

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown; Wednesday 7.00am Kotara &  
9.30am Adamstown; Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome Back! With Warm wishes, I welcome everyone for our weekend Masses. We thank Fr. Anthony Coloma for his generosity in helping us with our Mass; of course, Fr. Gordon Quinn, God sent Angel with a beard! He is there always for us; no words to thank him! We are grateful for his continuous service to our parish.

Since the lockdown, we communicated through Zoom, we offered our Masses thanks to the Technology, and there were many generous hearts to help us go with our zoom Masses; sincere thanks for all of them. Covid 19 separated us from many parish events. Now, I intend to bring our disconnected Parish family by "Parish Family Events with Live Music and entertainments."

I have asked Richard Cootes to help us with this, he accepted, and once we confirm the date and time, I shall inform our parish family. That would be our "Welcome Back, Year-End and Christmas Picnic Party of the Parish at Kotara."

We need more volunteers to organise this significant event, please come forward and contact me for further details.

Most probably, in the evening after a Saturday Mass. I will be able to announce more Parish activities next weekend.

With prayers and love in the Lord,  
Fr Joseph

**2021 Liturgical Calendar for the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time.**

Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.

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

9 November  
10 November  
11 November  
12 November

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
St Leo the Great  
St Martin of Tours  
St Josaphat

## 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, Jill Heffernan, Bill Barwell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Trisley, Marie Barrett, Peter Rake

**BAPTISMS:** Mackenzie Grady, Jack Swanson, Harper Turner

**RECEPTION into the Catholic Church:** Mia & James Barile

7/11/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Paul Smith	Sr Carmel Moore	Patrick Farrell
Readers	Dot Reynolds Basia Wedesweiler	Cathy Waugh Barry Moore	Bernard Burgess Emma South
Extraordinary Minister	Narelle Smith	Majella Maher	Giavanna Angeli
Counters	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A
14/11/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Paul Gleeson	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Barry Bourke Vickie Pettett	Elizabeth Doyle Helen Woodham	Bella Lukasweciz Jessica Moulder
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Volunteer	Faye Robertson
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Narelle Robb, Paul Crosbie Patricia Hines

## LIVING the gospel

### Hypocrisy

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!



## Have you thought?

### What's in a word?

It's interesting that we have traditionally read Jesus' comments about the widow's offering as praise and perhaps even some pride in her actions. Nothing in the words themselves give away Jesus' emotion. Try reading Jesus' words with a variety of different emotions: anger; sadness; joy; triumph; dismay. How does the emotion with which we read these words change our understanding of them? Can you think of other passages that could be read in a whole new light if we changed our preconceived ideas about the emotion with which Jesus spoke?

## Our Parish Notices

### COVID-19 Phase 2 Roadmap to Re-opening -

The following general provisions are now applicable to our church buildings, including for the celebration of Mass, weddings, funerals, other public liturgies, and for personal or private prayer:

1. **Church buildings are permitted to be open for use for public liturgy and private prayer.**
2. Compliance with the updated COVID Safety Plan is mandatory under the Order.
3. It is not necessary to be fully vaccinated to enter a church building.
4. Density limits for church buildings are based on the 4sq m rule. i.e. the following limits apply at our parish churches: **Adamstown & Kotara (60 people each) and Cardiff (42 people), entry based on first come, first serve.**
5. Ventilation is a key component of the COVID Safety Plan and consideration must be given to maximising this wherever possible.
6. **The wearing of fitted face masks is still required indoors**, including in church buildings.
7. The collection of contact details via the Service NSW App or on a paper form is mandatory upon entry to church buildings.
8. Singing by the liturgical assembly **is not permitted** inside church buildings.
9. Singing by the members of a small choir of not more than **10 fully vaccinated members** is permitted inside church buildings.

The Parish Office remains closed.

### KOTARA NOTICES

**Christmas Cards (pack of 10) and Columban Calendars** will be available from next week. Price: \$7.00 for each. Because of Covid restrictions we have limited supplies - only 20 packs of cards and 20 calendars. If you would like us to reserve any item for you, ring Tom (4943 5396) or Barry (0434 581 541).

### FAMILY GROUP NOTICES

**Rainbow** are having Dinner together this Monday, 8 November, at 5.30pm at Nags Head Hotel, Brunker Rd, Adamstown. We are celebrating various Birthdays, as well as Christmas.

### DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

**Diocesan Advent Reflection: Waiting with Purpose** As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource, Waiting with Purpose has been created for our diocese. Waiting with Purpose responds to the voices heard during Synod reflections of longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing. Waiting with Purpose invites us to use Mystagogical Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the Advent gospels. It invites us to focus on the presence of

Christ in our experience and in the living tradition of our faith, to connect it to life now and to be changed by it. Waiting with Purpose and accompanying resources will be available soon on the diocesan website: [https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/During) During November there are several opportunities for anyone who is interested to 'have a go' at mystagogical reflection. During Advent there are opportunities for those who cannot gather in their local communities to experience Waiting with Purpose via Zoom. To register click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129) or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

**Christian Formation Course (CFC) 2022** Are you wanting to know more about Christianity? Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022. The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 1 2022, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a Diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation. Expression of Interest close December 10. For more information go to: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/)

## Historical context

### The Widow

*In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband's family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman's husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman's identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.*

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet 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 145:7-10. R.v.2

#### Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

#### Praise the Lord, my soul!

### Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel Mk 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

### 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.