

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~



'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:

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Kotara Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

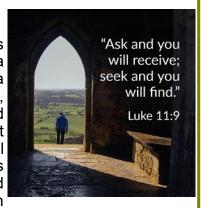
Sunday: 8.00am Adamstown Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff 9.30am Cardiff Friday: 9.15am Kotara

Adoration: 5.30pm(Winter) Kotara

6pm (Summer)

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's reflection continues from last week, "How do I pray?" is a frequently asked question. It was a question the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us how to pray". And then Jesus gives them the prayer that only needs the word, 'Father', to tell us who Jesus is, who we are. Jesus is saying I call My God My Father, and now this relationship I give to you in



the Lord's Prayer. He who knows the mind and heart of God the Father provides us with the best guidelines by which we can access the mind and spirit of God.

Jesus is not only about giving us the formula of prayer. It also reminds us that God is our loving and good Father, infinitely better than any human father. So, we should pray with tenderness, intimacy and full trust in our loving Father since He looks at us as His beloved children.

Having given his disciples this daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, He tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests? The above is called spiritual perseverance, which our world is losing slowly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

Jesus' teaching closes with the reminder that we will get a response if we seek. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? The Father will provide us with the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit will guide us on a path which we must walk, to do this we have to be open to the Holy Spirit. Prayer is not a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches us in the Our Father, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and His rule over all things.

As we pray for God to forgive us, we need to remember the requirement God puts on our own forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer. Here, we ask the Father to forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. As Jesus teaches us in the Lord's Prayer, let us seek a forgiving heart. Make that our daily prayer so as to be set free.

May the forthcoming week bring you peace happiness and joy in your heart mind and Soul. With prayers and love in the Lord,

Fr. Joseph

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

<u>24/07/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Carmel Moore	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Stan Heaney Diana Hannigan	Michael Deed Elizabeth Doyle	Jessica Moulder Giavanna Angeli
Presentation of Gifts	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Lamotte Family	Voluntee
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Leo Caldwell	Narelle Heard
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	Andrew & Sharon Mur- phy	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Robb
31/07/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Volunteer	Cathy Waugh	Patrick Farrell
Readers	Dot Reynolds Barry Bourke	Elizabeth Doyle Ben Lerch	Caruana Family
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Lerch Family	Dever Family
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Mark Wilmore	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	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, Barry Moore

ANNIVERSARIES: Ada Mary Battersby, Anna Sellar, Carole, Edith & Tony Underwood

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rodney Mason Taylor

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

We wish Fr Joseph Godspeed as he travels to or reach out to Christians for Peace at Sri Lanka to visit his parents and family. He will doug isabel35@gmail.com or phone 0431 935 be away from 30.07.22 to 1.10.2022. During his 097. absence contact can be made with Parish Office on Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am—2:30pm. Fur- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly ther contact can be made by E: asbspar- Pope Francis last year established the World ish@mn.catholic.org.au.

Emergency contacts if you require a priest are: Fr Godon Quinn 0408 957 072 Day time. Fr Anthony Coloma 0401 868 529 Night time. We thank Fr Gordon who will be celebrating our weekend masses.

Weekday Masses—Tuesday 9.30am at Ad- gical resources and Pope Francis' message at amstown & Wednesday 7am at Kotara will be www.catholic.org.au/grandparents cancelled during this time. Please refer to front page.

We welcome Deacon Solomon Okovido to our Parish for Pastoral Placement and to assist our clergy.

for period New Mass Ministry Rosters 31.07.2022 to 23.10.222 have now been emailed Officer Identity and Community - https:// please arrange substitute list if you are not able to cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/ fulfil your ministry. There are some printed forms view/304 at back of churches.



Soup Night FRIDAY 29 July at view/305 5.30pm. Please sign up if you have Pastoral Ministries Youth Minister - https:// poses. St Kevin's Cardiff Cottage. view/300 needed to set up hall. Please arrive dio/job/view/187 early if you can help!!!

Notices / Anniversaries for inclusion in bulletin to the word of God. 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.

Annual Hiroshima Day Commemoration

Join Christians for Peace and the Hunter Peace Group on Saturday 6 August for their annual Hiroshima Day Commemoration. From 11am at Peace Park (Maitland Road, Tighes Hill) there will be a service and BBQ picnic. Former Greens Senator Lee Rhiannon and Father Rod Bower from the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle will be the guest speakers. For more information contact the Hunter Peace Group at hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com or phone 0476 884 200

Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on 24 July this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and litur-

Pastoral Positions available in the Diocese Pastoral Ministries is seeking to employ people in the following roles to engage with and to serve the wider diocesan community in growing mutually supportive relationships for the sake of community and mission.

Closing date for applications is 28 July 2022.

Officer Worship and Prayer - https:// cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/

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Come and warm up over bowl of Administration Assistant - Community and Missoup and friendship. Volunteers are sion - https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/

Rediscovering Joy- Finding Wonder and Joy in

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne. In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world. Date: 15 August 2022

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am)

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

Cost: \$30

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467

More Diocesan Notices available on website www.mn.catholic.org.au

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— 17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

- 1.I thank you, Lord, with all my heart.
 - you have heard the words of my mouth.
 - Before the angels I will bless you.
 - I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
- 2.I thank you for your faithfulness and love
 - which excel all we ever knew of you.
 - On the day I called, you answered;
 - you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
- 3.The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
 - and the haughty he knows from afar.
 - Though I walk in the midst of affliction
 - you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
- 4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
 - your hand will do all things for me.
 - Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



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