

16th January 2022
2nd Sunday in Ord Time Year C

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH

Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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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
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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 9.00am Kotara*

Update on All Saints' Parish Financial Situation

Dear Parishioners,

The COVID-19 crisis has presented many challenges to our society on many different levels. Our Parish has shared in these challenges as we have not been able to gather together to worship, for many months in the past, to support each other through community events. Many community events which I had planned have been cancelled due to Covid.

One of the significant challenges we have experienced has been the Parish's financial situation. Like many families and businesses, the Parish's usual financial arrangements have been disrupted by the crisis.

The First Collection goes to the MCCF (Maitland Clergy Central Fund), which is for the upkeep of all the priests in our Diocese. A donation to the First Collection is not tax-deductible.

The Second Collection is our Parish Account, which is for the running and maintenance of our Parish. From this account, the Parish pays for all pastoral programs, liturgical expenses, building insurance, wages, utility rates and general maintenance for all the buildings and facilities. A portion of the donation to the Second Collection may be tax deductible. I know, speaking about money sounds awkward, but the financial status runs down very quickly when we don't have a fine collection.

Not being able to gather like earlier with full participation and the whole number of faithful has been a challenge, and it will continue to be so for sometime yet. It has presented challenges to maintaining our income to run the Parish.

Now I wish to create a family approach in the parish, it is because my parish is my extended faith family. And I would like to make our Parish our Faith Home. So, I am making efforts to bring a Family Spirit and making our Parish our Faith home with outreach programmes and pastoral activities. This requires financial stability.

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, 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, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Craig Hart, Jill Heffernan, Helen Campbell, Laurel Dixon

ANNIVERSARIES: George Pink

BAPTISM: Jack Ryan Keating

<u>16/01/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Paul Gleeson	Giavanna Angeli
Readers	Dot Reynolds Basia Wedesweiler	Sr Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Don Smith Faye Robertson
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Catherine Lerch	Marilyn Thomson
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	N/A	N/A
<u>23/01/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Stan Heaney Therese Nolan	Sharon Murphy Catherine Lerch	Wendy Hopkins Peter Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Len McCullum	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Susan Lane, Paula O'Neill	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies

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With this in mind, I am asking if you would prayerfully consider contributing to our Parish Home in some way during this time. You may consider joining the Planned Giving Program. Family members who can help; please help your parents and grandparents to enter our electronic planned giving. If you are already on the Planned Giving Program, you may consider switching your usual envelope planned giving donations to online direct debit or credit card donations instead, and indeed, consider increasing your giving.

This request comes with an awareness that some people's financial circumstances are changing due to the pandemic too, and we would not want anyone in those circumstances to feel pressured.

If you would like to commence Planned Giving or make a donation, please contact the parish office during office hours and request a planned giving form.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the volunteers and those who have contributed to our Parish's life and material needs.

With love and prayers
Fr Joseph

Our Parish Notices

As advised by the Diocese on 24 December the Public Health Order now incorporates changes for **mask wearing which capture all indoor areas including offices and places of worship** from 24 December. **QR code check-in remains in place for places of worship.**

New Mass Ministry Rosters for the period 30 January - 24 April are due. This roster will include Easter Sunday (17 April). New & returning ministers are welcome! If you would like to participate in a Mass ministry please contact the Parish Office. Due to time constraints, the closing date for any changes/requests/notification of unavailability for this roster will be **10.00am this Tuesday, 18 January.** Please remember the Parish Office is unable to assist with requests for roster swaps. A contact list is provided with the roster for you to arrange a replacement should you not be available. Thank you.

Parish Office Phone will be diverted to Fr Joseph's mobile each Thursday. Any bulletin requests received on a Thursday will then be included in the bulletin for the **following** week.

Prayer Partners are required to support the Religious Education program at Kotara High School. We ask only that you spend a couple of minutes a day asking God to bless the teacher in her efforts to bring the love of Jesus to the students who attend her class, that those students be aware of His love, and that SRE continues to be welcomed by the school community. If you are able to commit to this ministry please contact Paula on 0411 813 101.

Adoration - resumes this Sunday, 16 January 6.00pm at Kotara.

Confirmation & First Eucharist will now be celebrated at 6 Masses during February, 6.30pm at St Philip's Kotara: Thursdays 10, 17 & 24 February and Fridays 11, 18 & 25 February. Fr Joseph has endeavoured to contact all the families with **students going into Years 5 and 6 (& above)** via email this week. It is possible some families will not have received this information if we do not have a current email address for them. Families can now book via Eventbrite online. Each Mass will be limited to 20 candidates. Each candidate will be allowed 3 guests (4 tickets in total).

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

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

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

2022 Liturgical Calendar for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.
Memorials are in ordinary type.
Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

17 January	Saint Anthony
20 January	<i>Saint Fabian</i>
	<i>Saint Sebastian</i>
21 January	Saint Agnes
22 January	<i>Saint Vincent</i>

Gospel Reflection

Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery – bride and groom – to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast – at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

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First Reading Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the
hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v.3

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
(R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians
There is a variety of gifts but always the
same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to
be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways in dif-
ferent people, it is the same God who is
working in all of them. The particular way in
which the Spirit is given to each person is
for a good purpose. One may have the gift

of preaching with wisdom given him by the
Spirit; another may have the gift of preach-
ing instruction given him by the same Spirit;
and another the gift of faith given by the
same Spirit; another again the gift of heal-
ing, through this one Spirit; one, the power
of miracles; another, prophecy; another the
gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of
tongues and another the ability to interpret
them. All these are the work of one and the
same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to
different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to
share in the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel accord-
ing to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.
The mother of Jesus was there, and Je-
sus and his disciples had also been invit-
ed. When they ran out of wine, since the
wine provided for the wedding was all
finished, the mother of Jesus said to him,
'They have no wine.' Jesus said,
'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has
not come yet.' His mother said to the
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'
There were six stone water jars standing
there, meant for the ablutions that are
customary among the Jews; each could
hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to
the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and
they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some
out now' he told them, 'and take it to the
steward.' They did this; the steward tast-
ed the water, and it had turned into wine.
Having no idea where it came from – only
the servants who had drawn the water
knew – the steward called the bridegroom
and said, 'People generally serve the
best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort
till the guests have had plenty to drink,
but you have kept the best wine till now.'
This was the first of the signs given by
Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He
let his glory be seen, and his disciples
believed in him.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and
including and became man, all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the proph-
ets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the for-
giveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrec-
tion of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.