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Reaching out to All

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St Columba's Adamstown

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St James' Kotara

PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragul

[Links are on our Website](#)



The following message was sent via email from Fr Joseph to the families registered in the Parish Sacramental Program on Tuesday, 28 September

Dear Parents, Guardians and Children,

I hope you are all well and coping with the challenges that have been placed before us during these uncertain pandemic times. You are all in my daily prayers and I remember you all during my daily Mass.

Unfortunately, after much consideration and discussion with the Parish Sacramental Team, Teachers and School Principals, I have decided to defer the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist until early 2022 and the beginning of the new school year. We know that this will be disappointing however this decision has been made with the hope that families will be able to celebrate this special time with their children and the community especially with their siblings and grandparents.

The Sacraments are key steps in the initiation of your child into the community of the Church therefore, it is appropriate that we celebrate them at a time when the community can gather and acknowledge their importance. It is also our hope that by deferring the Sacraments until the start of the school year we will be able to bring the children together for their final preparations and allow them to understand and become familiar with the rituals within the celebrations.

I hope that this change in date will not cause additional stress. I will be in touch with you once I have the new dates. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families at this time.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries:

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With prayers and love in the Lord,

Fr Joseph Figurado

Parish Priest

2021 Liturgical Calendar for the 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Memorials are in ordinary type. Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

4 October	Saint Francis of Assisi
5 October	<i>Saint Faustina Kowalska</i>
6 October	<i>Saint Bruno</i>
7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary
9 October	<i>Saints Denis and Companions</i>
	<i>Saint John Leonardi</i>
	<i>Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary</i>

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, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Aileen A'Beckett, Craig Hart

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Davidson, Lola Regal, Trevor Jarvis



October IS World Mission Month

Children, women, lepers, tax collectors – in the world in which Jesus lived, these members of society were regarded as lesser citizens. They had no power or legitimacy. In the world in which we live now, some children and women are still disadvantaged. It is the role of missionaries, like Sr Chalaad, who continue to do what Jesus did: serve and empower the children – and their mothers – and show them they are still loved and made in the image of God. As we enter World Mission Month (October), let us also look to bless the children of Thailand, and other countries where the Church serves, with our prayers and financial contributions. In doing so, we will make the Kingdom of God become a reality for them all.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, click [here](#). For information about leaving a bequest to Catholic Mission, click [here](#)

To follow up Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work or your support and contact details, please call the Diocesan Director in Maitland/Newcastle, David McGovern on 0488 115 401 or email him at dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.



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To be prepared for a 2022 placement [CLICK AND ENQUIRE HERE](#) by Friday October 29.

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Our Parish Notices

Parish Bulletin - Currently this is being distributed during Wednesdays via email, please have all bulletin requests lodged by 10.00am on Wednesday. Please let us know if there is anyone who would like to receive the bulletin via email. It will also be posted on the parish website allsaintsblackbutsouth.org.au when time allows.

Parish Planned Giving Program: During this time when Masses in the Diocese are suspended, parishes need the financial support of parishioners more than ever as the overhead costs continue. As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection plates during Mass, we are encouraging parishioners, whose financial position allows them to do so, to convert to electronic giving. You can do this for both the Parish Account (2nd Collection) and Clergy Account (1st Collection). Application forms can be obtained from the parish office. Alternatively, you may like to set up your own EFT (electronic funds transfer) via internet banking. The details are attached separately.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Plenary Council Conversations - last one is this Thursday, 30 September. [Online Registration](#) is now open.

Parishes in Harmony with Creation - This online event will be held on Wednesday 6 October from 10:00 am to 11:00 am via Zoom, and repeated from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The one-hour online presentation and discussion will explore how parishes can best respond to Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical *Laudato si'*: On Care For Our Common Home. On 4 October 2021, the Vatican will release resources for its *Laudato si* Action Platform. With the expected media coverage, some parishioners might want their parish to commit to the *Laudato si* Action Platform. Parish Priest and Parish Leaders are aware of this initiative. For more information, please visit [Eventbrite](#).

2021 Abraham Conference - plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. The theme of the 2021 Abraham Conference is Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time. Our context is the continuing strong impact and significance of the Me Too and Black Lives Matter movements and the revelations of abuse in our federal parliament, all of which

brought thousands of women onto the streets in protest. This year, the Abraham Conference wants to highlight the positive role of women in the Abrahamic traditions. The three speakers will help conference attendees recover some of the lost traditions of inspiring women leaders, to highlight the contribution and the difference they made in their time. Time: 2:30PM-4:00PM Date: 10 October 2021 Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

ACU Centre for Liturgy | Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective - Bruce T Morrill SJ will present on Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting liturgy in proper ethical perspective. In our current Synod process we hear a longing for more formation opportunities so this lecture is an opportunity not to be missed. It will explore the challenges of theological rhetoric for 21st century Catholics, and how those challenges can illuminate the connection between liturgy and ethical living. Time: 10:00AM-11:30AM Date: 18 October 2021 Register: www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl

Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community with James Martin SJ - Globally, people who are LGBTQIA+ are at increased risk of depression, suicide, and verbal, physical and sexual harassment and abuse. James recognised a lack of Church advocacy on these issues following the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting in the USA, noticing that few Catholic Bishops publicly spoke out about the massacre. This prompted him to consider how the Church could better minister to LGBTQIA+ Catholics, discussed in his book, *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity* (2017). Join this online conversation with James to explore how the Church in Australia can do more to welcome and truly respect and enhance the dignity of all, honouring the diversity in humanity. Time: 10:00AM Date: 26 October 2021 Location: Online (Zoom) Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQTX>

For more Diocesan Notices, go to [Bulletin Notices](#) on the Diocesan website mn.catholic.org.au

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>
2. Earthy Women' Webinar 2021 | Engaging with *Laudato Si'*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Like a little child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.