



"That They May All Be One."

*'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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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

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- 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)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9am Kotara (Feastday
of St Mary MacKillop)

Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

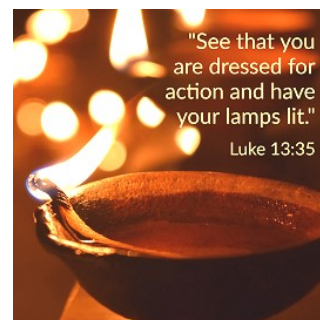
Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as *if* the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.



"See that you
are dressed for
action and have
your lamps lit."
Luke 13:35

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ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

Historical Context – Parousia

The Greek word *parousia* means ‘presence’ or ‘arrival’. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The *parousia* of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the Parousia in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Gospel Focus – Answer the Question!

Peter asks Jesus very specifically, ‘Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?’ Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn’t give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

Have you thought? – Stewardship

Jesus responds to Peter’s questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master’s absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That’s exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

07/08/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Margaret Bourke	Bernard Burgess
Readers	Stan Heaney Diana Hannigan	Sr Carmel Moore Majella Maher	Dever Family
Presentation of Gifts	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Murphy Family	Paul & Jai Dart
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Angela Hall	Janelle Oliver
Counters	Lynn Johns , Dot Reynolds	Len McCullum	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
14/08/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	Sr Clare McCudden	Emma South
Readers	Christine Williams Paul Smith	Michael Deed Cathy Waugh	Marilyn Thomson Bernard Burgess
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Lamotte Family	Burgess Family
Extraordinary Minister	Narelle Smith	Len McCullum	Narelle Heard
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	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, 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:

Tekla Jakubovski



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Joseph is on holidays until 1st September

Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am—2:30pm. Further contact can be made by E: 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.
Weekday Masses—Tuesday 9.30am at Adamstown & Wednesday 7am at Kotara will be cancelled during this time.

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

We will welcome children from St Kevin's School to our 9.30am Mass on Thursday.

Tax Receipts are now being processed and will be available shortly.

Financial Statement for year ending June 2022 Is posted on Church Noticeboards.

The Bereavement Support Team will meet on this Tuesday 9th August at 4.00pm in the Kotara church hall. New members welcome. Our contact is Diana 4943 0303.

SOCCER YOUTH FUNDAY for All Saints Parish with Deacon Solomon. Come along on Saturday 13th August at St James' School Playground commencing 10am. Please indicate your interest on



sign up sheets at the back of churches. Wear your sport clothes and shoes.

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

Formation opportunities for RCIA and Sacraments of Initiation ministers

Saturday 10 September, Morpeth, 10am to 3.30pm – Reflection Day 'Come rest a while' in appreciation of

current and interested Christian Initiation ministers. Opportunity to listen, reflect and get to know other ministers. Morning tea and lunch provided. Details and registration at come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au.
Sundays September 18, 25; Oct 9, 16, 30; Nov 6, Newcastle West, 1pm to 4.30pm – Formation process 'Go make disciples' for new and experienced Christian Initiation ministers. Explore the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) over six Sunday afternoons. Details and registration at go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au
Read more at tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd Enquiries to sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1134.

Pints with a purpose

Join us for Pints with a purpose on Monday 8 August from 6pm to 8.30pm at the Hudson Room in the Sydney Junction Hotel (8 Beaumont Street, Hamilton). Contact Mary-Anne on 0409 077 373 or email youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au for more information.

Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

Fr Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P & F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome all to join with clergy, students, principals, teachers, school staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration. It's on Sunday 18 September from 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Catholic College, 507 Medowie Road Medowie. An afternoon tea will be hosted after Mass, no RSVP is required. For more information please contact Catherine McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000.

From Pastoral Ministries: Resources at the back of our churches.

- Stay Connected Cards
- Waiting with Purpose—Advent Flyer
- Caritas News Bulletin
- Pastoral Placement Program
- AMeN caMINO Poster and Brochure

Rediscovering Joy—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

READINGS— 19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Wis 18:6-9.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths
they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
(R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.
(R.)

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

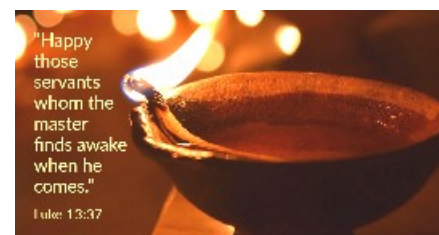
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy

those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



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.