

25th September 2022  
26th 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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- St James', Kotara

### PARISH HIGH SCHOOLS

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- 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)

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

## Gospel Reflection

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

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"Father Abraham,  
pity me ... for I  
am in agony in  
these flames."

Luke 16:24



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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS—MASS ROSTERS

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 is

## **BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.**

When Christians think of the future, it is not simply about the near future but also about our eternal future. In His Death and Resurrection, Jesus has begun THE journey with us. It is the pilgrimage from unfolding the Kingdom of God in the here and now (the "already") to the total embracing of the entire universe under his forgiving mercy and love (the "not yet").

In his message, Pope Francis insists that this universal future is to be taken with the conscious accompaniment of our migrants and refugees.

How can we build a future with Jesus without them?

There is so much for us to respond in embracing God's future on our journey. There is "personal conversion and the transformation of reality".

We must never "lose heart". "No one must be excluded ... especially those living on the existential peripheries". Migrants and refugees, too often on the peripheries of life, are never to be seen as "invaders or destroyers". They are always "a source of enrichment". They come to us "bringing their gifts". So many are Catholics who "can energize the ecclesial life of the communities."

In Australia, a country built on migrants and refugees, we can still overlook the newer Australians to our midst. The Pope insists that "if we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us go together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees".

This is such an important teaching of Pope Francis that we can all well do to reflect more intensely on this special day.

## BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



**ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE** *Chairman Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry*

<b><u>25/09/2022</u></b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Diana Hannigan	Margaret Bourke	Patrick Farrell
<b>Readers</b>	Paul Smith Vickie Pettet	Anne Lamotte Sharon Murphy	Caruana Family
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Preciosa Winter Gloria Ramage	Volunteers	Paul & Jai Dart
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Narelle Smith	Majella Maher	Henryka Bradley
<b>Counters</b>	Lynn Johns, Dot Reynolds Kathy Kelly	N/A	N/A
<b><u>02/10/2022</u></b>	<b>ADAMSTOWN</b>	<b>CARDIFF</b>	<b>KOTARA</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	Barry Bourke	Elizabeth Doyle	Bernard Burgess
<b>Readers</b>	Basia Wedesweiler Therese Nolan	Paul Gleeson Majella Maher	Dever Family
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Kathy Kelly Bernadette Maher	Lamotte Family	Burgess Family
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Paul Smith	Mark Wilmore	Janelle Oliver
<b>Counters</b>	Hamilton Koelmeyer	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan, Val Menzies

### ***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:*** Bernard (Bernie) Robertson

***ANNIVERSARIES:*** Terry McCosker, Beryl Corrigan, David McVie

***BAPTISMS:*** Lennox Campbell Redgrove (Adamstown)

*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



**First Eucharist Masses** have taken place over the past weekend and on this Saturday and Sunday Masses.

We welcome our children who have now completed the Sacraments of Initiation into our Faith Community and congratulate them and their families.

**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

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

**Christian Meditation** at St Philip's Kotara, every Tuesday at 6pm. Everyone welcome including new meditators.

### World Youth Day Launch Event

Are you a young person interested in travelling across the globe?

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is inviting any young person who is over 18 years old to join us on a 3-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land and then Lisbon for World Youth Day.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in July/August 2023. For now, we are taking expressions of interest until we have specific information on dates, times, and prices. We have limited space so signing up is essential. Please express your interest on the diocesan website at [www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)

The official WYD launch will be hosted on Sunday 9 October at 4pm at the Murray Room (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West). To register your attendance, please visit the WYD page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Ryan Gato, Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinator at: [ryan.gato@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ryan.gato@mn.catholic.edu.au)

### Bishop's Staff Week

Diocesan Administrator Father Greg Barker is excited to invite you to Bishop's Staff Week! From 10 to 15 October several different experiences will be hosted across 13 locations within the Diocese

under the banner Church without Walls. Each year, the Diocese hosts a Bishop's Staff Day for everyone working in the Curia but in 2022 the event will be hosted across one week and will be open for the greater community to enjoy. For more information or to book your spot, visit <https://bsw22.eventbrite.com.au>

### Newcastle Faiths4ClimateJustice Multi-faith Service

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) invites you to attend a Multi-faith Service on 13 October at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tighes Hill from 10am to 11am. It will be one of many services being hosted across Australia, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples. The service will involve readings, prayers, meditation, music and chanting from a range of religious traditions, aligned with the above themes. Go to [www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022](http://www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022) for more info.

### Pakistan Flood Crisis appeal

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1,100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods)

### 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](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-council-for-ministry-with-young-people-br-damian-price-retreat-tickets-418380706957)

**More Diocesan Notices available on website**  
[www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)

*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— 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

## First Reading

**Am 6:1. 4-7**

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**1 Tm 6:11-16**

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the

faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

**2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Lk 16:19-31**

Jesus said to the Pharisees:  
'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.  
'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Laz-

arus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

## 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.