

7th March 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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Wednesday & Thursday (ONLY)

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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](#)



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

Appointment to the Ecclesiastical Office of Parish Priest of Blackbutt South (All Saints)

Fr Joseph Figurado was installed as our Parish Administrator on 29th February last year by Bishop Bill Wright for a 12 month period. He has now been appointed as Parish Priest for a period of six years from 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2027 by the Decree of the Vicar General of Maitland-Newcastle.



We congratulate him on this appointment and offer our prayers and support...

"Service flows from prayer. We are only able to serve others to the degree that we are connected to Jesus, according to the grace we have received. We cannot hope to help other apart from Jesus. Sometimes, we may feel far from Jesus, but this should not be an obstacle. At these times we can turn to Him with humility and do the humble work."

Mother Theresa.

Dear Parishioners—Greetings in the Lord,

The above is the answer for many queries which you have been asking! I'm really humbled and honoured to receive this "Service Title" Parish Priest. As I began before 12 Months ago with this "A humble Service with a Smile". As you all know, Our Parish is our Family, Let us try to create a Family of God for the service of others. Let us try this together, in the presence of God we are children of His.

All Praise and thanks to God, With Prayers and Love in the Lord,

Fr Joseph Figurado PP.

We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Oliva, a 22-year-old woman from Tanzania. She did not have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. As an adult, her business was losing money because she couldn't add up her money and give the right change to customers.

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes are growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

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, Stanislawa 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: Joseph Elias, Daphne Hawkins Ellery, Paul Finnimore

ANNIVERSARIES: Jane Levey, Isobelle Woodland, Kathleen Hack

BAPTISM: Paislee Webb

COUNTING	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
<u>07/03/2021</u>	Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill, Francene Goodman	Sharon & Andrew Murphy	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie
<u>11/04/2021</u>	Dot Reynolds, Lynn Johns	N/A	N/A

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Fridays of Lent 6.30pm

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.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Remembering Holy Saturday

This retreat will be made available during the Holy Week. It explores the mystery of Holy Saturday, on what it means to live in "in-

between" times, liminal times. There will be video talk everyday starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This retreat will be given by an oblate of Jamberoo Abbey, Rev Catherine Eaton.

For more information, go to our website: <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/holy-week-retreat/>

Diocesan Notices: See our noticeboards for further information. Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnews.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 Ex 20:1-17 (or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!***

***God loved the world so much, he gave us
his only Son,***

***that all who believe in him might have
eternal life.***

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!***

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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,
and life everlasting. Amen.

