the deeply human story of Thomas—a disciple who struggles, questions, and yet ultimately comes to a profound confession of faith: "My Lord and my God." In Thomas, we see ourselves. And through him, we are invited to a deeper encounter with the Risen Christ.

**1. From Doubt to Faith – A Journey We All Share.** Thomas is not a man without faith; he is a man searching for certainty. He has witnessed the suffering and death of Jesus, and like many of us, he finds it hard to believe in resurrection after experiencing pain, loss, and disappointment. His demand for proof reflects the reality of our own struggles—moments when faith feels fragile. Yet, Jesus does not reject Thomas. He meets him exactly where he is. This reminds us that doubt is not the opposite of faith; it can be the doorway to a deeper faith when we remain open to Christ.

**2. Encountering the Risen Christ – Mercy that Restores.** When Jesus appears, He does not rebuke Thomas harshly. Instead, He offers peace: "Peace be with you." He invites Thomas to touch His wounds—but interestingly, Thomas no longer needs to. The encounter itself is enough. In that moment, doubt gives way to recognition, and fear is transformed into faith. As Pope Francis reminded us, the Lord is always waiting for us with open arms. The Risen Christ comes to us not with condemnation, but with mercy—ready to restore, heal, and renew our joy.

**3. Blessed Are Those Who Believe – Our Mission Today.** Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." That is us. We are called not only to believe but also to become witnesses of that faith in a world still filled with doubt and uncertainty. Many around us struggle as Thomas did. Our task is not to judge their doubts, but to accompany them with patience, compassion, and understanding—helping them encounter Christ through our love, our witness, and our lives.

**Conclusion.** Today, we are invited to embrace the resurrection more fully by trusting even when we do not see, by opening our hearts to Christ's mercy, and by becoming instruments of faith for others. Let us bring our doubts to Jesus, allow Him to transform them, and with Thomas proclaim from the depths of our hearts: "My Lord and my God."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



### We remember in our prayers...

**Sick:** Allison Hillery, Joseph Mackenzie, Lexie Martin, Curtis Ridgeway, Jack Schofield, Cherie St Vincent, Martin Paviitt, 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:** Sr Clare McCudden RSJ.

**Anniversaries:**

*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.

### April Intention is For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## 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 Kevin's Church Cardiff at **9:30AM on Thursday 7 May 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

13 Apr Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

25 Apr ANZAC Day

14 May Saint Matthias, Apostle

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Third Sunday of Easter Year A

First: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v.11

Second: 1 Pt 1:17-21

Acclamation: See Lk 24:32

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

## 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.

## ANOINTING MASS

This year Anointing Masses will be celebrated:

St Kevin's Church Cardiff  
9:30AM Thursday 7 May 2026

St Philip's Church Kotara  
9:15AM Friday 7 August 2026

St Columba's Church Adamstown  
9:30AM Tuesday 3 November 2026

All are welcome.

## 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

12 APRIL 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Emma South	Ainara Alonso Mateos	Cathy Waugh
<b>Readers</b>	Christopher Villena   Faye Robertson	Alice Aurisch   Diana Hannigan	Ben Lerch   Sharon Murphy
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Donna & Harper Morgan	Goodman Family	Lamotte Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Bernard Burgess, Siobhan Farrell & Jessica Moulder	Albert Erzetich, Stan Heaney & Preciosa Winter	Paul Gleeson, Angela Hall & Majella Maher
19 APRIL 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Margaret Bourke	Ainara Alonso Mateos	Margaret Bourke
<b>Readers</b>	Veronica Mulroy   Majella Maher	Alice Aurisch   Diana Hannigan	Veronica Mulroy   Majella Maher
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Hall Family	Goodman Family	Hall Family
<b>** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mark Wilmore, Paul Gleeson & Elizabeth Doyle	Albert Erzetich, Stan Heaney & Preciosa Winter	Mark Wilmore, Paul Gleeson & Elizabeth Doyle

\*\* 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.

## EASTER

### Easter Thank you

A very special thank you to all our ministry volunteers who assisted over Holy Week and the Triduum, making our Liturgies very special.

### Easter Holy Water

During the Easter season, Catholics often take blessed "Easter water" from church to bless their homes, symbolizing renewal and protection. You are invited to bring a small, clean bottle, to collect some Easter Holy Water after the Easter Ceremonies. For everyone's wellbeing, kindly use the jug provided to fill your vessel.

### Easter Offering Envelopes

This collection helps support our clergy. Envelopes will be available. Thank you for your support.

### Reminder

In Australia Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

### Project Compassion Boxes

Project Compassion boxes can be returned to the church.

## PARISH NEWS

### Office Hours

Due to the current fuel shortage, the parish office will be closed on Tuesdays from 7 April until the situation improves. Parish staff will work from home on these days and contactable via email. The office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, as normal. At any time, if you have a pastoral emergency on a day when the office is closed, please contact Fr Joseph on his mobile.

### Mass Cancelled

There will be no Mass at Adamstown this Tuesday 14 April.

### Sister Clare's Funeral

Sister Clare McCudden's funeral will be held this Tuesday 14 April, 10:00AM at St Kevin's Cardiff.

### First Year Memorial Mass

Dear Friends, you are warmly invited to join me for the First Year Memorial Mass for my beloved Mum. The Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 20 April at 6:00PM at St Philip's Church Kotara. A sign-up sheet will be available to help us confirm numbers for catering purposes. There will be a light supper served after the Mass. Your presence and prayers will be deeply appreciated. *Fr Joseph*

### Musicians Reminder

Musicians are reminded to regularly send in their music selection lists to the office for parish copyright usage and parish reporting. A very special thank you to those of you who do regularly send in your lists or your reported list.

### Volunteers' Reminder

To assist the sacristans, volunteers are reminded to find replacements when they are not available to attend their ministry on their rostered day and then let the sacristan know who the replacement is. Any volunteers who have swapped, please also let the Sacristan know ahead of the Mass. Thanks for the amazing work you all do.

### 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.

### Bulletin Subscribers

Every week the bulletin and extra news flyers are emailed out to those who have subscribed. If you'd like to subscribe, please email the office with your details. If you have subscribed and are not receiving the weekly email, please let the office know, as there may be an issue with the email details which we can rectify.

### Bereavement Support Team

New members from Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara communities are invited to join. For more information contact Diana on M 0402 367 038.

### Tax Receipts

Please be reminded that due to the recent changes in the Diocesan Levies system, there is no longer any taxability offset from the Planned Giving Program for Parishes. Your commitment to your contribution is still a very important part of keeping the parish financially viable. Thank you for your past, present and future commitment. Completing and returning a White card is no longer required.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word - Helpers Needed

We're looking for kind, faith-filled adults to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Saturday 5:30PM Mass at St Phillip's Kotara. This beautiful ministry helps our children hear God's Word in a way they can understand and enjoy.

All resources are supplied — you simply bring your presence and willingness to guide children in prayer and reflection.

To learn more or express interest, please contact: Adrienne: 0431 908 505 Nicki: 0417 773 444.

Let's nurture the faith of our youngest parishioners — together.

### 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** Our Rainbow family group is having a gathering at Charlestown Bowling Club on Sunday 12 April at 11:00AM for barefoot bowls and lunch. RSVP Susan L 0415 041 524. General enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.

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

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Retirement of Liz Doyle from the Diocese

As her final working day approaches, we look forward to recognising and giving thanks for Elizabeth's exceptional service, and to honouring the many ways she has enriched our diocesan community. Please find the details for this occasion below:

When: Friday 1 May 2026, 9:30AM Mass

Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

Following Mass, attendees are invited to gather in the Southern Cross Hall for a celebration honouring Elizabeth's 33 years of service. Morning Tea will then be served to conclude the event.

RSVP by 24 April, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-elizabeth-liz-doyles-years-of-service-and-retirement-tickets-1985694854764?aff=oddtcreator>

### Bishop's Easter Message

Our Bishop's Easter message can be viewed via <https://mn.catholic.org.au/easter-maitland-newcastle/>

### Alive Youth

Come along to the launch of our new Diocesan Youth Ministry, ALIVE! All welcome!



Featuring:

- Dynamic & exciting program designed for young people
- Getting excited about upcoming events for young people in the Diocese
- Praise & worship with an acclaimed team of worship leaders ft. Louisa Daniels
- Opportunity for encounter, worship & being called on into faith
- Making friendships with other young people from far and wide!

When: Sunday 24 May 2026, 2:00PM – 5:00PM

Where: The Factory Theatre @ Trinity College – Park Avenue Adamstown

Join the waitlist via [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au) to be the first to receive registration details! We can't wait to see you there!

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

#### (R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

He was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory

in the tents of the just.

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

### Second Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

#### A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of

trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

