

24th April 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter

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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'Listening to God's word, growing in faith, reaching out to all'

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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:

Monday: 7am Kotara

Tuesday: Cancelled Adamstown

Wednesday: 7.00am Kotara

9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

It is with much happiness, after a long wait I present the letter below from the new Parish Leadership Team and I invite you to pray for them.

Fr Joseph Figurado

Dear Parishioners of All Saints Blackbutt South

After a long process very much delayed by COVID-19, it is my pleasure to let you know the outcome of the nomination process for the new parish Council.

The following group of talented people with a diverse range of leadership and life experience has generously agreed to take on this important role that will guide our parish for the next five years:

Giavanna Angeli (Chair), Bernard Burgess (Deputy Chair)

Wayne Caruana (Secretary), Elizabeth Doyle, David Logan, Patrick Farrell

Grace Dever, Robert Angeli, Helene O'Neill, Adam Frost

There is also a new Finance Council:

Bernard Burgess, Shane Toms, Paul Crosbie, Kim Hogan, Hamilton Koelmeyer

Claire Shamley

We have also received nominations from others who have discerned that they would like to be part of the parish Team. Keep an eye out for a future announcement about the Parish Team once we have gathered more members for the team.

Fr Greg Barker will commission the Council and Finance Team next Saturday night during the 5.30 pm mass at Kotara. Everyone is most welcome to attend this mass.

We look forward to meeting with you all and updating the parish as we progress.

Warm regards

Giavanna Angeli (on behalf of the Parish Council)

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

MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>24/04/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA EASTER VIGIL
Commentator	Paul Smith	Sr Clare McCudden	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Christine Williams Julie Malspina	Michael Deed Elizabeth Doyle	Gerard Mowbray Faye Robertson
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Leo Caldwell	Bernard Burgess
Counters	Dot Reynold Lynne Johns	N/A	N/A
<u>01/05/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Anne Lamotte	Giavanna Angeli
Readers	Basia Wedesweiler Therese Nolan	Sharon Murphy Paul Gleeson	Emma South Peter Cunningham
Presentation of Gifts	Kath Kelly	Hall Family	Paul & Jai Dart
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Mark Wilmore	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A

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: Maureen Olga Westley, Patricia Anne Power, Sue Benn

BAPTISMS: Oliver Hodgson

Historical Context – My Lord and my God

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, 'My Lord and my God!'



Scriptural context – Holy Spirit

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although 'advocate' carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Have you thought? – Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped in the preparation of our Easter Ceremonies. Easter Blessings to all.

Fr Joseph

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New Mass Rosters for period 1 May—24 July 2022 have now been emailed. We are recommencing Presentation of Gifts as COVID guidelines are relaxed. There are some copies at back of churches for those not on email:

Our SRE Catechists Karen Curran and Paul Gleeson from Cardiff will be recognised during the 9.30am Mass this Sunday— for their dedication and service in their teaching to our State School and for their many years of service

Please note: Adamstown Mass has been cancelled for this week due to Funeral.

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



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 - *Fr Joseph*.

Our First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th May at 9.30am at St Philip's Ko-



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**.

There will be a cup of tea after Mass. Please bring Anzac Biscuits from your favourite recipe to share.

tara. 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.

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 2022. If 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 and donate online.

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults — particularly those who participate in the life of the Diocese as part of our faith communities in parishes, diocesan systemic schools, early education centres, out-of-school hours care services, and welfare and community services through CatholicCare and other diocesan ministries. Further information is available on websites listed on front page of our bulletin.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for a thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation

READINGS—2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of
the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit

possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you
forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not

with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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.