

4th July 2021
14 Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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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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Friday 9.15am Kotara

This year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – Heal Country. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Today's Gospel is very fitting because Mark tells us of Jesus returning to his 'native place' – Nazareth – to a non-accepting, hostile reaction. Jesus had been welcomed and revered in other places, why is it that he is mocked and disregarded in his own home? "Is he not the carpenter?" the crowd called because they saw him as "without honour" and were unable to believe in him. He did not fit into their ideological view and thus did not deserve respect in their eyes. In Australia, our own First Nations people have suffered a similar reception to Jesus in Nazareth.

Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over millennia, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world of today. This could not be further from the truth, particularly as we become more aware of their continued care, love, and respect for 'country', grounded in a relationship with the creator that formed independently of Western influence. 2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence.

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, a respected Ngangiwumirr Elder, artist and 2021 Senior Australian of the year explains the importance of listening and understanding the silence:

"My people today, recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator."



**HEAL
COUNTRY!**
4-11 JULY 2021

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, Paula O'Neill, Fred Schinkel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Bernadette Hare, Hilary Collins

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Hart, Gordon Swadling, Jim Hipwell

04/07/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Marilyn Thomson
Reader	Volunteer Barry Bourke	Paul Gleeson Helen Woodham	Wayne Caruana Susanna Caruana
Extraordinary Minister	N/A (Due to Restrictions)	N/A (Due to Restrictions)	N/A (Due to Restrictions)
Counters	Francine Goodman, Louise Byron	N/A	N/A
11/07/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Giavanna Angeli
Reader	Vickie Pettett Dot Reynolds	Ben Lerch Sr Carmel Moore	Peter Cunningham Wendy Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister	N/A (Due to Restrictions)	N/A (Due to Restrictions)	N/A (Due to Restrictions)
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies

Living the Gospel – Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

Scriptural context – Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.



On behalf of our Mum and parishioner, Paula O'Neill, and all our family; we would like to thank all those who are praying for Mum and supporting us, in person and with prayer, following her accident on Thursday, 24 June. Thank you also to Sr Carmel Hanson & Sr Mary O'Hearn who were with Mum in the minutes and hours following the accident when we couldn't be; Bernadette Maher, Fr Joseph, the members of the St Vincent de Paul Community and all the staff who are attending to her - Louise Byron.

Our Parish Notices

COVID-19—New Restrictions

The sudden tightening of COVID-19 restrictions has been the cause of significant anxiety and uncertainty since the announcement on Saturday 26 June 2021. The timing of the announcement – mid afternoon to take effect early evening of the same day – did not help the situation. There presence of such uncertainty and anxiety is unsettling for a great many people, including some of our parishioners.

This is completely understandable given the prevailing belief that the worst was behind us, and we could look forward to brighter days in the foreseeable future. It is a complete shock to be cast back into tighter restrictions and a wider prevalence of reported cases, even if none have been identified locally so far.

NEW RESTRICTIONS

Clause 11(1) has reintroduced the '4 square metre rule' for calculating the capacity of our church buildings. The number of persons in the church at any one time is the **greater** of 25 persons or 1 person per 4 square metres. (*Adamstown 60; Kotara 60; Cardiff 42*)

Clause 14(1) prohibits singing in our churches. This applies to congregational singing, singing by a choir, or singing by an individual.

Clause 17(1)(a) mandates the wearing of a face mask in indoor areas of non-residential premises, including our churches. This a **legal requirement** that must be always complied with.

Thank you to all who have been so adaptable to the changing circumstances we find ourselves in, and for all the efforts that will continue during the current tightening of restrictions.

Bookings for Sunday Masses are not being taken and entry will be on a first come basis. QR Code on Entry is required.

Parish Soup Lunch - Sunday 18th July St Kevin's Cottage Cardiff 12 noon.

Stay after 9.30am Mass for pre-lunch morning tea social which will then be followed by Soup Lunch Or might like to join us for lunch at noon. New sign up sheets at back of church.

We wish to remind all planned giving envelope holders to use the envelope for the nominated weekend only. **Please check the date of your envelope matches the relevant Sunday.** Any old or missed envelopes should be disposed of. Thank you.

Note from Fr Joseph—Please consider giving electronically to support our Churches. Our expenses and maintenance are still ongoing BUT the usual money flow has drastically dropped during COVID-19

St Columba's/St Philip's Bereavement Support Group our next meeting is this Tuesday 6th July at 6pm at Kotara. New members welcome!!

St James School—is undergoing asbestos remedial removal during school holidays

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

We regret to announce that we have had to postpone our **NAIDOC** service planned for Sunday 4th July. We hope to reschedule the NAIDOC service for September.

The Diocesan Liturgy Council is seeking new membership in two areas – the Council itself as well as the establishment of a Working Party with a focus on issues of modern slavery. If you or someone you know has the passion, experience and time to nurture the rich liturgical life of our local Church please consider this invitation. For all information including Expression of Interest form/s go to <https://mnnews.today/liturgy-matters> Submissions close Sunday 18 July.

See Noticeboards or : www.mn.catholic.org.au for more information on the following events:

1. Livestream Mass each Sunday 9.30am
2. Praying the Gospels
3. The Good Oil 2021 Writers Awards
4. Tribunal of the Catholic Church
5. Finding God in Australia / Retreat
6. Alive in the Spirit / Conference / 8-10 July
7. Office of Safeguarding Course : Safeguarding in Parishes
8. Alpha Online

SVdP Winter Appeal – 4th July

If you are in a position to make a contribution to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, please do so via one of the following options.

- phoning 131812
- going to the website www.vinnies.org.au
- using the envelopes at the entrances of our churches at Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara give directly to the SVdP representative at the rear of the church as you leave after Mass

Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you for your donation and prayers.



Vinnies
good works

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR B

FIRST READING Ez 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2 *Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING 2 Cor 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I

go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Lk 4:18 Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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.