

15th May 2022
5th 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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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
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm, Kotara

Sunday: 8.00am, Adamstown

9.30am Cardiff

Adoration: 5.30pm(Winter)

6pm (Summer)

Resumes 22 May Kotara

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 7am Kotara

Tuesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday: 7.00am Kotara

9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Gospel Reflection

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

Have you thought? Love

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say 'I love you' in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

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

MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

15/05/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Margaret Bourke	Bernard Burgess
Readers	Dot Reynolds Albert Erzerich	Sr Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Dever Family Marilyn Thomson
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Lamotte Family	Burgess Family
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Len McCullum	Narelle Heard
Counters	Lynn Johns, Dot Reynolds	Len McCullum	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
22/05/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	School Students/ Staff	Emma South
Readers	Christine Williams Paul Smith	School Students/ Staff	Bernard Burgess Jessica Moulder
Presentation of Gifts	Kath Kelly	School Students/ Staff	Peter & Marie Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Narelle Smith	School Students/ Staff	Faye Robertson
Counters	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane, Kath 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, 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, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Helen Woodham

RECENTLY DECEASED: Neville Hays

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Halloway, Stanley Gleeson, Jack Wilcock

BAPTISMS: Iris Harvey, Sid Foley

Gospel Focus – God's Love

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

Living the Gospel – Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing 'love' used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

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"By this love ... everyone will know that you are my disciples."

John 13:35

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

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.

Sunday Adoration: will not be held this week and resumes on Sunday 22nd May at Kotara.

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 St Kevin's school will celebrate this event at 9.30am Sunday Mass on May 22 2022, with morning tea afterwards. 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.

Please note adjusted ministry / counters roster.

Notices / Anniversaries for inclusion in bulletin to be received at Parish Office by Thursday 10am.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the next year are now being processed and will be available shortly.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. 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.

ties. 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 this 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. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, BYO Lunch 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. Total of \$4118.05 has been received to date. Tax Receipts have now been posted to those who requested one.

Praying the Gospels You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. Zoom link:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

Contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

READINGS—5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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.

