

3rd April 2022
5th Sunday of Lent Year C

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



Reaching out to All

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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
[Links are on our Website](#)

ALL SAINTS PARISH BLACKBUTT SOUTH
Faith Communities of Adamstown, Cardiff, Kotara



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

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a new Month and our scriptures invite us to focus our attention on our new transformation, I feel it is fitting to draw your attention to this below reflection.

Today's readings speak of the renewal of our relationship with God. We accomplish this new beginning by a self-examination: looking to see where there is any mess in our lives. Once we have identified the blight, bring it to God and ask forgiveness, for we know he loves us and forgives us! But we have to return to our Father with the genuine mentality of the Prodigal Son. How do we know this? How do we know God will truly forgive our past transgressions and give us a new beginning?

Just look at today's readings. God says in the First Reading from Isaiah: "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" The Responsorial Psalm says, "Although they go forth weeping, They shall come back rejoicing." Paul tells us in the second reading: "Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." And Jesus himself tells us, as he told the woman in the Gospel, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

"Do not sin anymore." How, which way we are going to achieve this humble call from Jesus in our life?

A New Era for Our Parish:

Further, as we reflect on a New Beginning, our Parish begins a New Era with New Pastoral Council and a New Finance team. I shall give you Names and more details in our next bulletin. Now, let us commend our New leadership team in God's hand and pray for them.

With prayers and love in the Lord,
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: Anna Bartole

ANNIVERSARIES: Piotr and Wladyslawa Litawa, Kevin Britt, Onorato & Maria Delzotto

03/04/2022	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
10/04/2022 PALM SUNDAY	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Margaret Bourke	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Paul O'Neill, Vickie Pettet GOSPEL: Stan Heaney (N) Therese Nolan (O)	Sharon Murphy, Ben Lerch GOSPEL: Anne Lamotte (N) Paul Gleeson (O)	Elaine Aberly, Dever Family GOSPEL: Giavanna Angeli (N) Marilyn Thomson (O)
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Majella Maher	Faye Robertson
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A



5th Sunday of Lent 2/3 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 Parishioners are cordially invited to an information session about the proposed re-development of the old convent at St Kevin's following 9.30am Mass this Sunday April 3.

There will be a power point presentation by an architect from the Catholic Schools Office who is assisting with this project. Mary-Anne Jennings 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.

COVID-19 Safety in our Churches

There have been many questions about wiping the seats and wearing masks. Some churches in our Diocese have stopped doing them. I leave this to the discretion of each person attending Mass; safeguarding ourselves and others is our priority. Please avoid handing over wet wipes; keep them visible so that those who feel concerned about wiping will choose to do so. If you feel unwell and have Covid symptoms, please avoid mingling with people and get tested.

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.

Please supply your own Palms / Greenery for Palm Sunday Mass next week. If you have any spare palms please bring to share.

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

The Ecumenical Way of the Cross Join us on this 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

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.

Chrism Mass Tuesday 12th April 7.00pm at Sacred Heart 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).

2022 Liturgical Calendar for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Solemnities are in CAPITALS. Feasts are bold.

Memorials are in ordinary type.

Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

4 April *Saint Isidore (commemoration)*

5 April *Saint Vincent Ferrer (commemoration)*

7 April *Saint John Baptist de la Salle (commemoration)*

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

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First Reading **Is 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the
field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what
was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can
you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the
wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in
the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for
myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.) The Lord has done great
things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

To be repeated after each verse.

1. When the Lord delivered
Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs.
(R.)
2. The heathens themselves
said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked
for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our
bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full
of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come
back, full of song,

carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Phil 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that
will outweigh the supreme ad-
vantage of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For him I have accepted
the loss of everything, and I look on
everything as so much rubbish if
only I can have Christ and be given
a place in him. I am no longer trying
for perfection by my own efforts, the
perfection that comes from the Law,
but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and
is from God and based on faith. All I
want is to know Christ and the pow-
er of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the
pattern of his death. That is the way
I can hope to take my place in the
resurrection of the dead. Not that I
have become perfect yet: I have not
yet won, but I am still running, try-
ing to capture the prize for which
Christ Jesus captured me. I can
assure you my brothers, I am far
from thinking that I have already
won. All I can say is that I forget the
past and I strain ahead for what is
still to come; I am racing for the fin-
ish, for the prize to which God calls
us upwards to receive in Christ Je-
sus.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Gospel **Jn 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
At daybreak he appeared in the
Temple again; and as all the people
came to him, he sat down and be-
gan to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought
a woman along who had been
caught committing adultery; and
making her stand there in full view
of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in
the very act of committing adultery,
and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to
death by stoning. What have you to

say?' They asked him this as a
test, looking for something to
use against him. But Jesus bent
down and started writing on the
ground with his finger. As they
persisted with their question, he
looked up and said, 'If there is
one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a
stone at her.' Then he bent
down and wrote on the ground
again. When they heard this
they went away one by one, be-
ginning with the eldest, until Je-
sus was left alone with the wom-
an, who remained standing
there. He looked up and said,
'Woman, where are they? Has
no one condemned you?' 'No
one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do
I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go
away, and don't sin any more.

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 con-
ceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was bur-
ied;
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.