

**23rd January 2022**  
**3rd 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



Reaching out to All

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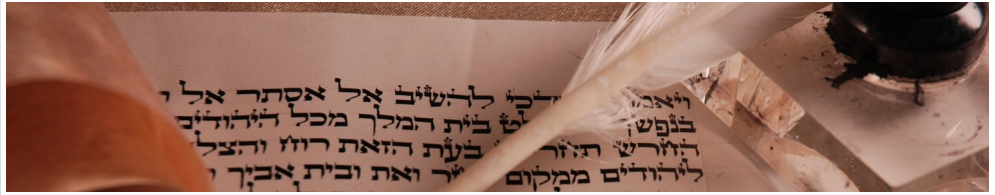
**Tuesday - Thursdays** 9.00am - 3.00pm  
(closed 12 noon to 1pm)

### **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  
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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*

**PLEASE NOTE: this Wednesday 9.00am Cardiff (Australia Day)**

*Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara;*  
*1st Saturday 9.00am Kotara*

Dear Parishioners,

I'm not an Angel fallen from heaven! But I'm a human and fallible, born like all of you and happened to become a priest in the course of time! I need your prayers, support, and collaboration to fulfil this ministry entrusted to me. I wish to be more fully united with God through the sacraments, particularly the Most Holy Eucharist.

At the same time, I believe that we are the Church and the Parish. I'm thankful for all your support, acceptance, encouragement, and care during the past 24 months as your Parish Priest (I recall we entered two lots of lockdowns during this time).

This note from my previous bulletin front page - In trusting the providential care and trusting all in our Parish, I accept this office as Pastor of Our Parish. As you all know, we have a huge workload ahead so, and we must be united and come forward to this together with God's help and the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Our Lady of Sothorn Cross.

### **Australia Day - We celebrate with Joy and Happiness.**

On Wednesday, the 26th of January, we will celebrate Australia Day at St. Kevin's Cardiff. We commemorate the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers and their fleet in Australia. Today's liturgy marks Australia's national day with prayers seeking God's blessing on all its peoples and commending its destiny into God's hands, especially in this unprecedented time of pandemic.

A "fair go" to everyone must be our prayer on this Australia Day. Everyone must try to enhance the dignity and beauty of our country and its values and ethos. Australia Day is a day to honour our First Peoples and a day of thanksgiving, remembering the undeniable sacrifices of the pioneer owners of our land, our forefathers, mothers, veterans, and others, who sacrificed their life, time and energy for a united Australia with true patriotism. They have done their bit, but now it is our time to act, especially handing on the values and ethos of our country to the younger generation. I hope you will have a safe Australia Day Celebration, and I wish you all a HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY! Unfortunately, we will not be having the usual cuppa after Mass this time.

I want to thank all our volunteers, who had been rendering their valuable time to uplift the Parish. Please come forward to do the workload of our Parish.

May God be with you,  
Fr Joseph Figurado

## 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Belen Brown

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

<b>23/01/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Christine Sheppard
<b>Readers</b>	Stan Heaney Therese Nolan	Sharon Murphy Catherine Lerch	Wendy Hopkins Peter Cunningham
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Paul Smith	Len McCullum	Henryka Bradley
<b>Counters</b>	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Susan Lane, Paula O'Neill	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
<b>30/01/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Paul Smith	Sr Carmel Moore	Emma South
<b>Readers</b>	Barry Bourke Vickie Pettett	Sr Clare McCudden Anne Lamotte	Giavanna Angeli Patrick Farrell
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Narelle Smith	Mark Wilmore	Bernard Burgess
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A

## Scriptural Context

### Framing

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.



## Have you thought?

### Different accounts

The gospel of Luke begins, 'Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us ...'. It indicates that there were many different accounts of Jesus' life circulating at the time of writing. In the years following Jesus' death there developed many different oral traditions that described the life and teachings of Jesus. A large number of these traditions were written down as what are now regarded as non-canonical or apocryphal writings – not recognised as part of the 'canon' of the Bible. They include gospels of Thomas, Peter, Mary, Phillip and Barnabas.

## Our Parish Notices

**Australia Day** will be celebrated with a Parish Mass 9.00am this Wednesday, 26 January at St Kevin's, Cardiff. It will be held at Adamstown in 2023 and Kotara in 2024. The Parish Office will be closed (Public Holiday). **There will be NO 7.00am Mass at Kotara or 9.30am Mass at Adamstown on Wednesday this week.**

**New Mass Ministry Rosters for the period 30 January - 24 April** have now been emailed to our ministers. Should you be unavailable, please use the contact list provided to arrange a replacement. 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.

**Wanted:** The overworked ride on mower, that we use to mow St Philips needs a companion. We are looking for a second working **ride on** mower, to keep the lawns under control. We mow every Tuesday from 9.30am so any new volunteers would be warmly welcomed by the 4 of us that currently do it now. Please ring Bernard Murray 0408 496 179.

**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)**. 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).

**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](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-e) or go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-e>

### 2022 Liturgical Calendar for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.

Memorials are in ordinary type.

Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

24 January	Saint Francis de Sales
25 January	<b>Conversion of Saint Paul</b>
26 January	Australia Day
27 January	<i>Saints Timothy &amp; Titus</i>
	<i>Saint Angela Merici</i>
28 January	Saint Thomas Aquinas

**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.**

### Gospel Reflection

This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.

The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah  
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. See Jn 6:63

**(R.)** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Response to be repeated after each verse**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**

### Second Reading Shorter form

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

### Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### 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, 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 prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.