

21st August 2022
21st Sunday Ordinary Time
Year C

Faith Communities
of Adamstown
Cardiff and Kotara



"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~

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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
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- 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

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.



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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

Scriptural context – A gospel of the least

The gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as focusing his ministry on those considered the least in society. In the Lukan version, the birth of Jesus is witnessed by lowly shepherds as opposed to the regal wise men of Matthew's version. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan outsider who responds with compassion. The Lost (Prodigal) Son is welcomed back with great rejoicing. Zacchaeus, the resented tax collector, is treated with acceptance and makes a conversion of heart. All of these stories are unique to this gospel and paint a very particular picture of a compassionate Jesus.

Gospel Focus – First and Last

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

Living the Gospel – Consequences

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

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
28/08/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Paul Smith	Paul Gleeson	Peter Cunningham
Readers	Barry Bourke Basia Wedesweiler	Elizabeth Doyle Sr Carmel Moore	Christine Sheppard Nance Schrieber
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Lerch Family	Paul & Jai Dart
Extraordinary Minister	Stan Heaney	Sr Clare McCudden	Siobhan Farrell
Counters	Lyn 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, 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, Barry Moore, Tom Campbell

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Merilyn Joy Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

Klara Palka, Sr Josephine Gallagher rsj

BAPTISMS:

Conall and Theodore Cootes

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.



Altar Servers Training—For those already serving at our Masses and for any new servers who are very welcome to come to this training day on next Sunday 28th August 12noon at Kotara. Please sign up on the sheets at back churches.
Deacon Solomon

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

- ◆ A reminder that our dinner, at Hamilton TAFE Restaurant, on Wednesday 7 September, at 6pm, an extra activity in our calendar, is now fully booked. Christine Sheppard.
- ◆ Our next activity is a dinner at Colliery Inn Wallsend on Wednesday 21st September at 6pm. Parking 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. 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 & 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.

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

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

The Migrant and Refugee Kit has been released ahead of the 108th World Day of Migrant and Refugees. To be commemorated in Australia on Sunday 25 September 2022, Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". Included in the Migrant and Refugee Kit are stories from local communities, reflections and prayers of the faithful to assist parishes, schools, families and other Church communities in celebrating this important event. To access the kit, visit https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10N1tBLWyyU9E1WSv_4y81tYYeOVRfnq

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READINGS— 21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Is 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!
(R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time,

and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned out-

side. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



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.