

4th September 2022
23rd 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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Tuesday, Wednesday & 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
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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)

Reconciliation: Saturdays at Kotara by
appointment (11am-3pm)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Wednesday: 7.00am Kotara

9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day *by Greg Sunter*

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are Father
to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those
who reflect your fatherly example:
those who are dads and grandads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers
and fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches, leaders and
mentors;

and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our
Father:

Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven.....



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Historical Context – Radical poverty

The earliest Christian communities were characterised by a redistribution of all wealth and possessions to ensure that the needs of every single member were met. This was the first interpretation of Jesus' teaching to give up possessions to embrace discipleship. Modern religious life, grounded in the monastic traditions of the Middle Ages, embraces a radical poverty in order to free religious from societal notions of status and power so that they might more freely and openly serve others. Lack of possessions and wealth brings a humility and openness that is almost impossible when playing the game of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.

Scriptural context – Honour and Shame

The first example of counting the cost that Jesus relates is about a man building a house without the means to complete it suffering the fate of his neighbours making fun of him. Whilst the thought of neighbours laughing at our mistake may not be too serious to us, it was a devastating thought in the 1st Century. A social code of honour and shame dominated the world view at the time. To be shamed by your actions or by the actions of others was humiliating and lowered social status. Jesus frequently used the honour-shame code to make his point and challenge social expectations.

Living the Gospel – Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction mobile phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

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<u>04/09/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Sr Carmel Moore	Volunteer
Readers	Therese Nolan Stan Heaney	Paul Gleeson Ben Lerch	Patrick Farrell Elaine Aberly
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Maher Family	Burgess Family
Extraordinary Minister	Vickie Pettett	Leo Caldwell	Giavanna Angeli
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	Andrew & Sharon Murphy	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies
<u>11/09/2022</u>	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettett	Anne Lamotte	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Diana Hannigan Dot Reynolds	Majella Maher Cathy Waugh	Wendy Hopkins Faye Robertson
Presentation of Gifts	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Volunteer	Peter & Marie Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Presiosa Winter	Paul Gleeson	Jessica Moulder
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, Chris
Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Dorota
Bakowska, Gae Alderton,
Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein,
Stanislawa Ksiadz, Maria
Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare
Sullivan, Jill Heffernan, Laurel
Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Barry
Moore, Tom Campbell

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Donald Atkins,
Carolyn Strudwick



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back Fr Joseph after his visit back to Sri Lanka and pray God's blessing on your ministry to our Parish as our Pastor.

Our Parish Confirmation Ceremonies will be taking place on Tuesday 6th September and Tuesday 13th September at St Philip's Kotara, 6.30pm.



National Child Protection Week 4-11 September aims to engage, educate, and empower Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect, and work together to prevent it.

The campaign does this through the sharing of events and resources to encourage communities to engage in conversations around children's safety and wellbeing.

The theme is: *Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.*

As a diocese, our goal when it comes to child protection is to always recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults, in-line with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's abiding commitment to their safety, welfare, and wellbeing.

September is also celebrated as the season of creation until the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October. He is the patron saint of ecology and the patron of Pope Francis.

The Bereavement Support Team meets this Tuesday 6th September in the St Philip's Church Hall Kotara at 4.00pm. New members are welcome. Our contact is Diana 4943 0303.

Rainbow Family Group

- ♦ A reminder that our dinner, at Hamilton TAFE Restaurant, on this Wednesday 7 September, at 6pm. 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.

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.

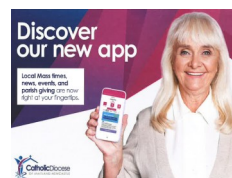


Palms Australia

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th

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_4y81tYYeOVRfnqy

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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— 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Wis 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

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

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man

comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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.