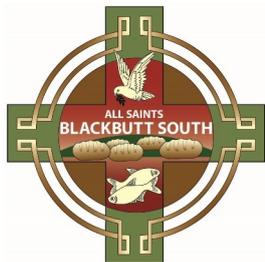


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4th Sunday of Lent Year C

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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;
1st Saturday 9.00am Kotara

Today Jesus assures us that there is the hope of forgiveness when we turn back to the Father, even if we are far away and estranged from him. Sometimes we live as if God our Father did not exist or matter. To turn back to him in our heart, even at the end, provides the space for God to enter and save, so that all is not lost. God the Father is loving, merciful and compassionate. He calls us, "My child, come as you are." Yet to delay is to miss out on so much! Life far from God the Father is a truncated life, missing that essential relationship.

Have we thought about this as we step into the Fourth Sunday in Lent? Christian Prayer is essentially being swept up into the relationship of Jesus with the Father in the Holy Spirit. We are sons and daughters in the Son of God. In Jesus, we are given the power to be children of God (John 1:12). We must have an adequate time for personal prayer, meditation and self-examination of conscience. Forty days in Lent are given for us to utilise for this very purpose. Still, even in Lent, we become too busy to concentrate on our spiritual call; we forget our sanctification and purification of our Souls. This is a beautiful time of Reconciliation, repentance and transformation.

This Lent, let us focus on our restored dignity as children of that loving Father. We are in his hands, the strongest and safest hands — the most merciful hands. It's no accident that the ancient and venerable Eucharistic Prayer, the Roman Canon, begins with recourse to the most merciful of fathers: "To you, therefore, most merciful Father . . ." This Lent, we might focus on this most Christian of relationships. This gift cost Jesus his blood. There is no cheap grace, but there is no limit to divine mercy.

Further I sincerely thank you for your prayers, well-wishes, and continued support during my minor surgery and recovery. My special Thanks to Gorgeous Gordon Quinn for his generosity in helping us and dear Anna for her unassuming fidelity to our Parish. As we are slowly coming out from the fear of Pandemic, I would like to have the generosity of our parishioners in coming forward to look after our Parish needs. Please don't wait until your name is called upon. This OUR parish and our Faith which we have to protect, shape and enhance and take it to our future generations.

Fr Joseph Figurado

Parish News

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

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, 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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline McCudden

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonina Stachura, Lyn Malone, Krystyna McCullum

<u>27/03/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettet	Anne Lamotte	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Christine Williams Diana Hannigan	Michael Deed Catherine Lerch	Faye Robertson Patrick Farrell
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Elizabeth Doyle	Jessica Moulder
Counters	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A
<u>03/04/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Cathy Waugh	Bernard Burgess
Readers	Dot Reynolds Basia Wedesweiler	Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Wayne Caruana Susanna Caruana
Extraordinary Minister	Vickie Pettett	Mark Wilmore	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	Len McCullum	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie



**4th Sunday of Lent
02 / 03 April**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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.

Caritas Australia

is working directly with Caritas Ukraine and its local partner Caritas Spes to support Ukrainian families with food, hygiene kits, clean water, psychological support, and emergency shelter to displaced families. Since the beginning of the conflict, Caritas Ukraine has assisted more than 70,000 people across the country.

Donations can be made at:
www.caritas.org.au/ukraine/

Our Parish Notices

All Cardiff Parishioners are cordially invited to an information session about the proposed re-development of the old convent at St Kevin's following Mass on Sunday April 3.

There will be a power point presentation by an architect from the Catholic Schools Office who is assisting with this project . I will be there as School Principal and Parishioner, along with Kim Hogan, Assistant Principal/ Parish Finance Team member.

The famous Kim Hogan scones will be served with tea and coffee during this presentation.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

We welcome back Louise from leave normal office hours now commence—see front of Bulletin.

Parish Reconciliation and Meditation on the Passion of Christ will be held on Friday 1st April at 6.00pm at St Philip's Kotara

Appointment of New Bishop: We are in a liminal space framed by the death of Bishop Bill Wright and the appointment of a new Bishop. Like Advent liminal spaces invite us to wait with purpose and hope and to prepare the way. One of the ways we the faithful wait with purpose is through prayer. Collect your Prayer Card from back of Church.

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.

Rainbow Family Group . are having dinner on Friday 8 April at 6pm at the home of Christine Sheppard. Please contact Christine by 3 April.

NSW SVdP Flood Appeal

Donations can be made by many ways:

- ⇒ phoning 131812
- ⇒ www.vinnies.org.au/NSWFloodAppeal;
- ⇒ going to any Vinnies Shop
- ⇒ envelopes at the rear of the church (Please write "Flood Appeal" on the front of the envelope.)

The Ecumenical Way of the Cross

Join us on Sunday, 3rd April, 2022, 3pm start St Joseph's Parish Grounds (meet at St Joseph's Community Centre) 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto. Afternoon tea provided. For more information contact Brendon Mannyx P: 0426426892 E: brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au

Fr Paul Berezniuk invites you to join the Ukrainian community for Mass, praying for peace in Ukraine **each Friday at 10am** in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, 105 Gosford Road, Adamstown. You are also invited to morning tea at **11am on Sunday 27 March** following their Sunday Mass in the hall. Please bring a plate of food to share with the Ukrainian community.

Chrism Mass Tuesday 12th April 7pm at Sacred Hearth Cathedral.

All the faithful of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle are invited to gather for the blessing and consecration of Sacred Oils. As there are currently no COVID-19 capacity limits, everyone who is feeling well and symptom-free is welcome. Presider Bishop Danny Meagher (Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney)

Insert in Bulletin Solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*Pope Francis' request for Prayers this weekend*)

HOLY WEEK SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 14 April 2022

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Cardiff 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 15 April 2022

Stations of the Cross
Kotara 11.00am
Liturgy of the Passion
Kotara 3.00pm

EASTER SATURDAY 16 April 2022

Easter Vigil
Kotara 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 17 April 2022

Mass of the Resurrection
Adamstown 8.00am
Cardiff 9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

First Reading Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

Response:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
(R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard
him
and rescued him from all his distress.
(R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it

was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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.

2022 Liturgical Calendar for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts
are bold.

Memorials are in ordinary type.
Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

Saturday 2nd April **St Francis of Paola**