

29th May 2022

The Ascension of the Lord Yr 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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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
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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: Cancelled this week

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Ascension Feast Day

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and their preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time" (Mt 28-20). Jesus is with us Always!



Over the past 6 to 7 weeks, we have been reflecting on that period of 'Eastertide' that commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent on earth after his Resurrection to the time of his Ascension into Heaven.

To be Christians we need to be both proclaimers and evangelizers. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives through our actions and our example. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for our brothers and sisters. Now, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, through experiencing Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others this Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will. We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxieties, and worries by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven. *Fr Joseph Figurado*

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

MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>29/05/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Elizabeth Doyle	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Vickie Pettett Paula O'Neill	Sr Clare McCudden Anne Lamotte	Giavanna Angeli Christine Sheppard
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Maher Family	Paul & Jai Dart
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Paul Gleeson	Sioban Farrell
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie
<u>05/06/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Julie Malaspina Basia Wedesweiler	Sharon Murphy Elizabeth Doyle	Nance Schrieber Patrick Farrell
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Hall Family	Peter & Marie Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Vickie Pettett	Sr Clare McCudden	Giavanna Angeli
Counters	Lynn Johns, Dot Reynolds	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:

Daniel Close, Richard Briggs

ANNIVERSARIES: Austin Basil Fernando, Mary Terese, Lily Margaratt

BAPTISM of Keagan Anthony Haines during 9.30am Mass at Cardiff

Scriptural context – Luke-Acts

The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means 'Friend of God' or 'Beloved of God'. Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author – using the name to imply that the books were written to any 'Friend of God'. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.

Gospel Focus – A message for all people

One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to all nations – even to the ends of the earth!

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.' The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

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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

This Friday's 9.15am Mass at Kotara on 3rd June has been cancelled in order to enable our community to pray with Fr Paul Berezniuk and the Ukrainian Community for peace at the 10am Mass in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, 105 Gosford Road, Adamstown.



We invite all parishioners who are able to attend.

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: has resumed each Sunday evening. (Winter Time 5.30pm). You are invited to come along.

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.

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.

Rainbow Family Group Soup Night
Saturday 18 June 2022, 6.30 pm (after Saturday evening Mass Please contact Helen Mackenzie by email only - helenblackney@icloud.com)

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

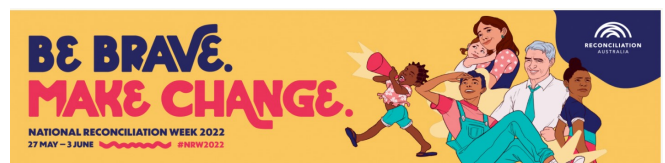
information to our Parishioners to support engagement and involvement in Parish activities. App can be downloaded from Google Play or App Store. For current users the app is automatically updated. QR Codes and information cards are at the back of our Churches.

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.

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

Diocesan Notices on Noticeboards or available on website www.mn.catholic.org.au to access the many happenings in our Diocese.



National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

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—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

- For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
 3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.
'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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.

