

10th July 2022
15th Sunday Ordinary Time
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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Tuesday & Thursday only

9:30am—2:30pm

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: 5.30pm(Winter) Kotara

6pm (Summer)

Reconciliation: Saturdays at Kotara by
appointment (11am-3pm)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday: 7.00am Kotara

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Good Samaritan

According to Tolstoy, a drama does not tell us the whole story of a person's life. What it does do is place a person in a situation. Then, from how the person deals with the situation, his or her character becomes evident. Jesus portrays the same attitude in this story of the Good Samaritan. He places the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan in a particular situation. They are faced with difficult decision making.

To stop and help the badly wounded man or to continue their own business. There is no escape for them and no place to hide in this situation that Jesus brings into this story. It is like a well-articulated Opera play. They have to commit themselves one way or the other. The priest and Levite decide to pass by. The Samaritan chooses to stop and help. Crisis does not create the character; it merely reveals it. In times of crisis, people show what is already inside them; a moment of a difficult time or event may cause a person to demonstrate his or her essential being. The encounter with the wounded man was such a moment for the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan. We are living in a wounded world where we too are put in the same situation as in today's Gospel. Everywhere we see pain, crisis, Covid and now rain and floods. Some of the repeated events give us excruciating pain.

What did this parable reveal about the character of the priest and Levite? It showed how self-centred they were. We too have the "Me Me" attitude in our society and it seems to be becoming stronger. And then what did this story reveal about the character of the Samaritan? The Samaritan was a caring man, a man who could not pass another human being suffering in pain without wanting to give a helping hand to provide some relief to that person.

Dear friends, life is continually testing us, day in and day out. Every moment we are tested, for some maybe in a small way, while for others maybe through a considerable hardship.

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

MASS ROSTER— ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ample opportunities exist to help, through charitable organizations like the Church in Need, Vincent DePaul and Caritas and others. Maybe this kind of help may not be so common for all of us. Still, we can become part of them in our generosity. But in our parish and church, we can help others simply and charitably. The measure of our practical life is determined not by what we do in extraordinary circumstances but by our everyday behaviour and ordinary gestures of love. I have read elsewhere, "An excellent relationship starts with a single smile". So, let us try to reach out to newcomers to our churches this weekend, welcome them with love, and create a conversation with a smile.

Every little action of gentleness, a tiny gesture of kindness, brings Jesus to the world; it builds bridges and brings us closer to God. So, let's begin each daily encounter with a smile. A smile with love and compassion, a smile with kindness and generosity. *Fr Joseph*

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



PLEASE NOTE: New Parish Mobile number for Father Joseph 0452 280 687. Old number has been cancelled due to spamming activities. My apologies for any inconvenience. Fr Joseph

10/07/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Julie Malaspina	Elizabeth Doyle	Emma South
Readers	Paula O'Neill Therese Nolan	Carmel Moore Ben Lurch	Elaine Abery Dever Family
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Maher Family	Burgess Family
Extraordinary Minister	Vickie Pettett	Len McCullum	Janelle Oliver
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	John Bourke Mark Noonan Val Menzies
17/07/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Basia Wedesweiler Julie Malaspina	Majella Maher Cathy Waugh	Marilyn Thomson Bernard Burgess
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Murphy Family	Dever Family
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Sharon Murphy	Bernard Burgess
Counters	Lynne 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, Dorota Bakowska, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Stanislawa Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Craig Hart, Jill Heffernan, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Helen Woodham, Marie Galvin

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bernadette Coffey, Marie Galvin, Patricia Trappel

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Quigg, Warren Sheppard, Terry Hart, Gordon Swadling

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 HOURS: (Office was closed unexpectedly last week due to staff illness and leave—apologies for any inconvenience)

Normal Hours are Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am—2:30pm. Further contact can be made by E: asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au. Messages will be checked periodically. For urgent matters or funeral arrangements Fr Joseph can be contacted on M: 0452 280 687

Wednesday Mass at Adamstown has been cancelled for this week.

New Mass Ministry Rosters are due to be drawn up commencing 31st July. If you wish to join our Mass rosters or make a change, please notify Parish Office.

Soup Night FRIDAY 29 July at 5.30pm. You are invited to a Parish Soup Night at Cardiff Cottage. Come and warm up. Please RSVP your interest on clipboards at back of churches.

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

Tax return forms have now closed. Tax receipts will be issued when available from the Diocesan Finance Office.

Rainbow Family Group

Our next function is lunch at Blackbutt Richley Reserve Entrance. Date: 10th July
Time : 11:30 Please let me know if you are coming my number is 0409448255. Kerina



Thank You The SVdP Conferences within All Saints Parish – Blackbutt South, wish to say thank you for the generosity of all who have supported us in our recent Clothing Drive, Winter Appeal and through your prayers.

If you find you still wish to donate clothing or blankets you can do so by popping into one of the Vinnies shops or taking your clothing/blankets to 1/12 Belford Place Cardiff. Likewise the Winter Appeal envelopes can still be found at the entrances or on the tables of our churches at Adamstown, Cardiff and Kotara.

Thank you for all you do in assisting those in need.

Delivery of **Catholic Weekly** for this week has been delayed due to the bad weather conditions.

Apostolic Letter from Our Holy Father Pope Francis – 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God' has been released. Some copies are available at the back of churches or access to the document is available on the Vatican Website. <https://tinyurl.com/yc7as9tv>

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us to experience an Aboriginal Spirituality Formation Day

Date: Thursday 14 July 2022

Time: 9.00am to 2.30pm

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 5 Hyndes St, West Wallsend.

The day will concentrate on the core elements of Aboriginal Spirituality and will begin with Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by Fr John Purnell.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Council – Church Crawl

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us for a Church Crawl, to be held on Saturday 23 July from 9.30am to 3.45pm.

We will visit four Newcastle Churches in the one day, Christ Church Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Lutheran Church and a Russian Orthodox Church.

It will be an opportunity to unlearn, learn, and relearn by hearing about the faith of others, asking questions and getting to know others.

The Christian Formation Course This course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy. It runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation. By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will: become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith, grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community grow in awareness of what it means to be a responsive member of the faith community. The course will commence in July 2022. For more information go to:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course

READINGS— 15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Dt 30:10-14.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37.

R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**
4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled
through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus,

'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

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.