

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A
19 April 2026

Faith Communities
of Adamstown
Cardiff and Kotara



"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
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

Sunday	9:30AM Cardiff
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Adoration	5:00PM Kotara (Sunday)
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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
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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

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Bishop	Bishop Michael Kennedy
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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

Homily – 3rd Sunday of Easter (Luke 24:13-35)

The journey to Emmaus is our journey. Like the two disciples, we walk with questions, disappointments, and sometimes a fading hope. Yet the Risen Lord comes quietly, walks beside us, and reveals himself—especially in the breaking of the bread.

1. Jesus walks with us even when we do not recognise Him

Cleopas and his companion were speaking about Jesus, yet they did not see Him standing among them. Their sorrow blurred their vision. This happens to us too. In moments of confusion, loss, or routine, Christ is present—but unrecognised. The Gospel reminds us: even when we feel alone, we are never abandoned. Christ walks with us.

2. Our hearts are opened through the Word and presence of Christ

As Jesus explained the Scriptures, their hearts began to burn within them. Before their eyes were opened, their hearts were touched. Faith often begins this way—not with clarity, but with a stirring within. When we listen deeply to the Word of God, something changes in us. Christ prepares our hearts before He reveals Himself.

3. We recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread

It was at the table, in the breaking of the bread, that their eyes were opened. A simple act—but filled with divine meaning. They had forgotten what Jesus taught at the Last Supper, yet He gently reminded them through this action.

Bread is essential for life; it sustains the body. But the Eucharistic Bread sustains the soul. In the Eucharist, we do not just remember Jesus—we encounter Him. The breaking of the bread is not only a sign of unity, friendship, and sharing; it is the living presence of Christ among us.

Conclusion

Like the disciples, we are invited to move from confusion to clarity, from sadness to mission. Once they recognised Him, they immediately returned to share the Good News.

May we too recognise Christ—in our journey, in His Word, and above all, in the breaking of the bread—and become witnesses of His living presence in the world.

PRAYER INTENTIONS



We remember in our prayers...

Sick: Allison Hillery, Joseph Mackenzie, 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, John Trinh.

(Once the person is no longer in need of prayer, kindly inform the Parish Office).

Recently Deceased: Leon Zozworek

Anniversaries: Pope Francis

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

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 4th 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.

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

25 Apr ANZAC Day
29 Apr Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
1 May Saint Joseph the Worker
14 May Saint Matthias, Apostle

PNEXT 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 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

19 APRIL 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Margaret Bourke	Ainara Alonso Mateos	Margaret Bourke
Readers	Veronica Mulroy Majella Maher	Alice Aurisch Diana Hannigan	Veronica Mulroy Majella Maher
Presentation of the Gifts	Hall Family	Goodman Family	Hall Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Mark Wilmore, Paul Gleeson & Elizabeth Doyle	Albert Erzetich, Stan Heaney & Preciosa Winter	Mark Wilmore, Paul Gleeson & Elizabeth Doyle
26 APRIL 2026	KOTARA 5:00PM	ADAMSTOWN 8:00AM	CARDIFF 9:30AM
Commentator	Rachael Lakin	Barry Bourke	Elizabeth Doyle
Readers	Louise Byron Christine Sheppard	Stan Heaney Alice Aurisch	Cathy Waugh Veronica Mulroy
Presentation of the Gifts	Dever Family	Langworthy Family	Maher Family
** Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	Marilyn Thomson, Jessica Moulder & Janelle Oliver	Vickie Pettett, Narelle Smith & Albert Erzetich	Sharon Murphy, Majella Maher & Mark Wilmore

** 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 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 is currently closed on Tuesdays 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.

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*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 General enquiries: Christine M 0403 696 944 or Kerina M 0409 448 255.

Red Rovers Enquiries: Maree M 0412 688 685.

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.

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>

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!

Sunday 24 May, 2:00PM – 5:00PM at The Factory Theatre, Trinity College – Park Avenue Adamstown

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

OTHER NEWS

Ignite Conference 26

This is an event of Ignite Youth, a national Catholic youth ministry that springs out of the Emmanuel Community, Brisbane. Hosted in July in Broken Bay NSW and September in Brisbane, Ignite Conference 2026 will be a powerful encounter with God and His Church, an experience of ascending together. Over four days, encounter the young Church alive in vibrant music, speakers, dance, media, sacraments, workshops, and worship. Check us out at W igniteyouth.com, E hello@igniteyouth.com. Come and be part of this movement. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our Church, our nations, and our hearts — so that together, we may ASCEND in faith, in unity, and in the mission God has set before us. Sydney - Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct Waitara 9-12 July <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be

scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.