

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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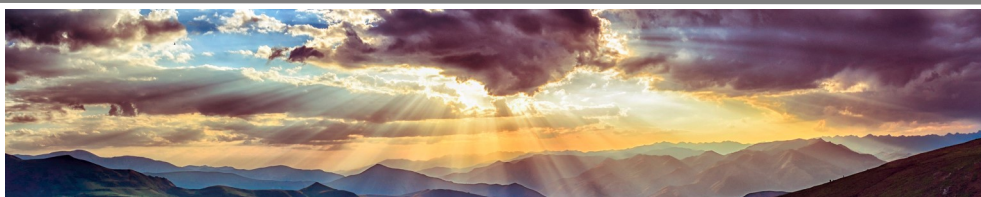
Monday - Wednesday alternate Thursdays
9.00am - 3.00pm
Closed 12 noon - 1.00pm

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

NO MASS THIS TUESDAY; Wednesday 7.00am Kotara &
9.30am Adamstown; Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara

Gospel Reflection

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

Gospel Focus – Eschatology

Theologians refer to beliefs about the future and the end times of the world as 'eschatology'. The word itself comes from two Greek words meaning 'last' and 'discourse' – basically meaning talking about the end. In Christian tradition, eschatology concerns many different concepts: the end of the world; the return of Jesus; the Last Judgment; the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy; the accomplishment of the kingdom of God. These eschatological events are sometimes simply referred to as 'the end times' or 'the last things'. The whole of Mark Ch 13 – from which this gospel passage comes – is referred to as an eschatological discourse by Jesus.

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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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Barwell (husband of Margaret, father of Vina & Belinda)

ANNIVERSARIES: Alex Owen

14/11/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Paul Gleeson	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Barry Bourke Vickie Pettett	Elizabeth Doyle Helen Woodham	Bella Lukaswecz Jessica Moulder
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Mark Wilmore	Faye Robertson
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	Narelle Robb, Paul Crosbie Patricia Hines
21/11/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Sr Carmel Moore	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Paula O'Neill Paul Smith	Michael Deed Paul Gleeson	Nance Schreiber Don Smith
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Helen Woodham	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A



We will have a Parish Family Event on Saturday 27, November after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Kotara.

Please come forward to organize this event to celebrate! Let us celebrate "Welcome Back" to celebrate the life our faith family.

This is my Vision for the Parish;

"Together, we can reignite the faith life of our Parish and our faith life." - Fr Joseph

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Our Parish Notices

Updated COVID-19 Roadmap to Re-opening - With effect from last Monday 8 November 2021 (and current at the time of printing):

1. A density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres applies to all locations, both inside and outside. **This means the capacity limits at our churches will now be 120 at Adamstown & Kotara and 84 at Cardiff.**
2. Places of worship are not required to check vaccination status of attendees except in those cases outlined below.
3. Updated COVID-19 Safety Plans may be required – please visit the NSW Government website closer to the time to have access to the latest version of the templates.
4. Funerals are permitted with no person limit for fully vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit).
5. Funerals at which a non fully vaccinated person will be attending are limited to a 10-person limit, excluding the person conducting the funeral (i.e., a priest, deacon, or lay minister) or any person necessary for the conduct of the funeral (e.g., funeral director's staff, musicians, altar servers, etc).
6. Face masks remain mandatory in all indoor settings.
7. Singing is only permitted for fully vaccinated persons. **Therefore, it is strongly recommended that communal singing not resume at this point.** Up to ten fully vaccinated singers may sing in places of public worship and during religious services.
8. The collection of contact details remains mandatory in all circumstances.

There will be NO Weekday Mass this Tuesday, 16 November at St Columba's, Adamstown.

At this point in time, the Parish Office remains closed to visitors.

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).

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Australian Plenary Council Discussion: On Thursday 18 November 7.30 - 9.00pm AEDT, Ellen Fanning (ABC's The Drum) will moderate two 40-minute sessions with Plenary Council members and leading thinkers on the future of Catholicism. The panels will consider questions

and other matters affecting the future of Catholicism in Australia. To register, go to www.acccr.com.au.

Graduate Certificate in Mission and Culture - The diocese, in partnership with the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) will be offering the Graduate Certificate in Mission and Culture (GCMC). This innovative and integrated formation and education program is designed specifically to support the leadership development needs of the diocese. The GCMC was conceived for professionals in Catholic institutions and related agencies who wish to enhance their understanding of the Christian and Catholic context in which they exercise leadership. The course provides participants with the necessary higher level skill-sets to think theologically around their organisational leadership practices and to develop skills in the promotion of a Christian and specifically Catholic culture. **Expressions of interest close 19 November 2021.** For more information, visit: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/australian-catholic-university-acu/

Diocesan Advent Reflection: Waiting with Purpose responds to the voices heard during Synod reflections of longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing. It invites us to use Mystagogical Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the Advent gospels and 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. Available soon on the diocesan website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/> 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>

2021 Liturgical Calendar for the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time.

Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.
Memorials are in ordinary type.
Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

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| 16 November | <i>Saint Margaret of Scotland</i>
<i>Saint Gertrude</i> |
| 17 November | Saint Elizabeth of Hungary |
| 18 November | <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of</i>
<i>Saints Peter and Paul</i> |

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel
'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

**Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.**

1.O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

2.And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

3.You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever.
Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

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you are my hope.**

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place

for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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.