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Saint Mary of the Cross

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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St Columba's Adamstown

St Kevin's Cardiff

St James' Kotara

PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragul

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ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH
Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara



SUNDAY MASSES (Cancelled UFN)

Saturday Vigil Kotara 5.30pm; Sunday Adamstown 8.00am;

Sunday Cardiff 9.30am; Kotara 4.30pm

Sunday Adoration Kotara 5.30pm (during Winter)

WEEKDAY MASSES (Cancelled UFN)

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

Reflection

As an aid to some reflections on Mary MacKillop and her impact through the religious orders she was instrumental in founding, here is some material from the writings of Sr Pauline Wicks rsj.

...A close study of the foundational materials from Mary MacKillop and the emerging order indicate that the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart were to 'labour for their own sanctification' through Catholic education of the poor and, where necessary, minister in other institutions for the poor. This was a response to the social and religious conditions of the colonies of Australia, and was to 'counteract' the emerging secular education system.

St Joseph was designated patron of the congregation and the sisters' educational model. As such, the sisters were to imitate his virtues. Small communities emerged in outlying areas of the colonies where the sisters were often the only Catholic presence. Community, prayer and teaching were an integral part of their lives that were to mirror the lives of the people amongst whom they lived. Central Government of the Institute facilitated unity of vision, formation and educational practices. It enabled a flexibility to meet needs of the congregation, and respond to requests from bishops to establish schools.

All members of the Congregation were to be equal and there were to be no distinctions in their service of education or other works. A missionary spirit of poverty and dependence on Divine Providence was fundamental. Prayer, religious exercises and fasts were modified to be in keeping with the life and mission of the sisters.

Some context on Mary's work

Her combination of care of the poor in faith and secular education: Australia [in the nineteenth century] is in every sense a dangerous place for Catholics. The Governments' aim, at strict secular schools and institutions for the poor, especially for the children of the poor, the writer of this has had too many sad opportunities of seeing how these latter are often torn away from the true Faith.

Her design of a way of religious life aimed at mission to teach the poor: [the mission] is to provide for souls in so much danger that their Rule permits an addition to their first duty of teaching, to open house for the souls of the afflicted, of the erring, and poor abandoned children. The Rule permits, nay recommends such undertakings, but only ... where there are not other Religious whose first duty is to attend to such works of mercy. Mary Mackillop held that: "[the Sisters] cannot undertake more than the cause of the poor".

This material is taken from Pauline Wicks, "A Critical Examination of the Theology of Mission of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart", Doctor of Ministry thesis, Sydney College of Divinity, 2018. <https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/pastoral-liturgy/vol51/iss3/18>

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, Maria Richardson, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison, Paula O'Neill, Ren'nee Dodge, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Doug Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Therese O'Neill, Patrick Ledden, John Honnery, Nancy Hopkins

08/08/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
15/08/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Dot Reynolds Basia Wedesweiler	Elizabeth Doyle Helen Woodham	Bella Lukaswecz Jessica Moulder
Extraordinary Minister	Narelle Smith	Helen Woodham	Marilyn Thomson
Counters	Francine Goodman Susan Lane	N/A	N/A

FAN THE FLAME TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE

Plenary Document Reflection

Instrumentum Laboris

77. Jesus Christ, who is himself the Good News (euangélion) and the “greatest Evangeliser”,⁴³ draws into his mission all those who respond in faith to his Gospel and its proclamation of the presence of the kingdom or reign of God within creation. “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:15). This conversion of disciples’ lives toward the person of Christ and the ways of his Gospel becomes a joyful witness that continues Jesus’ proclamation of the Good News. “For the Church, evangelising means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new”.⁴⁴

78. Impelled by the Holy Spirit, Jesus manifested the kingdom of God in his ministry and teaching

and in his formation of a community of disciples to share in his mission.

At the centre of Jesus’ mission and identity is the great commandment of love of God and love of neighbour (Mark 12:28-31), which Jesus learned from his people’s scriptures and redefined in terms of his own person and ministry: “This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12).⁴⁵

83. As the sacrament of communion, the Church stands in relationship with all cultures and peoples, and with the entire universe. The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God’s kingdom.

⁴³ Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, Apostolic Exhortation (1975), n. 7.

⁴⁴ Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, n. 18-19.

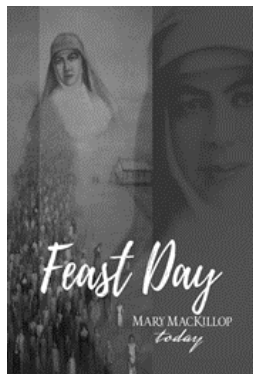
⁴⁵ John Paul II, *Redemptor Missio*, Encyclical Letter (1990), n. 14-15.

⁴⁶ Vatican Council II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, (4 December 1963), n. 2.



Our Parish Notices

From Fr Joseph - CANCELLED until further notice. With restricted numbers allowed at our Churches there will be an additional Mass at Kotara on **Sundays at 4.30pm** during this COVID-19 restricted period. First come first served 60 seat capacity.



In the spirit of
Mary MacKillop,
we invite you to bring life
to

*“the poorest and most
neglected parts of
God’s vineyard.”*

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To my Parish Family,

*“I thank my God each time I think of you,
and I when I pray for you, I pray with joy”*

I am humbled by your words, expressions
of thanks and good wishes on my
retirement from the Parish Office. Thank
you for the flowers and cards (which have
brought me to tears). This has been a
difficult decision to make but the time has
come for me to
step down from
the

administrative
side of the
Parish. It has
been a privilege
and grace to
work with many
wonderful priests
and parish staff
but mostly for

you my Parish Community and friends.

Fr Joseph my prayers are with you as you
continue to minister to your flock.

With Love and Prayers - Anna



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 restrictions.

**All Masses have now been cancelled
pending further announcements from NSW
Government. Please stay home and stay
safe. Fr Joseph is going to try and arrange
Mass via Zoom.**

Changes at the Parish Office: Louise will be
working from home this week due the Hunter
Area lockdown.

Anna is now on Long Service Leave until her
retirement in January 2022. As a result, the
Parish Office hours will be Monday to
Wednesday, 9.00am to 3.00pm and **alternate**
Thursdays (closed 12 noon to 1.00pm). Please
contact us via phone 4954 0977 or email
asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au during office
hours. In an emergency, please contact Fr
Joseph on 0438 769 992.

Parish Finance Committee has been
postponed indefinitely.



*We greeted Anna in her home last week.
Happy Retirement!*

Fr Joseph

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

See Noticeboards or : www.mn.catholic.org.au

1. Livestream Mass each Sunday 9.30am
2. Tribunal of the Catholic Church
3. Office of Safeguarding Course:
Safeguarding in Parishes
4. Sacred Stories—Sacred Spaces

Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin

FIRST READING 1 Kgs 17:7-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:1-8

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And

may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples:
I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!
Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?
Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?
And why worry about clothing?
Think of the flowers growing in the fields;
they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that
not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.
Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field
which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,
will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?
So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"
It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.
Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.
Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice,
and all these other things will be given you as well.
So do not worry

about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.



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.