

**12th December 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Advent Year C**

## **ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH**

**Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara**

Listening to God's Word  
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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### NEW Office Hours

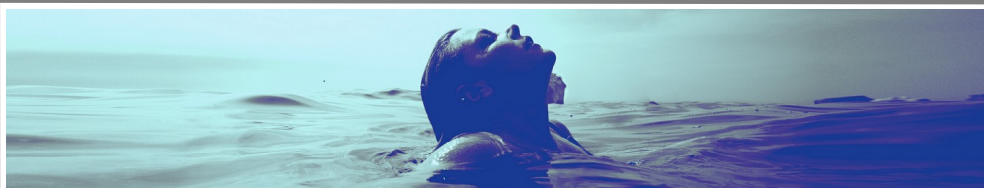
**Tuesday - Wednesday alternate Thursday**  
9.00am—3.00pm (closed 12 noon to 1pm)

### 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  
Adoration 6.00pm (Summer) 5.30pm (Winter)*

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

*Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown;  
Wednesday 7.00am Kotara & 9.30am Adamstown;  
Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara;  
1st Saturday 9.30am Kotara*

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance.

Likewise, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass. Repent and turn towards the Redeemer to Rejoice!

So, the call of the Lord for this Sunday, as well as for our weekly meditation, is to focus our attention on our spiritual preparation to make our soul a humble manger for Jesus to be born.

With love and prayers  
Fr Joseph

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**PRESIDER:** On this Third Sunday of Advent, we prepare to light our third candle, the candle of joy, on our Advent Wreath. In the words of the acclamations let us pray....

**PRESIDER:** Shout for joy, all you peoples of the earth!

**ALL:** **The Lord is coming!**

**PRESIDER:** Rejoice and exult with all your heart!

**ALL:** **The Lord is very near!**

**Presider:** Have no fear, hold firm and take heart!

**ALL:** **Hope in the Lord!** *(The third candle is now lit)*

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:** Let us pray...

God of eternal joy, you are ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove any sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy which *his coming will bring, for he is Lord for ever and ever.*  
**AMEN**

# Parish News

## **SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:** *We remember in prayer ...*

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, 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, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Craig Hart, Jill Heffernan

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pat Feenan, Deborah Cook, Ron Henderson, Narelle Chaffey (Sullivan), Sr Mary Jude, Sr Helen Brooks, Paul & Margaret Harrison, Margaret Sawkins

<b><u>12/12/2021</u></b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Barry Bourke	Mary-Anne Jennings	Emma South
<b>Readers</b>	Diana Hannigan Dot Reynolds	Cathy Waugh Sr Clare McCudden	Susanna Caruana Wayne Caruana
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Paul Smith	Leo Caldwell	Jessica Moulder
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie
<b><u>19/12/2021</u></b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Paul Smith	Margaret Bourke	Don Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Basia Wedesweiler Barry Bourke	Anne Lamotte Sharon Murphy	Elaine Abery Marilyn Thomson
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Narelle Smith	Sr Clare McCudden	Gerard Mowbray
<b>Counters</b>	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Susan Lane, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE *Friday 24th December***

**Kotara Vigil : 5.30pm & 8pm**

**Cardiff Vigil : 6pm (BYO Chairs Outdoor)**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY *Saturday 25th December***

**Adamstown : 8am**

### **BOXING DAY *Sunday 26th December***

**Cardiff : 8am Polish Mass**

If you would like to assist with a ministry at these Masses, please contact the Parish Office by this Wednesday, 15 December.

## **2021 Liturgical Calendar for the Third Week of Advent (C)**

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

12 December Saint Lucy

13 December Saint John of the Cross

**Have you thought? – A change of heart.** The baptism that John preached and practised was a baptism of repentance. What he called on people to do was to recognise the areas of their lives that were unbalancing their relationship with God. There was a strong recognition that unless they were in right relationship with one another they could not be in right relationship with God. In recognising the need for change in their lives, John challenged them to also make a change of heart: to approach their lives differently. This is why they were questioning him about practical ways of living out their new commitment.

## Our Parish Notices

### Current COVID-19 Roadmap to Re-opening -

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 are currently 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.

**We look forward to further updates next week from NSW Government and the Diocese.**

**Advent Reconciliation Liturgy** - this Thursday, 16 December 6.30pm at Kotara.

**Adoration** - effective this Sunday, 12 December Adoration will take place at 6.00pm in the Summer (AEDT) and 5.30pm in the Winter (AEST) at Kotara.

**New Parish Office Arrangements:** The new office days will be Tuesdays & Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays, 9.00am - 3.00pm (closed 12 noon to 1.00pm). Please have your bulletin requests in by 10.00am on Wednesdays. The office remains closed to visitors at this stage.

**Baptism Preparation will take place** this Sunday, 12 December 10.30am in St Kevin's Cottage.

### KOTARA NOTICES

**Christmas Cards (pack of 10) and Columban Calendars** are on sale now. Price: \$7.00 for

each. Covid restrictions mean 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).

**Volunteers** are needed to wash the Altar Linen. If you can help please contact Parish Office. Many hands make light work. New roster can then be drawn up.

### DIOCESAN NOTICES:

**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. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. 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 click [here](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/) or go to: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/)

**Faith Matters | Share your story** Each fortnight Faith Matters aims to explore individuals and communities rich experience of their faith. We invite you to share your faith story. Everyone has a story. No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we all have a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it. You could use the following questions as a guide.

Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?

Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?

How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?

In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime? How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

We hope to use the stories as part of a Faith Matters. For more information or if you would like to be interviewed, please contact [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au) or send your story to [shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au).

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### First Reading *Zep 3:14-18*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah  
Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

### Responsorial Psalm *Is 12:2-6 R. v.6*

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for  
among you is the great and Holy  
One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to  
his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel.

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for  
among you is the great and Holy  
One of Israel.**

### Second Reading *Phil 4:4-7*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians  
I want you to be happy, always happy in the  
Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happi-

ness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation *Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

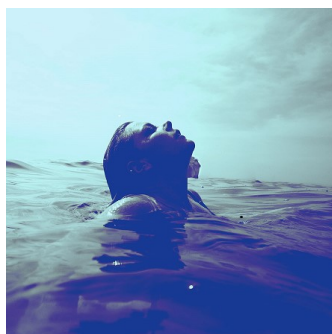
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel *Lk 3:10-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.



### 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.