

26th December 2021
The Holy Family Year C

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Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

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Tuesday - Wednesday alternate Thursday

9.00am - 3.00pm (closed 12 noon to 1pm)

Now closed until 4 January

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) **In recess 2 & 9 January***

WEEKDAY MASSES - this week only

Wednesday 9.30am Adamstown;

Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara;

1st Saturday New Year's Day 9.00am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

Warmest blessings and greetings as we gather to celebrate Christmas 2021! What a Year!

At times we use words like "Busy, sometimes messy." In a fun sense, Christmas becomes both! It doesn't mean that we have an unhappy Christmas, but this is an invitation to be Joyful, and make our families Happy while being busy and messy with food and beverages.

We all know Christmas can be "messy" - as it was from the beginning of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the evangelists write about the infancy narratives and the birth of Jesus. Over the years, these stories become familiar to us: Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem, away from home and unable to find a place to give birth to their child, the Son of God, the Prince of Peace. When we reflect deeply, the lived experience of "mess" is where God meets us in his Son, Jesus. When we are abandoned by the world, when we don't have a place to go, when we meet failures and defeats, God meet us there. Like the Holy Family, I was a refugee in my Country. Today, My heart goes for all refugees in the world who had been driven from their Motherland and Separated from their Families. I am missing my family, my elderly parents, for the second year running! But parting increases compassion and love.

As we gather for Christmas this year, we are mindful of the dreadful Covid-19 journey throughout 2021 – and it has been pretty "messy". We think of the aged and vulnerable, the sick and dying and those who felt alone, isolated and disconnected. We think of those families and businesses who have been under so much stress, some have lost their livelihoods, some have closed their businesses. Be thoughtful of the person sitting nearest to you at your Christmas Mass and tell them that your gift for them is that you will keep them in your prayers this Christmas and in the New Year.

Even though we had a "messy" time, we witnessed the love of Emmanuel. This is primarily through the undying fidelity of our heroic frontline workers, Parents, teachers, office staff, police, all in public services. There have been times of grief and sadness and lots of postponements of important celebrations, especially our Parish Sacramental Celebrations. Thankfully we now begin to re-emerge from this time; we have new dates for our Sacraments in 2022, which I will communicate to all our parents, guardians, and grandparents.

Christmas reminds us that we gather as a people of hope and promise. The children from our Catholic primary schools have produced some beautiful Nativity Plays during our Year-End Christmas Masses, and they were gorgeous and exceptional. Further, we remember at Christmas the gifts we receive from the birth of Jesus: peace, hope, promise, mercy, compassion, and above all, the knowledge that Jesus accompanies us in every moment of our lives, even amidst problems and disappointments.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022 - Fr Joseph

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: Marion Bridges, James W. Bridges & Bridges Family,

26/12/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA - Cancelled
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	Helen Woodham	
Readers	Vickie Pettett Paula O'Neill	Catherine Lerch Paul Gleeson	
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Mary-Anne Jennings	
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	N/A
02/01/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Sr Clare McCudden	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Paul Smith Julie Malaspina	Elizabeth Doyle Michael Deed	Emma South Bernard Burgess
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Paul Gleeson	Siobhan Farrell
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Susan Lane, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A
09/01/2021	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Elizabeth Doyle	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Christine Williams Diana Hannigan	Ben Lerch Mary-Anne Jennings	Christine Sheppard Bella Lukasweciz
Extraordinary Minister	Vickie Pettett	Angela Hall	Giavanna Angeli
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Len McCullum	John Bourke, Val Menzies, Mark Noonan

Please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure you stay home if you are not feeling well.
Stay safe, everyone!
We pray 2022 is a better year!



Our Parish Notices

From the Diocese COVID-19 "Instructions and Advice 'The New Normal' Edition 1" Dated 15/12/2021. The full version can be accessed at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update/>

- Church buildings are able to be opened for the public celebration of the liturgy and for private prayer and meditation.
- With effect from 15 December 2021, there is **no capacity limit** applicable to our church buildings. This applies to all religious services that take place in our church buildings, including funerals/ memorial services and weddings.
- COVID-19 Safety Plans are no longer mandatory under the Order. Within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Parishes are strongly advised to maintain a current COVID-19 Safety Plan to assist in ensuring the safety of parishioners and visitors.
- **Any person entering a place of worship** is required to provide the following information to the 'occupier of the premises' - the person's name, and their telephone number or email address, and the time the person entered the church building.
- **The required information must be collected and recorded for each individual person who attends**, including children and infants. Entry to a church building is not possible if the information is not provided. It is strongly recommended that parishes make use of the **Service NSW QR Code system**.
- **Singing** is permitted in all circumstances within places of public worship (including outdoor religious celebrations) without limitation.
- The **wearing of masks** in indoor settings is not mandatory in most circumstances including within places of public worship. Where maintaining physical distancing indoors is particularly challenging, **the wearing of masks is strongly encouraged but not mandatory**.
- The **distribution of Communion during Mass** continue to present a high risk at the present time. Therefore: Holy Communion from the Chalice is restricted to the President, who is to be the only one to drink from the chalice. Concelebrating priests are to intinct from a second chalice. Holy Communion is not to be given on the tongue.
- The presence of **Holy Water** in door stoups is presently not permitted as this continues to present a high risk to parishioners and visitors.

Parish Working Bee - Fr Joseph will oversee this across all three Mass Centres on **Tuesday, 28 December** from 9.00am. Please come along and help dispose of all the unused, unwanted and forgotten items. Some items could be recycled such as leftover candle wax. Please come together to help look after our churches.

The following Masses are cancelled for this week only - Tuesday 9.30am at Adamstown & Wednesday 7.00am at Kotara.

New Year's Day Mass - Saturday, 1st January 9.00am at Kotara.

Counters - please note, Christmas Offering envelopes are to be included in the First Collection and listed separately under Christmas Dues. Thank you.

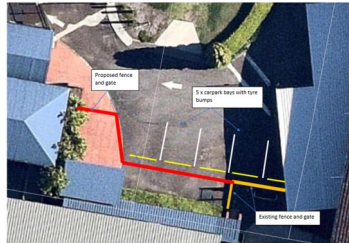
Parish Office is now closed and will re-open on Tuesday, 4 January. There will be no bulletin for Sunday, 2 January.

Adoration - will be in recess for Sundays 2 & 9 January. It will resume on Sunday, 16 January.

Christian Meditation at Kotara is now in recess until further notice.

ADAMSTOWN NOTICES

School Improvements - as previously advised during Sunday Mass there will be some improvements to the fencing and parking lot at the front of St Columba's School.



For Diocesan News and Events click [here](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events) or go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events>

**2021 Liturgical Calendar for
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.
Memorials are in ordinary type.
Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

27 December	Saint John
28 December	The Holy Innocents
29 December	<i>Saint Thomas Beckett (commemoration)</i>
31 December	<i>Saint Sylvester I (commemoration)</i>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year C

First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus
The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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 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 all the days of your life.

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its rich-

ness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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.