

17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

Faith Communities  
of Adamstown  
Cardiff and Kotara



*'Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve.'* (Mt 20:28)

*~ A humble service with a smile ~*

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- St Kevin's, Cardiff
- St James', Kotara

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- St Pius X, Adamstown
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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: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

It is wonderful to gather as a Parish community for the celebration of the Easter liturgies. The Paschal Triduum gives meaning and purpose to all other liturgical celebrations. My grateful thanks to all who have given their time in preparation of the Easter liturgies. Thanks to all who have come along and participated by your very presence. May you share your Easter joy with your family and friends and may you all be blessed.



**Happy Easter - Fr. Joseph Figurado**

### Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

### Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved.

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

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*'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.'* John 15:9

# MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>17/04/2022</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Dot Reynolds</b>	<b>Elizabeth Doyle</b>	<b>Joachim Angeli</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<b>Barry Bourke</b> <b>Paul Smith</b>	<b>Sr Clare McCudden</b> <b>Cathy Waugh</b>	<b>1. Wayne Caruana</b> <b>2. Susanna Caurana</b> <b>3. Paul Gleeson</b> <b>Epistle: Anne Foat</b>
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Narelle Smith</b>	<b>Sharon Murphy</b>	<b>Faye Robertson</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Francine Goodman,</b> <b>Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill</b>	<b>Mary Nixon</b>	<b>John Bourke,</b> <b>Mark Noonan, Val</b> <b>Menzies</b>
<b>24/04/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Paul Smith</b>	<b>Sr Clare McCudden</b>	<b>Marilyn Thomson</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<b>Christine Williams</b> <b>Julie Malspina</b>	<b>Michael Deed</b> <b>Elizabeth Doyle</b>	<b>Gerard Mowbray</b> <b>Faye Robertson</b>
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Stan Heaney</b>	<b>Leo Caldwell</b>	<b>Bernard Burgess</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Dot Reynold</b> <b>Lynne Johns</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**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

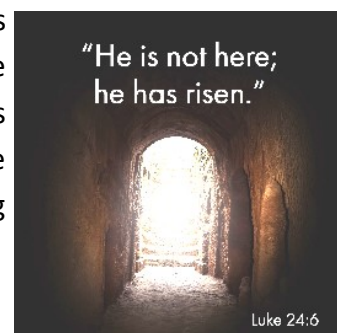
## Gospel Reflection

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

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"He is not here;  
he has risen."



Luke 24:6

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**I would like to apologise** for the mix-up last Sunday to the faithful community of Cardiff for the postponement of the voting process regarding the old convent site. There have been concerns raised from some parishioners regarding the demolition process and the proposed new school building plans.

Further consultation will be taking place with the Diocese and Catholic Schools Office.

I will inform the Parish and School with the outcome of any discussions and new date for voting.

*Fr Joseph Figurado*

**OFFICE CHANGES**—Louise is now on extended Sick Leave. Interim Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm. Further contact can be made by P: 4954 0977 or E: [asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au). Messages will be checked periodically. For urgent matters or funeral arrangements Fr Joseph can be contacted on his mobile 0438 769



**FROM THE DIOCESE:** We are excited to deliver the new Mass Times App for all Parishes. This App provides accessible, timely and up-to-date information to our Parishioners to support engagement and involvement in Parish activities. App can be downloaded from Google Play or App Store. For current users the app is automatically updated. QR Codes and information cards are at the back of our Churches.

**Fr Andrew Doohan** has resigned from his appointments as Priest in Solidum in the parishes of Stockton, Mayfield, and St Benedict's Inner Newcastle, and as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral effective Sunday 17 April 2022. He will take Sabbatical and Annual Leave before being given another appointment.

**Fr John Lovell** has been appointed to the position of Administrator in the parishes of Stockton, Mayfield, and St Benedict's Inner Newcastle, and as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral commencing Monday 18 April 2022

**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

**ANZAC** day is a national holiday that commemorates the landings of Australian and New Zealander soldiers at Gallipoli in 1915. It has since grown and become a day where the service and sacrifice of many people over many wars are acknowledged.

**ANZAC DAY MASS** will be celebrated on Monday 25th April at 7am St Philip's Kotara

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 - *Fr Joseph*.

**Our First Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday 7th May at 9.30am at St Philip's Kotara. The Mass will be offered for those parishioners or close relatives of parishioners who passed away during April/May 2021. Please give names of those to be remembered to Diana 4943 0303 by Monday 25th April.

**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.

**The Bereavement Support Team** meets this Tuesday 12th April at 4.00pm in the St Philip's Hall. Please note the change of time for this month only. New members welcome. Our contact is Diana 4943 0303.

**New Mass Ministry Rosters** are being prepared for the period 1 May - 24 July. Will be available shortly.

**Fr Paul Berezniuk** invites you to join the Ukrainian community for Mass, praying for peace in Ukraine **each Friday at 10.00am** in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, 105 Gosford Road, Adamstown.

**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. You still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) and donate online.



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# READINGS—EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C

## First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 5:6-8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## Sequence

**The sequence is said or sung on this day.**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the

tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## 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.

