

14th August 2022
20th 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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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) Kotara

6pm (Summer)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: Feast of Assumption

9am Kotara

Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

Gospel Reflection

This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

Living the Gospel – Speaking a hard message

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.

Scriptural context – Turning point

As we've seen over the last few weeks, chapter 12 of the gospel of Luke presents a collection of sayings by Jesus exhorting his followers to take up his message fearlessly and assuring them that if they do so then God will protect them – even in the hardest of times. The chapter captures what must have been a period of frustration for Jesus in his ministry: he has been preaching and performing miracles, yet his followers don't seem to understand his purpose. The chapter has an urgency and a sharpness of tone that reflect the frustration of Jesus at this mid-point in the gospel.

Historical Context – Family ties

In the ancient world, and particularly in Jewish culture, family meant everything. One's identity was completely tied up with family. Families absolutely depended on one another for survival and for personal identity. Young men were identified by who their father was. Women quite literally 'belonged' to their father or husband. The entire fabric of society and tradition was held together by extended families. For Jesus to say that his message would tear families apart was to say that all of society would be transformed by the message. The kingdom of God turns expectations and society on their head, breathing new life into tired, restrictive structures.

14/08/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	Sr Clare McCudden	Emma South
Readers	Christine Williams Paul Smith	Michael Deed Michael Perkins	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
21/08/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Emma South
Readers	Vickie Pettett Paula O'Neill	Anne Lamotte Sr Clare McCudden	Jessica Moulder Giavanna Angeli
Presentation of Gifts	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Hall Family	Peter & Marie Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Sharon Murphy	Faye Robertson
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	Narelle Robb, Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Wood, Mary Kathleen Moran, Nancy Hopkins, John Honnery

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 15th August

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy day of Obligation

Mass Kotara 9am



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. For more information please contact Catherine McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000.

Fr Joseph is on holidays until 1st September

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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.

Tax Receipts have now been processed and posted.

Financial Statement for year ending June 2022

Is posted on Church Noticeboards.

The next First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at St Philip's Church Kotara on Saturday 3rd September at 9.30am. Mass will be offered for parishioners, or close relatives of parishioners, who passed away during June, July, August, September 2021. Please give names of those to be remembered to Diana on 4943 0303 by Monday 22nd August.

Rainbow Family Group Our next activity is a dinner at Colliery Inn Wallsend on Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm. Parkin is available opposite side. Please contact Christine W on 0422 386 879.

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.

Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

Fr Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P &

The Young Christian Students is an international Movement, present in over 80 countries, that empowers secondary school students to take action based on what they believe, in their student reality. YCS gives students the chance to be agents of change themselves. When students take ownership and responsibility it allows them to develop the skills needed to lead. The Diocese is holding a training day for anyone who would like to get involved in the YCS movement on Friday 26 August. To register your interest please email formed@mn.catholic.org.au

Knowing Jesus Daily Devotional Videos

You cannot become what you do not know. Join Bruce Downes as he dives deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional series is presented by Downes, who is also known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on Monday 15 August. You can receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore. Sign up today at <https://brucedownes.org/>

An Art and Spirituality Workshop

will be held on 15 September at St Joseph's Community Centre, Kilaben Bay from 9am to 3pm. This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit.

Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process.

Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

Cost: \$25

For further information contact Rose McAllister on rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

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READINGS— 20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry. **(R.)**

2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**

3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



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.