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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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St James' Kotara

PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

St Pius X Adamstown

St Paul's Booragui

Links are on our Website



Dear Parishioners,

We are in the Month of Mother Mary and Holy Rosary, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Most Holy Rosary on October 7 and during this whole Month. Holy Rosary is called "a powerful spiritual weapon."

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries. As we are in this troubled world, falling back and reflecting on the history of this FEAST and the Power of Holy Rosary. "The Memorare" is another powerful prayer in times of pandemic and trouble in the world.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century, Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks. The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, they can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace.

The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Be, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. When we recite the Holy Rosary, we recall most of the significant events in the Life of our Lord Jesus.

Let us try to recite the Rosary during this month. Let us dedicate our Country and our Diocese into the Hands of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

With Prayers and love in the Lord, Fr. Joseph

2021 Liturgical Calendar for the 28th Week in Ordinary Time. Memorials are in ordinary type. Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

11 October	<i>Saint John XXIII</i>
14 October	<i>Saint Callistus I</i>
15 October	Saint Teresa of Jesus
16 October	<i>Saint Hedwig</i>
	<i>Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque</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

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Byron, Ray Hopkins, Terry McCosker, David McVie



October IS World Mission Month

The call to share our blessings – our time, talent and treasure – is not always easy one to embrace. There are many demands on those aspects of our lives and we can become weary – and perhaps wary – of how charities constantly ask us to donate. As Christians, however, we know that building the Kingdom is a constant work in progress; the poor will always be with us and while ever we enjoy blessings from God, we must be mindful of them, and their needs. The Gospel is not a call to give away everything we possess – it is about having a heart for others and being willing to 'let go' and share with those in need that which God has given us. In this time of World Mission Month, let us pray for, and donate to, those who serve the poor, in places like Thailand. Please consider, at this time, your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or provide an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will.

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

Father Joseph starts his Annual Holiday this Tuesday, 12th of October:

1. Please switch your channels to streaming Masses for 17 and 24 Sundays in October.
2. Hopefully, we shall resume our Masses (tentatively) on the 30 and 31 October - These will be looked after by Fr. Gordon and Fr. Anthony Coloma.
3. **Mass Attendance:** will be on a First Come First Serve basis, with the QR code signing in. 4sq metre rule, 60 person capacity at Adamstown & Kotara; 48 at Cardiff. Those who cannot use the QR code to sign in, please apply for a NSW signing-in card, by this below link, <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card>, or Visit **NSW service web page and type: Covid 19 signing in card, and follow the prompt**, it is simple; if you require guidance, please get in touch with Barry Burke - 0434 581 541.
4. We will follow the guidance from Diocese; please be kind enough and "Love your neighbour as yourself," book your appointment and get vaccinated as soon as you can, unless you have specific medical reasons.
5. You can quickly get in touch with me my via my mobile; if you are urgent to discuss an unforeseen situation. Otherwise, contact Fr. Gordon Quinn for initial help during the day M 0408 957 072 or Fr. John Vo after hours M 0405 633 460.

Parish Office Phone - there has been an issue with our phone diversion over a number of weeks. That is, quite a number of calls have not been diverting to Louise at home or Fr Joseph's mobile as expected although some have been successful. Louise is working with Telstra to resolve the matter. We apologise for the inconvenience.

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.

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 allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au when time allows.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Applications are now open for the 2022 Pastoral Placement Program which offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices. For more information and to learn to how to apply click [here](#)

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. 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. 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: **This Sunday 10 October 2021** Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

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'
1. "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants.
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And

he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

from the perspective of the Disciples

'What about us?' Peter cried. The disciples were staggered that Jesus could turn away the rich man so easily and declare how difficult it is to enter into the kingdom of God. They suddenly see themselves in the shoes of the rich man: what more do they have to do? They've left their homes and families to traipse after Jesus, believing that this sacrifice would be enough to assure them a place in the kingdom, and suddenly they are faced with doubts. Has it all been worth it? Jesus reminds them that if they have followed him for all the right reasons then their reward is assured.