

31st July 2022  
18th Sunday Ordinary Time  
Year C



"That They May All Be One."

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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- St Kevin's, Cardiff
- St James', Kotara

### PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

- St Pius X, Adamstown
- St Paul's, Booragul

### 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) Kotara

6pm (Summer)

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

## Gospel Reflection

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more.

We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.



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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

## Scriptural context – Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

## Have you thought? – Greed is good!

In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!' Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

## Living the Gospel – This hoard of yours...

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade. How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'

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<b>Commentator</b>	Paul Smith	Cathy Waugh	Patrick Farrell
<b>Readers</b>	Dot Reynolds Barry Bourke	Elizabeth Doyle Ben Lerch	Caruana Family
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Goodman Family	Lerch Family	Dever Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Albert Erzetich	Mark Wilmore	Henryka Bradley
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A
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<b>Commentator</b>	Vickie Pettett	Margaret Bourke	Bernard Burgess
<b>Readers</b>	Stan Heaney Diana Hannigan	Sr Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Dever Family
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Murphy Family	Paul & Jai Dart
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Preciosa Winter	Angela Hall	Janelle Oliver
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## 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, Chris Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Dorota Bakowska, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Jill Heffernan, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Helen Woodham, Barry Moore

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denise Grissell

**BAPTISM:** Millie Faye Gibson

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We wish Fr Joseph Godspeed** as he travels to Sri Lanka to visit his parents and family. He will be away until 1.09.2022. During his absence contact can be made with Parish Office on Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am—2:30pm. Further contact can be made by E: [asbsparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:asbsparish@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 week-end masses.

Weekday Masses—Tuesday 9.30am at Adamstown & Wednesday 7am at Kotara will be cancelled during this time.

8th August is the Feastday of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross. Mass will be celebrated at St Philips Kotara at 9am.

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



**New Mass Ministry Rosters** for period 31.07.2022 to 23.10.222 have now been emailed please arrange substitute list if you are not able to fulfil your ministry. There are some printed forms 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.

**The Bereavement Support Team** meeting which was to be held this week has been postponed. A new date will be announced in a future bulletin.

### Volunteer Members Needed!



Can you give a couple of hours per week or fortnight to help support those in need in our community? We have Conference groups right across the Parish including Adamstown, Kotara South and Cardiff that support our local Community. In the last financial year alone, \$74000 was provided in direct assistance to vulnerable community members. We also have volunteer inbound call centre roles at our Newcastle West office that are school hours friendly. No experience is necessary for our volunteering roles as full mentoring and training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more, please call Sarah Kemp 0490 255 100 or E: [sarah.kemp@vinnies.org.au](mailto:sarah.kemp@vinnies.org.au)

**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 Rhianon 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](mailto:hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com) or phone 0476 884 200 or reach out to Christians for Peace at [doug.isabel35@gmail.com](mailto:doug.isabel35@gmail.com) or phone 0431 935 097.

**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 Identity and Community – <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/304>

Officer Worship and Prayer - <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/305>

Pastoral Ministries Youth Minister - <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/300>

Administration Assistant – Community and Mission - <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/187>

### Rediscovering Joy- Finding Wonder and Joy in the word of God.

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](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467)

### Claiming Hope: Creative Healing Retreat

Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House from 12 to 14 August for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.

**Enquiries:** [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

**Bookings:** [www.trybooking.com/BWMJN](http://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN)

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# READINGS— 18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

## First Reading

**Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

**(R.)** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**Col 3:1-5, 9-11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Mt 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Lk 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of 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,