

9th May 2021
6th Sunday Easter - Year B

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

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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

Sunday Adoration Kotara 5.30pm (during Winter)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown; Wednesday 7.00am Kotara

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Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara;

1st Saturday of Month 9.15am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day! To all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and any women who embody motherly attributes, all our Religious Sisters, single parents' etc, thank you for who you are and all you do for us. You make the world a joyful, loving place, even amidst this pandemic, your love and dedication truly commendable. You bring God alive! Let's celebrate motherhood

During little sufferings pray by making the invocation, "Mary!" and tell her you want it all to serve whatever intentions are most acceptable to her. Thus you put your sufferings like a chisel in the hands of a master sculptor. – St. Maximilan Kolbe

Mother Mary gave Birth to a loving Saviour and Redeemer, as Catholics to make Jesus Christ incarnate in our lives, by our faith, good actions, and wisdom, we are also called to make the Blessed Mother present. Mary can be alive in each of us. We see these particularly in mothers. Mary is present in mothers.

I'm sure Jesus tripped and hurt himself as an infant. Mary tended to him. She showed compassion and helped him heal. She was also by his side as he carried the cross through Jerusalem. Mothers, likewise, take care of their children; helping them heal and comforting them when hurt.

Mary receives credit for Jesus' first miracle—the Wedding Feast of Cana. She indicated to her son that they had run out of wine, and so our Lord responded. She "drew out" of Jesus his true self. She inspired him to perform a divine action. Our mothers likewise inspire and compel us to good actions that make us the best version of ourselves.

For me, as I have already shared with some in our Parish, I'm my Mum's Boy; truly I'm going to miss her on this Mother's Day!! She was a driving Force in my life and unfailing Air Under my wings, who taught me to face challenges and defeats. She shaped me a Man!! I'm proud of my Mum, as she celebrated her birthday yesterday. I feel the same of each and every Mum in the world

Be assured of my prayers for all of you and I shall remember and pray for all on Sunday during my Holy Eucharist.

With sincere Thanks to Motherhood,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Figurado



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, Chris Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Nance Schreiber, Maria Richardson, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison, Rocco Laudadio, Baby Milo, Carmel Allan

RECENTLY DECEASED: George D'Heureux (brother of Shirley Bennett), Fay Mohr, Clair Smith
ANNIVERSARIES: Irene McDowell, Laurie Robertson

9/05/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Elizabeth Doyle	Christine Sheppard
Reader	Stan Heaney Christine Williams	Cathy Waugh Mary-Anne Jennings	Wayne Caruana Susanna Caruana
16/05/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Counters	Kathy Kelly Paula O'Neill Francine Goodman	Mary Nixon Michael Perkins	John Bourke Mark Noonan Val Menzies
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Kay Imrie	Bruce Foate
Reader	Sr Margaret Sinclair Basia Wedesweiler	Anne Lamotte Sharon Murphy	Wendy Hopkins Peter Cunningham

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The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

THE MONTH OF MAY is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.



You are encouraged to pray the rosary with your families and children.

Our Parish Notices

Catholic Schools across Maitland-Newcastle celebrated **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021** from May 3 – 9.

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for Catholic schools to showcase what they do best – high quality learning and teaching within a caring and supportive Catholic community.

This year the theme is Faith in the future which has a strong focus on strengthening relationships between students and their Catholic faith by ensuring that all students - with support from family, teachers and parish communities - have every opportunity of realising their future potential.

Enrolments are now open for 2022—please contact your School Office for details.

**THANK
YOU**



Project Compassion: Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. Your generosity will work for the freedom of those living in poverty, challenge unjust structures, and empower people to work for a sustainable

way of life. To date we received **\$3338.40**. If you have any boxes at home, please return them as soon as possible.

Please wait to clean the pews/seating until Mass has finished with singing of the last hymn, recessional procession and exit of presiding priest. A sign of respect to wait until Mass officially is ended.

Fr Joseph

Parish Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday, 11 May, 4.00pm at Kotara.

National Volunteers Week 17 – 23 May: to recognise our volunteers, a Movie Night will be held on Thursday, 20 May, 5.30pm at Event Cinemas Kotara. Please join us for this viewing of the Australian film, 'June Again'. Catering will be provided. Please RSVP by this Friday, 14 May by emailing volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1384.

St James' School Playgroup meet in the school hall every Friday from 9.00am-11.00am. For any inquiries please email stjamesplaygroupkotarasouth@hotmail.com

CARDIFF

Reading/Commentator/Counters:

New Roster has now been emailed through till 25/07/2021. Please arrange a swap if you are not available on your nominated date.

ADAMSTOWN

Adamstown Church Restoration Group is to be formed. Please give your names to Barry Bourke if you can help. Major work and restoration needs to be done and funded.

KOTARA: Reading / Commentator / Data Projector Operator / Special Minister - New Roster is now to be drawn up. Please notify if you wish to join roster or are not able to continue.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Praying the Gospels

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. Zoom link:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>

Password: pray. For more information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 4979 1370 or email tribunal@mn.catholic.org.au

Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle Councillor Nuatali Nelmes requests the company of you and your guests to attend the Annual Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

This event will be held in the The Arena Room, NEX Newcastle on Friday, 4 June 2021.

Early Bird tickets are \$39.99 (ends 10 May).

RSVP: 2 June 2021. Tickets available online.

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

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FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

SECOND READING 1 Jn 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people
of good will

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ,
Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father

You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the most high

Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father.

Amen

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.