

8th May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter Year C

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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Wednesday & Thursday only

9am—3pm

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

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

- www.mn.catholic.org.au/agencies/office-of-safeguarding
- www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm, Kotara

Sunday: 8.00am, Adamstown

9.30am Cardiff

Adoration: has been cancelled from
this Sunday 8th May and will resume on
22nd May

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 7am Kotara

Tuesday: 9.30am CANCELLED

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9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

Soon after Easter, I began my Hospital Ministry and have been on call for the second week in a row with other Parish commitments. I had many Visits to John Hunter, Mater Hospital and hospice and other Local calls; standing with the sick and dying are "the Priestly Moments, and the sick and dying have a story to tell us." Those bedside stories are powerful and vibrant, and they would resonate and make me think about my life."

My heart is closely connected with all in Ukraine as I am spiritually present in their agony, which I underwent when I was a boy. It is impossible not to notice people's pain, hurt, and tears in many ways in the Hospital and in many parts of our world, in our society, elsewhere, including Sri Lanka.

Women, men, and children scurrying to hide in bomb shelters; innocent lives trapped in burned out or collapsed buildings; and abandoned and traumatized elderly people without relief amidst the senseless devastation of war and mishandling of Political Powers.

Moreover, I would like to think of the pain of natural disasters: lives and livelihoods destroyed in raging and recent floods in our Country.

As I reflect on these experiences, I am reminded of "the time of great distress" in the second reading from the Book of Revelation. John tells us that the people gathered in God's presence are those "who have survived the time of great distress."

John's vision of the multitude of people before God's throne reveals God's desire for us. God desires to satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst; God wants to protect us from anything that would hurt us.

As you read these words, I invite you to reflect: Where is your pain? What hurts are you carrying in your life? What brings you tears? Your

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

MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

08/05/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Cathy Waugh	Patrick Farrell
Readers	Stan Heaney Diana Hannigan	Elizabeth Doyle Ben Lerch	Susanna Caurana Wayne Caruana
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Murphy Family	Dever Family
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Angela Hall	Janelle Oliver
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A
15/05/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	Margaret Bourke	Bernard Burgess
Readers	Christine Williams Paul Smith	Sr Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Dever Family Marilyn Thomson
Presentation of Gifts	Kath Kelly	Lamotte Family	Burgess Family
Extraordinary Minister	Narelle Smith	Len McCullum	Narelle Heard
Counters	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	Len McCullum	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies

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: Sr Gladys Gardiner rsm

ANNIVERSARIES: Rene McDowell, Mary Coffey, Sr Rita Torpey, Michelle Roberts-Clarke

BAPTISMS: Sam Pursehouse

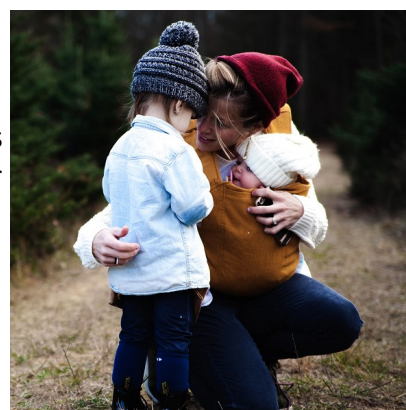
pain, hurt, or tears are not alien to God. Like the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel, who knows every sheep by name, God knows your pain, feels your hurt and sees your tears. For your pain God promises new life; for your hurts God promises healing, and for your tears God promises consolation. But one thing you have to do is surrender them to the Lord. When the offertory procession begins, spiritually handover all that disturbing in your heart and mind. Mingle yourself with the bread and wine, spiritually pour yourself and your family, then this Sacrifice of our Lord becomes whole.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, desires to shepherd us beyond our tears, beyond our hurts, from death unto life, from darkness unto light. The Good Shepherd gives us each day as a time of grace—a time to thrive rather than simply survive—because we are inheritors of God's grace. God clothes us in robes of consolation, garments of comfort, and cloaks of healing. In times of distress, God leads us tenderly to springs of living water. As you read these sentences and words are actualized in you and you become the peace and consolation to others to spread the love of Jesus to this Universe. Let us become mirrors of compassion to others, like our Lord.

May I wish God's richest blessings upon the women of All Saints' Parish as you celebrate this Mothers' Day. May you be honoured and cherished for the blessing you are to your family and this community.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Figurado



The 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR JOSEPH will be away this coming week from 9-13th May. Weekday Masses on Wednesday (Adamstown); Thursday (Cardiff) and Friday (Kotara) will be celebrated by Fr Gordon Quinn as normal. Tuesday 9.30am Adamstown & Wednesday 7am at Kotara are cancelled. See front page of Bulletin.

OFFICE CHANGES: Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday 9am-3pm. Further contact can be made by P: 4954 0977 or

E: asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au. Messages will be checked periodically. For urgent matters or funeral arrangements Fr Joseph can be contacted on 0438 769 992.

Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers taking Communion to our sick parishioners please note there will be a meeting at Kotara 5pm on Wednesday 1st June.

Anointing Masses for our Parish will commence:

- ⇒ Tuesday 24th May 9.30am Adamstown
- ⇒ Thursday 26th May 10am Cardiff
- ⇒ Friday 27th May 9.15am Kotara.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in May. Prior to Covid St Kevin's would always celebrate this special week by the students being readers, welcomers, offertory gifts for the 9:30 Sunday Mass. Now that there are very few Covid restrictions St Kevin's school will once again celebrate 9.30am Sunday Mass on May 22 2022, with morning tea after Mass. School captains will address the Parishioners at the end of Mass and present the kindergarten students to the Parish community. We hope this is a small step to rebuilding community and the St Kevin's family after the hiatus that Covid caused.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. This year we will be hosting two events during National Volunteer Week. The flyer on noticeboards provides all of the information regarding the events and RSVP details.

The theme for Volunteer Week 2022 is **Better Together**. The Diocese and its agencies have more than 6000 volunteers who contribute their time each and every day, without our volunteers some of our programs and services would not operate.

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.

A reminder to members of **Rainbow Family Group** that we have 2 activities in May. On Tuesday 17 May, we are dining at Hamilton TAFE. Then we have our Annual Weekend away at Tuncurry 20-22 May. Christine / Kerina—Co Leaders

Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all people to the GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT Seminars/Workshops run by the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Sisters on Saturday 21/5/22 and Saturday 28/5/22 10am-4pm at the Holy Cross Church Hall, 30 Oakland St Glendale. Cost: donation. Please contact Wayne Caruana on 0466 631394 for further information.

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 or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

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Diocesan Notices on Noticeboards or on website www.mn.catholic.org.au

READINGS—4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will

wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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.