

18th September 2022
24th 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
- 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:

Wednesday: 9.30am Adamstown

Thursday: 9.30am Cardiff

Friday: 9.15am Kotara

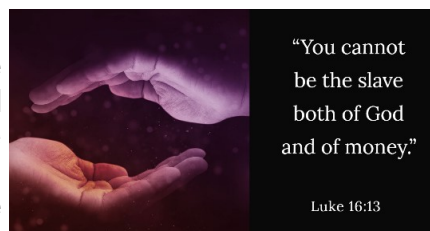
1st Saturday: 9.00am Kotara

Gospel Reflection

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.



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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

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – Stewards

We often encounter the term *steward* in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust. © Greg Sunter—Liturgy Help

SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Jesus' instruction to use money to win welcome in the 'tents of eternity' is really an encouragement for us to be good stewards who are more concerned with the future than finances. After all, he makes this point after describing a wasteful steward who, for personal gain, dishonestly writes off chunks of money owed to his master – hardly a model citizen. Money is tainted, Jesus says, and it will inevitably fail us. Only the bigger picture and set of relationships we build with it really matters.



SEASON OF CREATION

So, this Season of Creation we would do well to reflect on how we use both money and the earth's resources. Do we cut corners for our own selfish aspirations, like the dishonest steward? Do we trample the needy for our own gain and comfort, like the contemporaries of Amos? Or might we cooperate with God in lifting the lowly and raising the poor from trash piles and dung heaps? Do we recycle the world's resources, or throw away our unwanted things to accumulate and afflict the poorest? Do we pray with St Paul for those in authority to make right decisions, or do we vote for unjust policies which make the rich richer, the poor poorer, and the earth dirtier? © Nick Brodie—Liturgy Help

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 Burgess
Counters	Lynn Johns, Dot Reynolds	Len McCullum	Narelle Robb Patricia Hines, Paul Crosbie
25/09/2022	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Diana Hannigan	Margaret Bourke	Patrick Farrell
Readers	Paula O'Neill Vickie Pettet	Anne Lamotte Sharon Murphy	Caruana Family
Presentation of Gifts	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Volunteers	Paul & Jai Dart
Extraordinary Minister	Narelle Smith	Majella Maher	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Francine Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Paula O'Neill	N/A	N/A

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS:

We remember in prayer ...

Leonie Pickett, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Chris Patsan, 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, Baby Anthony Dib

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Veronica Hipwell



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 Clergy Retreat :

Fr Joseph and Deacon Solomon will be away from 19th—23rd September next week. Please note a change in weekday Masses. Tuesday 9.30am Mass Adamstown and Wednesday 7am Mass Kotara have been cancelled. Fr Gordon will say Masses in the Parish on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

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

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.

Latest copies of “**Aurora**” are available at the back of our Churches. Pick up copy after Mass!!

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>

aMeN caMiNo Information Session

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. Dates 2023: June 17-21, July 8-12 & August 5-9. An online Information Session for people interested in attending the aMeN caMiNo in 2023 will be hosted on 9 November from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-2022-tickets-412683817407>

Mental Health Breakfast

The Diocesan Social Justice Council, invites you to its annual Mental Health Breakfast. The event celebrates National Mental Health Month. This year's theme is BUILDING RESILIENCE: COMMUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS. Guest speakers from the State Emergency Service (SES) and The Rosewood Centre, will share their experiences working in our community to support people going through difficult times. Hear how these connections with others have helped build them up and keep them mentally strong. For more information or to book your spot, visit: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-social-justice-council-mental-health-breakfast-2022-tickets-413804058077

The Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People

is hosting a retreat on Saturday 29 October 2022 with Br Damian Price. Attending guests will have the option to attend a second Strategic Vision Planning Day on Sunday 30 October from 10am-3pm at the Newcastle Diocese Meeting Rooms. Br Damian Price is a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province; he has worked in youth ministry for years. The retreat will be based on the following words from Pope Francis: For more info or to register, visit: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-council-for-ministry-with-young-people-br-damian-price-retreat-tickets-418380706957

Season of Creation Short Film Screening

Join us to view the winners of the short film competition and to listen to the voices of those who recognise injustices in our world and have a desire to be heard.

During Season of Creation 2022 we are being urged to care for planet earth and care for our brothers and sisters. Whose voices have been muted? Whose voices need to be heard?

We are excited to showcase these winning 2022 Season of Creation short films that recognise the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land.

These films help us to consider our call to action. Where do we feel the calling to act for those who are voiceless? How can these films help us to feel equipped for the call to action?

Date: Saturday 15 October

More Diocesan Notices available on website
www.mn.catholic.org.au

READINGS— 24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading **Am 8:4-7**

Listen to this, you who trample on
the needy
and try to suppress the poor people
of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon
be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market
our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising
the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the
scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweep-
ings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of
Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you
have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be
blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the
Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his
throne
yet stoops from the heights to
look down,
to look down upon heaven and
earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the low-
ly,
from the dungheap he raises the
poor
to set him in the company of
princes,
yes, with the princes of his peo-
ple. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Tm 2:1-8**

My advice is that, first of all, there
should be prayers offered for every-
one – petitions, intercessions and
thanksgiving – and especially for
kings and others in authority, so that

we may be able to live religious
and reverent lives in peace and
quiet. To do this is right, and will
please God our saviour: he
wants everyone to be saved and
reach full knowledge of the truth.
For there is only one God, and
there is only one mediator be-
tween God and mankind, himself
a man, Christ Jesus, who sacri-
ficed himself as a ransom for
them all. He is the evidence of
this, sent at the appointed time,
and I have been named a herald
and apostle of it and – I am tell-
ing the truth and no lie – a teach-
er of the faith and the truth to the
pagans.

In every place, then, I want the
men to lift their hands up rever-
ently in prayer, with no anger or
argument.

Gospel Acclamation **2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ
was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his pov-
erty. Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples:
'There was a rich man and he
had a steward who was de-
nounced to him for being waste-
ful with his property. He called
for the man and said, "What is
this I hear about you? Draw me
up an account of your steward-
ship because you are not to be
my steward any longer." Then
the steward said to himself,
"Now that my master is taking
the stewardship from me, what
am I to do? Dig? I am not strong
enough. Go begging? I should
be too ashamed. Ah, I know
what I will do to make sure that
when I am dismissed from office
there will be some to welcome
me into their homes."
'Then he called his master's
debtors one by one. To the first
he said, "How much do you owe
my master?" "One hundred
measures of oil," was the reply.
The steward said, "Here, take
your bond; sit down straight

away and write fifty." To another he
said, "And you, sir, how much do
you owe?" "One hundred measures
of wheat," was the reply. The stew-
ard said, "Here, take your bond and
write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest
steward for his astuteness. For the
children of this world are more as-
tute in dealing with their own kind
than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money,
tainted as it is, to win you friends,
and thus make sure that when it fails
you, they will welcome you into the
tents of eternity. The man who can
be trusted in little things can be trust-
ed in great; the man who is dishon-
est in little things will be dishonest in
great. If then you cannot be trusted
with money, that tainted thing, who
will trust you with genuine riches?
And if you cannot be trusted with
what is not yours, who will give you
what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two
masters: he will either hate the first
and love the second, or treat the first
with respect and the second with
scorn. You cannot be the slave both
of God and of money.

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.