

28th February 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Columba's Adamstown

St Kevin's Cardiff

St James' Kotara

PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragul

Links are on our Website

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH
Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara



**YEAR of
SAINT JOSEPH**

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Kotara 5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown 8.00am;

Sunday Cardiff 9.30am

Holy Hour of Adoration Sunday 6.30-7.15pm at Kotara

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday 7.00am Kotara; 9.30am Adamstown;

Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara

Dear Parishioners, Principals, APs, RECs, Teachers and Parents
Greetings,

I understand the reality that we are living a "rollercoaster" life, especially at the beginning of the school year!! The most popular word, after COVID-19 I heard the word "Busy". In this "busy" running there is Lent, Synod, parish life, family life, school life, activities, meetings, zoom, Vaccine and scheduled pattern of life, exercise, etc.!!

I need extra set of wheels fitted under my feet!! My past week was a sensational Marathon!! So, think of this as a prelude!! Now the main Trailer! I kindly request all our parishioners, parents and school communities to become aware of our Parish's Synodal Process. Feel free to join our zoom and direct preparatory sessions hosted by our parish Synod representatives and come forward to take part in these sessions.

Further, on March 19, The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of Mary, would be celebrated as an essential Solemnity in this YEAR OF ST JOSEPH. As I have already indicated, the weekend Masses 21/03/2021 would be marked as Parish Joint Celebrations of St Joseph's Day, St Patrick's Day and Family Day.

Given these above festivities there will be an ART competition from 2.00pm to 5.00 pm at Kotara. We are inviting all our art teachers and previous art competition groups to come along and help in this endeavour. Gifts and Certificates from the parish will be announced in following bulletins

Fr Joseph Figurado

This week through Project Compassion we learn about 39-year-old Margret, a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Around 60% of people in rural areas in the Solomon Islands don't have access to piped water, while about 80% don't have access to latrines or toilets. (UNICEF, 2019)

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



Parish News

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS: *We remember in prayer ...*

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, Margaret McLellan, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Emilinda Peralta, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Dean Hart, Barry Moore, Leigh Hooper, Chris Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Joseph Cuschieri, Geoffrey Caruana, Nance Schreiber, Maria Richardson, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison

And for all those who have been affected by COVID-19 and the frontline and medical staff that are caring for them.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Camillieri, Robert Bartholomew, Ian Barton, Julia Hope (daughter of Wendy Day)

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>28/02/2021</u>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A
<u>07/03/2021</u>	Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill, Francene Goodman	Sharon Murphy	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Fridays of Lent 6.30pm

05 March St Kevin's Cardiff

12 March St Philip's Kotara

19 March St Columba's

Adamstown

26 March St Kevin's Cardiff

After Weekday Masses

Kotara - Tuesday

Adamstown—Wednesday

Cardiff—Thursday

All in the parish are invited to come and walk the way of the Cross—make your Lent meaningful.



Upcoming Feastdays all are invited to celebrate on the day of these solemnities -



March 17—St Patrick Bishop

Mass 7am Kotara

Mass 9.30am Adamstown



March 19—St Joseph Spouse

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday Mass 9.15 Kotara

We invite our Sisters of St Joseph, Retired Clergy and all our religious communities to have dedicated their life in service to us all to celebrate with us.

Our Synod delegates have been asked to facilitate a series of contemplative dialogue sessions during Lent. Please feel free to join any session

Follow this link to see resources available for each week <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/building-the-kingdom/>

Zoom Meeting

Group meeting online hosted by Adam Frost every **Wednesday evening for 5 weeks from 24th Feb until Wednesday 24th March from 7.30pm (until 9pm if not concluded earlier).**

To accept the meeting invitation please click on the link and type in the password. The meeting will open a few minutes prior to 7.30pm to give time to meet and greet. Feel free to have nibbles, cuppa etc. on hand if you wish.

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/91589489350>

Password: Allsaints

Lenten Group Reflection

Are you interested in participating in a weekly Lenten Reflection group, with discussions contributing to the upcoming Synod? Please contact:

⇒ Therese Nolan M:0408 676 807 or therese.nolan@mn.catholic.edu.au

⇒ Kim Hogan M:0417 752 497 or kim.hogan@mn.catholic.edu.au

⇒ Giavanna Angeli Sunday evenings 6pm at Kotara Church before Adoration M: 0425 262 784 or giavanna.angeli@outlook.com

Our Parish Notices

COMBINED

Fr Joseph has commenced a Theology Course with BBI – The Australian Institute of Theological Education to immerse him on the “Aussie Style Learning” and would like to have Fridays as a quiet “Assignment and Homework Day”. For emergencies you may still contact him.

Changes to Parish Office Hours - effective this week the Parish Office will be open on **Wednesdays & Thursdays only** until after Easter. Louise will be on leave.

Effective Immediately Registration for Mass and other events at our parish sites will be via the **Service NSW QR code** on arrival.

Holy Hour of Adoration with Music, Meditation, Exposition and Benediction from 6.30 - 7.15pm each Sunday at St Philip's Kotara. All are welcome.

Christian Meditation - Meditation will not instantly solve all problems. But it changes how we view and deal with the challenges we face. It helps us to “set our troubled mind at rest” and to find the authentic, interior peace that stabilises us when we are in turmoil. It is a way of silent prayer. The Meditation Group will recommence at St Philip's Church on Tuesday March 2nd at 6.00pm. Contact: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808

ADAMSTOWN

Counting Teams of 2 people are urgently needed to assist with counting immediately after the 8.00am Mass on Sundays. This task takes approximately 20 - 30 minutes to complete. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

KOTARA

The St Philip's and St Columba's Bereavement Support Group meets this Tuesday 2nd February at 6.00pm in the Kotara Church Hall.

CARDIFF

Convent/Cottage internal doors are to remain unlocked at all times except during Parish Office hours. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer - This year's service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu with the theme “Build on a strong foundation”. St Kevin's is the host church in Cardiff this year

and you are invited to join us as we pray for the people of Vanuatu. The service is on Friday 5th March at 10.30am. All welcome

The need is acute! Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now.

Visit palms.org.au, call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

DIOCESAN NOTICES: See Noticeboards

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally.

Parish COVID-19 Safety Plan Requirements

Thank you for your continuing efforts to help us support and protect our fellow parishioners and visitors during this pandemic. It is important we remain vigilant. The Parish COVID-19 Safety Plans continue to be updated as we receive advice from the NSW Government and Bishop's Office. These are available for your information and review at each Mass Centre.

Please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure you stay home if you are not feeling well.

The capacity limits of our churches have now changed due to the 2 square metre rule : Adamstown & Kotara - 100 each and Cardiff - 84. This includes funerals.

Effective immediately, registration for Mass and all other liturgies will be via the **Service NSW QR code on arrival**. We ask parishioners with phones to assist others who may not have a phone to register. Capacity will be subject to the limits outlined above.

The previous arrangements concerning a 'discrete' group (e.g. a family, a household etc.) **have been discontinued. The contact details of all persons entering a church building or attending a religious service must be collected** (this includes anyone assisting with the liturgy including sacristans, lectors etc.)

Sanitisation is required before entering the church. Please maintain required social distancing and refrain from gathering before/after any liturgy.

Parishioners are asked to ensure doors and windows are open and fans on to increase natural ventilation.

Everyone is encouraged to download and to continue to keep the COVIDSafe App active.

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First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

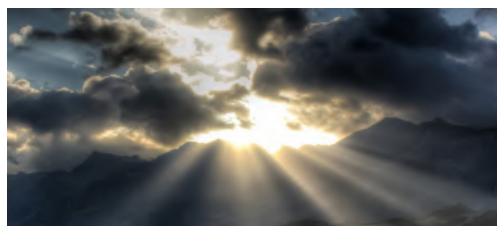
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



Confiteor

I Confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned. In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do.

Through my fault, through my fault Through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask, the blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the angels and saints and you, my brothers and sisters; to pray for me, to the Lord our God.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,

GOSPEL FOCUS

A new vision

Part of Peter's mistake is to see the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.