

27th February 2022
8th Sunday Ord Time Year C

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Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara

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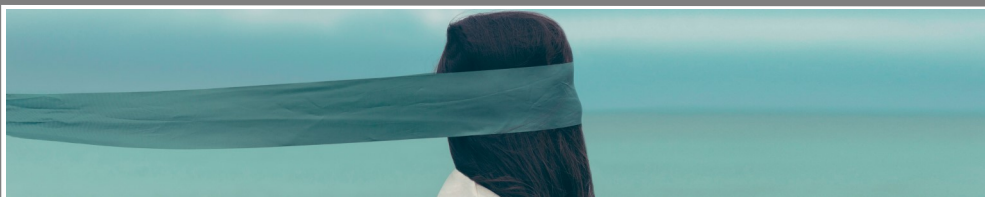
Tuesday - Thursdays 9.00am - 3.00pm
(closed 12 noon to 1pm)

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
[Links are on our Website](#)



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Kotara
Sunday 8.00am Adamstown; 9.30am Cardiff
Adoration 6.00pm (Summer) 5.30pm (Winter) Kotara

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown
Wednesday 7.00am Kotara; 9.30am Adamstown
Thursday Cardiff 9.30am; Friday 9.15am Kotara;

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT— A Season of Grace and Mercy

Dear Parishioners, Principals, Teachers, Parents and Children,
Once again, we are going to enter into the Season of Lent.....
When your patience is thin, and fasting loses its meaning, remember;
"Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather, it is
'timing,' it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the
right way." (Fulton J. Sheen)

The season of Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter. It is an opportunity for the faithful to undertake the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a means to know Christ better and follow His will more faithfully.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. The Church asks that, if possible, the fast on Good Friday, the "paschal fast," be continued until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare more fully for His resurrection. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 to 59.

In my opinion, there is more to spiritual fasting than the above. Patience and praying for our brothers and sisters who are indifferent to us, avoiding unnecessary gossiping, and using our minds for Holy hours, tongue and mouth for more prayers are some of the easy ways to remain holy. Of course, we are weak and vulnerable, God knows that more than we do! Lent is also the time for the baptized to renew their baptismal commitment, while those who desire to become Catholics enter a process of learning and discernment, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, in preparation for baptism during the Easter Vigil.

As the three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not meant to be undertaken simply to fulfill the "rules" of Lent. Prayer from the heart; fasting from those that interfere in strengthening a relationship with God, and almsgiving with compassion for those in need will make the Lenten journey a fruitful renewal period.

I wish to thank all our volunteers and all the good hearts and souls who came forward to help us during our Sacramental Celebrations. If I want to name them, this page is not enough, so, I pray for them with gratitude and thanks.

As I am going on my sick leave, please keep me in your prayers and take care of each other. Let us continue to grow in Faith, Hope and Charity.

With prayers and love in the Lord
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, 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, Jarrad Bryant, Helen Woodham

ANNIVERSARIES: Monica Mantach

<u>27/02/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Sr Clare McCudden	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Paula O'Neill Stan Heaney	Sharon Murphy Majella Maher	Faye Robertson Christine Sheppard
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Leo Caldwell	Jessica Moulder
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	N/A	N/A
<u>06/03/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Therese Nolan Barry Bourke	Ben Lerch Sr Clare McCudden	Bernard Burgess Emma South
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Gerard Mowbray
Counters	Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill Francine Goodman	Mary Nixon	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie



Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Our Parish Notices

PENITENTIAL SERVICE Shrove Tuesday 1st March 2022 7.00pm St Kevin's Cardiff

An opportunity for all in the Parish
to prepare for Lent, includes burning of Palms.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 2nd March Day of Fast and Abstinence

- Kotara 7.00am
- Adamstown 9.30am
- Cardiff 6.00pm



Fr Joseph will be on sick leave from 3 - 18 March (going for minor surgery). During this time Fr Gordon Quinn will celebrate Mass and look after emergencies during the day time. If there is an emergency (of Prime importance) at night, call Father Joseph, and he shall arrange someone to assist you. **During Father Joseph's absence: the Tuesday (9.30am) & Wednesday (7.00am) Masses will be cancelled, and Adoration will resume after 18 March.** Anna will come to work for a few hours during this period (on a casual basis helping Father Joseph). Her working times and days will be notified soon.

Confirmation and First Eucharist Masses have now concluded. On behalf of the parish, Fr Joseph would like to thank the teachers, families and many volunteers and other staff who contributed to these significant events in the lives of our children and the parish. Special thanks to our Diocesan Administrator, Fr Greg Barker and the Diocesan Manager - Worship & Prayer, Sr Louise Gannon.

The Way of The Cross, like last year, will continue after weekday Mass in each Mass centre during Lent. Volunteers, please come forward to help do this.

Pope Francis has invited all levels of the Church to participate in a process of consultation. Submissions must be made by **this Sunday 27 February**. Individual submissions may be submitted. For more information <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Baptism Preparation - this Sunday, 27 February, 10.30am in St Kevin's Cottage.

Bereavement Support Team meets this Tuesday, 1 March 6.00pm in the hall at St Philip's, Kotara. New members welcome. Team contact is Diana 4943 0303.

World Day of Prayer - This year's service has

been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme "I know the plans I have for you". Please come along and join with our fellow Christians in prayer this Friday 4th March 10.00am at Adamstown Uniting Church (Guest speaker, parishioner, Christine Sheppard OAM) or 10.30am at Cardiff Heights Baptist Church. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to support both of these events.

The First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 5th March and will be offered for George Pink (husband of Sally), Robert Bartholomew (husband of Bernadette), parishioners Terry Fitzpatrick and Ian Barton, Joseph Elias (father of Anthony) and Paul Finnimore (father of Kate Frost). The Rosary will be prayed at 9.10am and Mass will follow at 9.30am. All are invited to this Mass to pray for the deceased and with and for their families.

Casual Maintenance Volunteer - There is often a need to small/repaired/odd jobs to be done. If you would be willing to put your name on a list that could be accessed for this purpose, would you please contact Anne Foat M 0414 572 025 or Marlene Dorney M 0426 800 262.

A Volunteer is needed to fulfill the role of Parish Promoter of Safeguarding. The Promoter of safeguarding is, ideally, a person with direct ongoing contact with the Parish Priest. The role requires a person:

- * with good command of detail
- * able to integrate new information
- * able to track multiple simultaneous strands of activity
- * capable of having effective, honest communications with peers
- * with a comprehensive understanding of the faith community in which they live, including culture, interpersonal dynamics and the buildings and properties that the parish utilises for worship and the other activities of the local Church. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Fr Joseph.

The Rite of Election on Sunday 6 March 2022 is an opportunity to welcome all the catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil (a catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church). You are invited to join the People of God in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to be Catholic. 2.30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by Covid-safe afternoon tea. Please RSVP for catering to Sharon Murphy 4979 1134

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,

so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Response to be repeated after each verse

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,

never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



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.