

15th August 2021
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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 (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

Mother Mary is Our Mother of Simplicity and Humility

Dear Parishioners,

What a week, I hope all of you are keeping fine and doing well in this unprecedented lockdown. I continue to pray for all of you, especially our frontline workers, and others who help look after our welfare during this challenging period.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. Let us meditate on the following points this week:

Mary's greatness lies in the fact that she was humble before God and surrendered herself to God. Her words to the angel at the annunciation are words that we need to meditate on a great deal, 'Let it be done to me according to your word.' (Luke 1:38). Her humility and love towards the will of the Father and surrendering of herself to God did not mean a perpetual spiritual honeymoon but a giving of herself more and more to God as time went on.

We look on Mary as our earthly and heavenly mother. She is the mother of us all. We look on her as our mother who loves us a great deal, who watches over us to protect us. She is the mother to whom we can tell every joy and every sorrow. We remember Jesus' words as he was dying on the cross; he said to Mary, 'Woman behold your son', and to John he said, 'Son, behold your mother' (John 19:26-27). We have always regarded this incident as symbolic: as Jesus was dying on the cross, he gave us his mother to be our mother.

So today, let us have family time to pray together and more significantly the Holy Rosary with our family members. While reciting this evening Holy Rosary, let us remember the suffering world, especially children and vulnerable in our society and world.

With love and prayers in the Lord - Fr Joseph

All Saints Holy Mass - Sunday 10.00 AM

(from the Presbytery due to Zoom facilities)

Time: Aug 15, 2021 10:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73698762631?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73698762631?pwd=ZjJ4TDQwZmtwMWUrUDNjbkRueWN4UT09)

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Meeting ID: 736 9876 2631

Passcode: MASS

Fr. Joseph's Weekday Chat

Time: This is a recurring meeting, meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 765 0151 3067

Passcode: PPCatchup

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Skippen (husband of Lynne), Gerry Edser

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Wood

15/08/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator			
Readers			
Extraordinary Minister			
Counters			
22/08/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Sr Carmel Moore	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Barry Bourke Vickie Pettett	Michael Deed Paul Gleeson	Nance Schreiber Don Smith
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Wendy Day	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines Paul Crosbie

FAN THE FLAME TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE

A Merciful Church

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:78-79) (p.6)

In 2015/16, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of Mercy in which he placed mercy at the centre of the Church's heart and mission. He said mercy "constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father."⁵⁵ (p.6) Pope Francis provides a vision of the Church as a caravan of solidarity,⁵⁶ with multitudes of people journeying together, protecting each other, supporting, and caring for the weakest and most vulnerable in their midst. (p.6)

The walking caravan is a vision of a synodal church — breathing together, journeying together. Like the walking caravan, the Church can only go as far and as fast as the weakest and the slowest. The caravan is guided by God's tender mercy to the way of peace – the way of Jesus. A truly Christ-centred Church knows God's mercy is not a reprieve from punishment but active presence in accompanying his children to wholeness and flourishing. (p.6)

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God.

⁵⁵ Francis, *Misericordia et Misera*, 1.
⁵⁶ Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 87.



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Our Parish Notices

National Day of Prayer - The Church Together

On Sunday 22 August, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19.

This is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes the involvement of the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is Lord Have Mercy; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where we are able, in our liturgies.

There will also be an online gathering, with church leaders offering prayers and reflections at various times during the day.

We know very well the suffering that the current situation has brought to our community: both for those who have been infected by the virus and for their families, as well as those whose psychological and economic well-being has been disrupted. We also look beyond our shores to the devastation in other countries, who lack the resources we have.

"Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shows us his mercy." — Ps. 123:2

How to get involved

We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. To facilitate a national prayer focus, the team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting are providing the following prayer resources and opportunities.

1. Every day from **Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August 2021**, a **Daily Devotion** will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.

2. Every night from **8PM AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August 2021**, a nightly **Prayer Call** will take place with input from a different church leader each night.

On **Sunday 22 August 2021 from 9AM – 9PM**, the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a **Zoom Prayer call** featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

To register for these events, visit: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

N.B. You will need to scroll to the BOTTOM of the web page to register for this event week which commences on Monday.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

All Masses have now been cancelled pending further announcements from NSW Government. Please stay home and stay safe.

Parish Bulletin will be finalised on Wednesday this week. Please have all requests in by 10.00am on Wednesday.

Parish Office: Louise continues to work from home. The Parish Office phone will divert to Louise during Parish Office Hours. For matters

outside Parish Office hours, please call Fr Joseph M 0438 769 922.

Parish Library News: There are 3 more bibles left at Adamstown so please take one home – they are free. The set of 7 Chronicles of Narnia by CS Lewis have been donated to our Library so you can now borrow them. They are very much for adults as well as children. It is a fantasy world of Narnia with Jesus depicted as Aslan the Lion who saves.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

For more details, see Noticeboards or <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/bulletin-notices/>

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>
2. CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning August Appeal 2021
3. "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022
4. Australian Catholic Men's Gathering
5. The Chosen – Series One Discussion Group
6. Seasons of Creation – Film Competition
7. aMeN caMiNo 2022: Information Session
8. Praying the Gospels
9. The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award
10. Tribunal of the Catholic Church
11. Office of Safeguarding Course: Safeguarding in Parishes
12. Sacred Stories – Sacred Spaces: A Journey into Discovery, Truth and Right Relation

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering - On Saturday, 31st July, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering was launched online. Hundreds of men and men's groups have already signed up to be a part this inspirational event. The gathering aims to encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, church and the world.

Our Diocese will be hosting four online meetings to watch and discuss the four sessions of the Men's Gathering. These sessions will be an opportunity to engage with the material and with other men, while also being an opportunity to explore men's ministry in our diocese and our local communities.

These online meetings will kick off on the Wednesday after Fathers' Day and run for four weeks during September. Each session will run for an hour. (7.30-8.30pm – 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

**The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house.

2. So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

**The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who be-

long to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant,
mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to
Abraham
and to his descend-
ants for
ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.



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.