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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 Wednesday 9.30am Adamstown; Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara; 1st Saturday of Month 9.15am Kotara

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is. moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion



that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

The Eucharist embodies everything that Jesus did for us and everything that Jesus is for us. It is the mystery of faith that gathers together Jesus's teaching, his passion, his resurrection and his pledge of eternal life to us. If we stay close to the Mass, we will never drift far from the Lord. That is exactly what Jesus intended. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross.

As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brothers and sisters. This weekend, we give thanks for this gift of Christ's body and blood. More importantly, we strive to imitate the self-giving nature of our God himself. May we grow daily into the Eucharistic Christ who reaches out to all people and who gives himself fully for the life of the world. I wish you all a Happy Feast of the Corpus Christi!

With Blessings and Prayers, 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, Stanislawa Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison, Rocco Laudadio, Baby Milo, Carmel Allan

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Paul O'Neill, Sybil James, Lourds Stephin (Seraphina) Figurado **ANNIVERSARIES:** Marion Clarke, George Clarke, Austin Basil Fernando

BAPTISMS: Lottie Wood, Caleb Bourke, Florence Crispin

06/06/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dianna Hannigan	Cathy Waugh	Giavanna Angeli
Reader	Dot Reynolds Vickie Pettett	Ben Lerch Barry Moore	Dever Family
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Helen Woodham	Sioban Farrell
Counters	Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill, Francine Goodhman	N/A	N/A
13/06/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Mary-Anne Jennings	Christine Sheppard
Reader	Louise Byron Barry Bourke	Sr Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Emma South Bella Lukaszewicz
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Len McCullum	Giavanna Angi
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Len McCullum	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies

The family, friends and nominated guests of **Fr Paul O'Neill** are invited to his Funeral Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland commencing Monday 7th June at 10am.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, entrance to the Church will be strictly limited to family, clergy and invited and nominated guests. The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed to the Therry Centre and to the churches at Beresfield, Morpeth, Campbells Hill, Rutherford and Lochinvar for parishioners who may wish to gather together to celebrate Fr Paul's life and ministry. For those who prefer not to join one of the communal gatherings, the livestream via

https://vimeo.com/557057072/d744082c16 or the link on the Fry Bros website in the funeral announcement section.

Pre-registration is required for all physical locations via the usual parish procedures.

It was Fr Paul's wish that all parishioners join together in their local venues, and homes for lunch and reminiscing after the Funeral Mass.

"Ordained to Serve God's People"
Ordination Motto

gospel focus

Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

Our Parish Notices

Planned Giving Envelopes and Tax Receipt Request Forms are available for collection from our churches this weekend.

Many parishioners will find their envelope number has changed. If you have any questions or issues collecting your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. We have endeavoured to make the envelopes available at the Mass Centre you have attended most regularly in recent months.

Tax Receipt Requests: please return your request form for a tax receipt either by email or post to Parish Office or via the collection buckets provided. All requests for a tax receipt must be lodged with the Parish Office no later than 30 June.

All parishioners are encouraged to contribute to the 1st (Clergy Fund) and 2nd (Parish Account) collections either before or after Mass using the collection boxes available in the church. Please **only use the ONE date-stamped envelope** for the 2nd collection and remember to social distance as you contribute.

Have you considered payment options for your donations by either Direct Debit or EFT? Further information is available from Fr Joseph or the Parish Office.

Parish Soup Night - Saturday 17th July 6.30pm, St Kevin's Cottage. The time of year for winter weather warmers and catch up for the parish. Have you signed up yet? Leave names and details on sheets at back of church.

Enrolments for our Catholic Schools 2022
Are now being taken. Please contact local school for further details and enrolment forms.

St James' School Playgroup meet in the school hall every Friday from 9.00am-11.00am.

stjamesplaygroupkotarasouth@hotmail.com

CARDIFF:

New Audio Visual and Television has now been installed in Cardiff Church. Thanks to Steele at Meighan's Funerals and Cardiff Bereavement Group for their generous donation.

FAMILY GROUPS

Red Rovers are lunching at Charlestown Bowling Club this Sunday 6th June at 12 midday. Contact Paula on 0411 813 101.

Greensleeves are going to the Hunter (Shortland) Wetlands for a walk and/or lunch on the 20th of June. For details contact Peter Cunningham on 49422294.

Rainbow Soup Night - Saturday, 26 June, 6.30pm in Kotara Church Hall. Contact Helen M 0491 237 283.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Marriage Week 12 - 18 September 2021 is an annual celebration, initiated in Australia in 2007, to reinforce and promote the benefits/ importance of marriage and increase awareness and value of pre-marriage and inmarriage education. Our marriages are not private matters ~~ Our children, gain emotional security and a myriad of benefits from our marriage, our love and union. Our marriages matter to our extended family. They matter to our employers. They matter to society. They are the fabric that holds families together. So, do something for your marriage in 2021, come to think of it why wait – do it now! Sign up with our Marriage Investment Bank - find out more at https://marriageweek.org.au/

National Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

Will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Register: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au See Poster on Noticeboards.

MN Youth is a new initiative that aims to offer primary aged children a vibrant and engaging space to meet one afternoon each week where they can learn and explore the concept of 'faith' through friendship, fun and food! If you feel called to explore what contemporary children's ministry might look like, we invite you to attend an information session.

Information Sessions will be on: Thursday 10 June 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom Thursday 17 June 5:00-6:00pm at the Function Room: MacKillop Catholic Parish Pastoral Centre, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mn-youth-information-sessions-tickets-156817739079

Click on the link to RSVP:

Alive in the Spirit | Conference | 8-10 July 2021 coordinated by the Lay Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA) collaborating with the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), and the Mission Planners Network Oceania (MPNO) invites people to consider the events in our world, and within our Church.

Visit the website for more information: https://pastoralministrynetwork.org/

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST — YEAR B

FIRST READING

Ex 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice. 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standingstones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins. the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

- 1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
 The cup of salvation I will raise;
 I will call on the Lord's name.
- 2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

SECOND READING

Heb 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward

lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

SEQUENCE All Say

The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed. And in the ancient paschal food. And in the manna sent from heaven. Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality: O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord:

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as

he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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.

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