

11th September 2022
Perpetual Day of Remembrance
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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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
- 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)

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

Perpetual Day of Remembrance-Shine the Light

2022 marks five years since Lina's Project and Bishop Bill Wright establishing 15 September as a *Perpetual day of Remembrance* throughout the diocese.

A lot has happened in these five years, and particularly in the last twelve months or more. Our context is different, and context informs our feelings and understandings, our priorities and choices, our prayer and liturgy.

Two-and-a-half years of living with COVID-19 has opened our eyes, and the eyes of Australian society, to the broad spectrum of abuse including:

The increasing incidence of domestic violence and abuse

Ongoing child abuse in families: physical, sexual, emotional

Lack of care and resources, and the abuse of the elderly both in aged care homes and our neighbourhoods

Lack of care and resources, and the abuse of people with a disability, including our brothers and sisters who live with a mental health illness in care facilities and our neighbourhoods

The sexual abuse and intimidation of women in society and some institutions structured around power, including our parliament

Abuse of power in government institutions that disrespects all of us

and our democratic principles including those of equity and justice

Rampant abuse of creation, particularly of the earth which is our common home.

Our 2022 context also includes war in the Ukraine, and political and military power struggles and posturing in Asia and the Pacific.

Violence in all its forms, and abuse in particular, exist on a very broad spectrum. The examples listed above are on the extreme end. At the

other end are the tiny seeds of abuse which, if not challenged, grow

into and enable the extremes. Our long standing 'Prayer for Turning on

Light' names some of these seeds: dishonesty, disrespect, hidden

agendas, silence, exclusion. Such behaviours continue in our society, communities and workplaces.

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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

What are we – the Catholic community – learning from our experience of abuse within the Church?

How are we changing? What are we noticing and speaking up about now our eyes are wide open? What are we doing differently? How can our story and experience of the historical sexual abuse of children break us open to be a force for good and a source of wisdom in our ever-changing context? We know this landscape inside out. We know it because of the courage of survivors who have spoken up, and the media who amplified their voices and told their stories.

SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

The golden calf remains a potent symbol for the idolatries of our own time. It represents our collective wilfulness dazzling us right to the edge of destruction. Our world is polluted by extractive industries and consumer greed, our focus on making and having shiny metallic things. Our society often resembles that of our spiritual forebears in the wilderness, busily inviting disaster. We stand on the precipice of a climatic catastrophe of our own manufacture.

But the core message in all of today's readings is that God is merciful, not vengeful. The scriptures are about salvation, not devastation. So, in this Season of Creation we may well wonder how our habits and mindsets contribute to our ecological woes. If we recognise our faults – including our ecological sins and omissions – might we find a path back from the edge?

As Pope Francis so rightly points out, the present ecological crisis is really a social crisis, and each of us has a part to play in solving it. This does not mean we must be ecological rigorists or environmental moralists. Rather, we should become people who rejoice when right paths are chosen, who build on common sense and consensus, and who intercede where danger threatens the vulnerable.

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11/09/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Vickie Pettet	Anne Lamotte	Marilyn Thomson
Readers	Diana Hannigan Dot Reynolds	Majella Maher Cathy Waugh	Wendy Hopkins Faye Robertson
Presentation of Gifts	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Lerch Family	Peter & Marie Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Paul Gleeson	Jessica Moulder
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer	N/A	N/A
18/09/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Cathy Waugh	Giavanna Angeli
Readers	Christine Williams Paul Smith	Michael Deed Sr Clare McCudden	Emma South Peter Cunningham
Presentation of Gifts	Goodman Family	Murphy Family	Dever Family
Extraordinary Minister	Albert Erzetich	Angela Hall	Bernard Birgess
Counters	Lynn Johns, Dot Reynolds	Len McCullum	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, Stanislawa Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Jill Heffernan, Laurel Dixon, Jarrad Bryant, Barry Moore, Tom Campbell

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Feliks Mendyk

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Segelow

BAPTISMS:

Aoife Duce



The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults — particularly those who participate in the life of the Diocese as part of our faith communities in parishes.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

The parishioners of All Saints' Catholic Parish Blackbutt South (embracing the communities of St

Columba's, St Kevin's and St Philip's) pray for our candidates who have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our special thanks go to the Parish Sacramental Team. We are indebted to all who have assisted in the preparation of the churches, liturgy, music, and other aspects of these occasions.

Most especially, our thanks go to the parents.

Without their faith, almost all our endeavours fall on rocky ground. As the first educators of their children, parents accept the Lord's invitation to lead their children in the ways of faith.

First Eucharist Masses will take place on the following Sundays:

September 17 Kotara 5.30pm

September 18 Adamstown 8am: Cardiff 9.30am

September 25 Kotara 5.30pm

September 26 Adamstown 8am: Cardiff 9.30am

Youth Soccer Fun Day and Sausage Sizzle for All Saints Parish on Saturday 17th September 10am All Invited!!! Youth vs Youth; Parents vs Youth. Meet at St James' Kotara South Playground opposite church. For catering purposes please RSVP by 15th September to register on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/415081107767>

Anointing Masses: Please note that these will be held in our 3 churches on the following dates:

- ♦ 5th October 9.30am Adamstown
- ♦ 6th October 10am Cardiff
- ♦ 7th October 9.15 am Kotara

Rainbow Family Group

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.

You are invited to visit the Vedic Samiti Hindu Temple on Tuesday 27 September 2022 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at 1 Arthur Street, Cardiff South. Meet with Dr Mukund Shah and other community members for a shared morning tea and talk on Hinduism with time for a brief Q&A. Registration is limited to 25 people;

register your attendance here: <https://hindutemplevisit.eventbrite.com.au>

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 information contact Catherine McAuley Catholic College 4068 1000.

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_4y81tYYeOVRfnqv

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www.mn.catholic.org.au

READINGS— PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

First Reading

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.'" He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."' I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army. Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to

raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. (R.)
2. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God? (R.)
3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)
4. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. (R.)

Second Reading

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine in the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
'He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back

