

18th July 2021
16 Sunday Ordinary Time Yr 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

Wednesday 9.30am Adamstown; Thursday Cardiff 9.30am;

Friday 9.15am Kotara, 1st Saturday 9.30am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

Uncertainty of the duration of Mask and restriction continues!! what a shock!! and what chaos!! But as Parish faith Family, we can soar in the wings of prayers with our Faith in Jesus. My heart goes with all our parishioners who cannot attend Mass during this time, and we remember you all in our Sunday Mass.

I want to dedicate this prayer for all of you:

Loving Jesus,

Help us to focus on what we have in this Pandemic,

not on what is removed or changed or lost,

Strengthen us when we feel discouraged and overwhelmed, embrace us and meet us so that we know your loving presence within us and among us.

Lord, amidst this unforeseen situation, walk with us as we try to bring your love and carry your light to our fellow brothers and sisters who are discouraged by this present situation; touch them, Lord and strengthen them. Amen

With Prayers and love in the Lord, Fr Joseph Figurado

Have you thought? Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

Historical Context – Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.

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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, Paula O'Neill, Fred Schinkel, Ren'nee Dodge, Sharyn Trappel

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beryl Hanson, Ellen Simson

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Sheppard, Jozef Florek, Peter Hannigan, Kevin Seymour

BAPTISMS: Ava Bisegna

18/07/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	Sr Carmel Moore	Christine Sheppard
Reader	Paul Smith Louise Byron	Michael Deed Majella Maher	Giavanna Angeli Bruce Foat
Extraordinary Minister	Vickie Pettett	Paul Gleeson	Jessica Moulder
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	N/A	N/A
25/07/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Margaret Bourke	Patrick Farrell
Reader	Christine Williams Volunteer	Sr Clare McCudden Anne Lamotte	Faye Robertson Christine Sheppard
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Elizabeth Doyle	Gerard Mowbray
Counters	Kath Kelly, Francene Goodman	Len McCullum	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

The journey of holiness into ever fuller communion of life with God and others is impossible without growth in the practices of the spiritual life, of attentive awareness, inner stillness, active listening, reflective reading and discerning action. The 'prayer of the heart' enables the life of the beatitudes to grow interiorly and to shape our relationships with others. Many non-Aboriginal Catholics have been enriched spiritually by learning about the Indigenous understanding of *dadirri*: Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait. We do not try to hurry things up. We let them follow their natural course—like the seasons. We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. His time is the right time. We wait for him to make his Word clear to us. We don't worry.

While she did not have a great understanding of all events, or of how God was working in and through her, Mary treasured these experiences and pondered them in her heart seeking to comprehend their meaning. Mary's humility, her quiet yet thoughtful guidance and her faithful endurance are qualities we can learn to imitate; they are hallmarks of faithful discipleship

FAN THE FLAME TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE OCTOBER 2021

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'
Mark 6:30-34

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Roes Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri>.)



Our Parish Notices

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

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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.

Capacity of our Churches

- ⇒ Adamstown 60
- ⇒ Kotara 60
- ⇒ Cardiff 42

Parish Office restricted access for visitors:

Please contact us via phone 4954 0977 or email asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au during normal office hours. Louise will be unavailable this Monday, 19 July from 12 noon.

For any emergencies contact Fr Joseph on 0438 769 992

Parish Soup Lunch to be held this Sunday - **CANCELLED** due to COVID Restrictions

URGENT - Counting Teams of at least two people are urgently needed to assist with counting at St Columba's, Adamstown following the recent forced retirement of two counters. Teams are also needed at Kotara and Cardiff but the need is most pressing at Adamstown where this is a weekly task and we now only have two teams. If you can help, please call the Parish Office this week.

New Mass Ministry Rosters for the period 1 August - 24 October will be drawn up soon. If you would like to join a Mass ministry or change your existing commitment, please contact the Parish Office no later than this Monday, 19 July.

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.

LOST KEYS : Have you seen/found a set of keys in Adamstown Church? If so please contact Parish Office.

The foyer Library inside St Columba's Church at Adamstown has numerous new recent additions. Please peruse the available books and take some home for your spiritual development. Reading the lives of the saints is particularly recommended as their complete devotion to the Faith is motivating to all parishioners. There are some free Bibles as well so please do make use of them.

FAMILY GROUPS:

Rainbow are having a BBQ at Blackbutt (Carnley Ave) entry 11.30am on this Sunday, 18 July. BYO everything. Contact Kerina for more information.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Dying To Know Day is about creating space for death; to prepare for, and deal with, end-of-life matters. Newcastle Event is Sunday 8 August 2021. A variety of speakers and exhibitors including Good Grief and Seasons for Growth loss and grief representatives will be available from 10 am to 4 pm at The Belford Function Centre, 35 Belford St Broadmeadow. Gold coin entry. Coffee, tea, snacks available. Enquiries 0411 165 914.

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

1. Livestream Mass each Sunday 9.30am
2. Voice Treaty Truth Forum 18 July 2021
3. Liturgical Opportunities
4. aMeN CaMiNo 2022 Information Session
5. Praying the Gospels
6. The Good Oil 2021 Writers Award
7. Tribunal of the Catholic Church
8. Finding God in Australia / Retreat
9. Office of Safeguarding Course: Safeguarding in Parishes
10. Alpha Online
11. Sacred Stories—Sacred Spaces
12. Social Justice Art Exhibition
13. Dying to know Day

SmartLoving Fertility An online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From 16 July - 31 August you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR B

FIRST READING Jer 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v.2

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

SECOND READING Eph 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



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.