

22nd May 2022  
6th 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 ~*

## All Saints Catholic Home - Blackbutt South

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

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### OFFICE HOURS:

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](http://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 this Sunday

### 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

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and His indwelling in each one of us. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, and how we become the Temple of God, again another indication of the "Commercial Building of Faith." As I said last week, we become the Commercial Buildings, Billboards, of Jesus. Are we making our "Christian Trade? It is a big question to get an answer for." We often forget to speak about our Faith, Bible, Jesus 2022 years of Traditional Value of Our Faith which shaped the world's Life.

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the Holy presence of God in the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) prays that all the nations on the earth may recognize their God and praise Him. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know. As our Diocese Celebrates the Catholic School week, these readings are a prelude to a new outlook on our Faith Formation in the Parish and Parish Schools. I want to encourage our Parishioners to recite Rosary before Mass. May is the Month of Mary, and we must Pray for people in Ukraine and other struggling parts of the World. Let's pray for our Parish, Parish Schools, Principals, Teachers and Staff.

May God bless you all,  
Fraternally yours in Christ,  
Fr. Joseph Figurado PP



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

# MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>22/05/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Diana Hannigan	School Students/ Staff	Emma South
<b>Readers</b>	Christine Williams Paul Smith	School Students/ Staff	Bernard Burgess Jessica Moulder
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Kath Kelly	School Students/ Staff	Peter & Marie Cunningham
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Narelle Smith	School Students/ Staff	Faye Robertson
<b>Counters</b>	Francine Goodman, Susan Lane, Kath Kelly, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A
<b>29/05/2022</b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Julie Malaspina	Elizabeth Doyle	Peter Cunningham
<b>Readers</b>	Vickie Pettett Paula O'Neill	Sr Clare McCudden Anne Lamotte	Giavanna Angeli Christine Sheppard
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Goodman Family	Maher Family	Paul & Jai Dart
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Stan Heaney	Paul Gleeson	Sioban Farrell
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

## **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:**

Robyn Paul

## **Historical Context – The time of absence**

At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.

## **Gospel Focus – Advocate**

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

## **Different View – Peace**

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

*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:** resumes on this Sunday 22nd May at Kotara. (Winter Time 5.30pm)

**Anointing Masses** for our Parish will commence:

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

**We welcome St Kevin's** students, their families and staff at our Cardiff today. 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 stay and enjoy the morning tea following Mass.,

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

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the next year are now available. Please collect your packet and tax letter. Complete form and return to Parish Office or in containers at the back of churches, only if you require a tax receipt. Letter and forms have been emailed to credit and debit card givers.

**Good Friday Collection:** Total of \$1157.10 has been sent to the Holy Land Commissariat in support of the church in the Holy Land.

The Members of the **Adamstown Conference** of the SVDP Society thank our parishioners for their very generous response to the Flood Appeal. We thank you also on behalf of those distressed people who benefited from your generosity, especially those in the Lismore and surrounding districts.

**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.

**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 continues on 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.



### 2022 TWEC Dinner

This year's dinner will be held Friday 24 June from 6.30pm at the Therry Centre, East Maitland. We invite you to enjoy a meal, share stories of the Josephite spirit within the diocesan community and imagine the next chapter of the Tenison Woods Education Community story together. Seats at the dinner are \$60 per person which includes drinks, canapés, main course and dessert. Tables of 10, small group and individual bookings are welcome. For details and bookings <https://2022twec.eventbrite.com.au>. Attendee names and dietary needs can be entered at checkout. For queries please contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134 or [sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au)

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## READINGS—6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this.

They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'



"Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you."

John 14:27

### 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.